once! Just before she slipped away, and hurried into the house and up to bor own room.

"' As high as my heart,' I said hotly, as though a gentleman could do no better than quote the words of the boor whose very looks had been an

"I—I kissed her! I had known her a trifle more than two days!" "And hope you haven't broken her heart," cried John.

CHAPTER III. "I slept none that night. Indeed I did not go in and go to bed at all. I simply wandered up and down, up and down, lighting out a battle with myself. I don't know whether the young woman, resiless in her own room, saw me, or whether she slept and so saw nothing. Nor am I certain whether she would have found my actions fully complimentary if she could have seen them. It is not unusual, I believe, for lovers to wander under the light of the moon, but I am not quite certain what a young lady would do with a man who allowed himself to doubt whether he dared to lift her as high as his heart!

"The following morning, very early, earlier than any one had risen in that vicinity, I verily believe, I met one of the speakers whose words I had overheard the evening before. I think he had spent his night in wandering up and down the roads and lanes—as I had spent mine. My meeting with him was a revelation to me; before it, I had fully decided to return home that very day—and forget Miriam Manton immediately. After my interview with him I decided to indefinitely delay my going. And I had grave

doubts regarding my ability to forget Miriam at all.

"' My name is Jack Targon,' was the blunt way in which he began the conversation.

"' And mine is Roscoe Valentine,' I replied, 'I am glad to know you, Mr. Targon.'

'I extended my hand. But he simply scowled over it, instead of tak-

ing it.
"I am not glad to know you," he said savagely, "though I'd like to

know a few things about you. What is your business?"
"I travel in the interests of a great wholesale house in which I amone of the partners, when I feel like it. Sometimes I paint a little, and rather cleverly—so the critics say. Politics, too—'

"He waved his hand vigorously, though not gracefully.
"'You're rich, I presume?' he demanded.

"'I suppose I'm worth a quarter of a million,' I replied, 'and possibly a little more.

"'You know plenty of women in your circle of acquaintances, good women, pure women?

"' Of course.'

"" Women who would marry you?"

"I hesitated a little. I thought of the daughter of the man who proposed me as a caudidate for Congress. She was a most worthy young woman, handsome, educated, accomplished; she was worth, in her own right, as much as I, she would have, in the event of her outliving her father, twice as much more. I had called on her occasionally-not often. I had never deceived myself into thinking I loved her; indeed, I had a cynical notion that love was a good deal of a humbug. But I had almost made up my mind to marry her, I hadn't any doubt of being able, after a few months of decorous devotion, to obtain the most favorable of answers. So I hesitated. But, after all, why not deal frankly with the fellow? answered him, evasively, it is true, but in a way that must have been exasperatingly convincing.
"' Women marry men of my sort,' I said; 'education, good looks, and

money are not regarded as fatal to love.'
"'Do you love Miriam Manton?' he demanded, coming a pace nearer

"That question was a hard one to answer. It would be easiest, of course, and possibly asses, to eas 'No!' But I restected on the fact that hasty words, once excise, are beyond recall. It—it—at any time in the future

"Would any woman ever forgive the lover who had once said he did not love? That was the question I must answer to my own soul, before I dared fully satisfy the arrogant and insistent fellow who faced me. I tem-

ronzed in the matter. I gave a reply designed solely to gain time.

"I have known Miss Manton only since Friday evening,' I said.

"The man came nearer still. His first was shut light.

"'What of it?' he hissed. 'What of it? That isn't the question at all. Do you love the girl I'

I was angry—largely, because I knew not what to say.

"'It is none of your business,' I responded hotly. "'I'll make my business,' he cried, rushing at me, and striking blindly. But eccentific training was too much for his mere muscular onslaught.

stepped aside. I put out my foot. He went down upon his knees.
"'Have you any claim? Was she engaged to you?' My tones were quiet and even. But I trembled as I asked. I felt, suddenly, how much depended on his answer. I could never stoop to offer attentions where this

fellow had. The question sobered him.

"Why, no,' he said, hesitatingly, 'she never gave any encouragement to any one. She has always seemed proud; always held berself above ther; always acted as if she belonged, in some way, to a higher through I would be the said as the belonged. Frace or rank. But, when Leon Kerrall went away, I felt as though I would Are you going away?

"'When I am ready,' I responded, 'not before."

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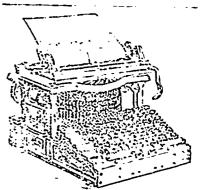
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