

Somewhere—not very far back in these pages—I have said of myself that I am not by nature a woman who is easily ready to suspect others. On this very account, when I find suspicion absolutely forced on me—as it was now—I am apt to fly into the opposite extreme. In the present case, I fixed on the person to sus-

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her with his eyes; when she began to weep, and his eyes were on her, she came to the bed-side and smoothed his pillow, while her tears rained upon his face.

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"Don't fret, Gerty," he whispered. "It's easier