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with those of joy, cast himself upon her neck, and resolved, by a course of future rectitude and honesty, to make her as happy as his previous disgraceful and sinful career had made her miserable?

But ah 1 no; his release was followed by no such effects; rendered unsusceptible of every natural and tender impression, and yet under the full dominion of the god of this world, he abandoned the inmate of his bosom, and set out single handed in the fresh pursuit of crime.

There is, however, one redeeming feature which stands out among the general deformities of his character: in all the adventures which the history of his course presents to our view, we are not called upon to witness any marks of violence and blood; and it is perhaps owing to the absence of this repulsive trait of character, that we do not behold him in a more relentless light.