

girl in sympathy—"accused because of the story told by that eye-witness, Smith——"

"And also by a second witness—Mr. Eastlake, a retired barrister, of Old Hagley Manor, who was walking home, and who, on hearing voices, paused and saw the fatal embrace, just as Smith saw it," interrupted Miller.

"But I was not there," declared Iris quickly. "I left Paul after he had denounced dad as an adventurer, and returned towards the station. But in the fog I missed my way, and eventually caught the last train from Beaconsfield."

"I expressed surprise at finding Eugene in such a garb," Elsie went on, "and he appeared greatly flurried and upset. I told him of the packet I bore from Philip, therefore he invited me back again to the house to which he sometimes retired when Paris grew too hot for him. We walked together, and my curiosity became greatly aroused. Presently, however, he explained that the reason he had disguised himself was in order to watch two men whom he suspected to be detectives, who were making inquiries in the neighbourhood. He had lately disappeared from Paris, as you will remember."

"Well?" I asked, as she had paused.

"Well, as soon as he got inside he slipped off his jacket and skirt which he wore above his ordinary clothes and flung them upon the sofa. Then he opened the packet, and I saw it con-