

THE KNOT IN THE PEARLS

She was young and remarkably pretty, with the prettiness that is quite unmistakable and generally acknowledged, that can even triumph over a frown that is not quite fresh or a style of hair dressing that is not altogether suitable.

saying that they set him above laughter or, at any rate, smiles. For it is pleasant to smile at an exceptionally talented or fortunate man, it is a recompense and even a relief to those less distinguished, and without being malicious, there were many who smiled quite openly and unashamed as he lingered every time they met at the side of the girl with the heaven-searching eyes.

sometimes pathetic; in time it grew to hurting him that she should even possibly want what he could so easily have supplied. The whole question, as childish as she was and as strangely engrossing, haunted and disturbed his leisure; and one night, having just left her, he sat down and wrote her the letter.

few words, if that was really like her, and his doubts on that subject were brand new ones. "Will you come and see me?" she wrote, naming an hour. Of course he went, praying the while that he should find her alone.

my honor I did not know, and I loved you because I could not help it." This time she did not ward him off. "No woman wants to be loved for any other reason," she said; "and I shall not mind the money and things any more."

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THE LECTURE (Continued from Page 6.) all my sisters resent the assumed superiority of the former, and realize within themselves the voice of Freedom and individual power crying for utterance!

"Excuse me, ma'am," says Miss Jessup, "but I'd say, meaning no offence, that it would go right hard to have to call the Doctor a 'brute'."

"It's a shame, ma'am, that it is!" "Yes, shame! shame!" cries the lecture lady, waving her arms, "shame I say, my sister! Let us each avow ourselves free!"

"Husband!" cries the lecture lady, of a sudden losing hold of herself and dancing up and down. "Me! me got a husband! We put my head into the yoke of slavery! Me get trampled on by a man! I scream, slamming her books together and pinning her hat on."

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