## FORREST HOUSE. BY MARY J. HOLMES.

BY MARY 3. HORADS. She told him, and during the few minutes he was gone he found out who Miss Fleming from Boaton was, and all about her that the main speaking elerk know. But there was no leiter for her, for which he was very sorry. Bhe was sorry, too; and did ao want to hear from home and sister. She did not say mamma, for she knew her mother was dead, and had known it for a week and kept it to hears did unit hereaf out from any maxements they might have in Paris, where they were oning next.

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her friend gushingly, and then hurried away her friend gushingly, and then hurried away to complete her preparations. The next day she left Dreaden for Paris, where she staid a week, while she selected a most becoming wardrobe in black, and was delighted to see what a pretty, appealing woman she was in her mourning, and how fair and pure her skin showed through her leng crape veil, and how blae and pathetic her eyes looked, es-pecially when she managed to bring a tear into them.

done, by Everard at least. But she did not know what to say until Josephine, who had recovered herrelf, continued: "I should like to see Miss Hastings, if pos-sible, and apologize for my intrusion into her house, and then I will go to the hotel and await my husband's return ;" then she answered quickly, "Miss Hast-ings, I am sure, will say you are welcome to remain here as long as you like, but I do not think she will see you to day, and if you will reouse me, I will go to her now, as she must be anzious to know who her visitors are." With a shiver and a quick, curious glance Aunt Axie and said : "Is Mr. Forrest at home, --Mr. Everard "Normest ?" "No, miss. He done went away quite a spell ago, but Miss Rossie's "specting him every day. He don't live here though, when he's home; he stay mostly in de town." Josephine did not understand her, and con-

her more interesting in the obaracter she meant to assume, that of an angelic marryr, as the day was chilly, a soft while wrap of your hind would not be out of place, and Berlin wool, and throwing it around her shoulder, took with her abook, and hury-ing down to the reception room, had just ine to seat herself gracefully and becom-ingly, when the door opened and Mrs. Dr. Rider came in. Ant Axie, who was a little deaf, was in the bitcher buay with her dinner, while Lois was in the barn, hunting for eggs, and so no one heard the "blu wen Mrs. Rider palled twice, and then presuming upon her long ac-quaintance with the house, opened the door and walked into the reception room. Where she stopped for an instant, starlied back, with the with eaw and the golden hair rippling back from the beautiful face. Here was a stoke of what Mrs. Rider estemed luck. She had stumbled at once upoa the very perion she had come to inquire about, and as she was not one to love any time, ahe shock the rain-drops from her waterproof, and drawing near to the fire, turned to the lady in the estimation dormal that is was raining so hard." Josephine admitted that it was raining it armer in Southern Ohio than in Eastern New Yee, bus the believed it was colder, and her shoulders, shook back her hair, and it he hue expes to Mrs. Rider, who re-aponde: "You meen from the cast then ?" "You meen from the east then ?" and drawing as indolent and lounging atta-somed her usual indolent and lounging atta-tude. Twice Arie, who seemed to be excited, and passed the door, once which also was taking in the hot water to Bossie's room, and again, it later, after abe had received an impression of the strangers against whom she had mon-tally declared war. This time Josephine called her. She had heard an unusual stir aborne, and from Mrs. Markham's protracted absence, and Axio's ordient haste, suspected that the bomb-shell she had threwn had taken effect, especially if, as she beliaved. Rosamond was particularly interested in

and was so com, and unity, and uncomfort able generally. But when the fire was made she felt better and drawing an easy chair close to it, as sumed her usual indolent and lounging att inde. Twice Axie, who seemed to be excited eased the door, once when the was it in

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