

THREE DAUGHTERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

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CHAPTER XVIII.

Never had a winter appeared to Mrs. Fitzalan so cold and lengthy as the one which followed the meeting of Louis and Madge. She shuddered visibly as she sat over a large fire and listened nervously to the monotonous tick of the clock and the sound of the hail and rain beating without. March had come in like a lion, in good truth, and the piercing wind was blowing north-east.

as the evening drew near she stole herself for her task, and prepared to walk to the concert-room. "I shall not be back for a few hours, Mary; and care of mother arrange her mind about me."

she would have been dead months ago, I doubt me not. Maybe this kind heart that you are both so fond of may advise us what is best to be done.

girl herself. How joyful and excited she felt; so many willing hands, and kind hearts to aid her now in the sweet task of nursing her mother.

"But how, Doctor?" she asked. "A young girl cannot go alone. I would gladly go with her, but my little ones claim my care."

up, and even though it's not the kind you used to pray in, it's God's house."

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