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Roderick pressed the hand he held. "Have you two been talking together?"

"And you have told her everything?" Everything-made a clean breast of it. A pretty story, isn't it, Silence? But it's at an end now, Thank God," said Bella, setting her teeth together. "Even a worm will turn at last."

"Shall you not go back to your husbandthat is, if he will take you back?"
"Trust him for that. He knows on which side his bread is buttered; all the Thomsons do. They were glad enough to catch me, a bright, clever, pretty giri—yes, I was both clever and pretty once, my dear—to be a sort of caretaker or keeper over him; he needs a keeper when he is drunk. And a wife is the best sort of one—saves appearances. Thomsons as well as Jardines would

do anything in the world to save appear-Roderick made no answer. He knew it was true. The sight of his sister had brought back the memory of many a boyish struggle, quixotic as vain, against the predominant spirit of the family-a family in which the first question that arose was never 'Is it right?' or 'Is it wrong?' but only 'Is it expedient?'

This law of expediency, not righteous prudence, but petty, worldly wisdom, had been at the root of Bella's marriage. Those wh had the making of it, would they not in the same principle do their best to prevent its being unmade? He felt sure his mother would. Anything, everything, she would sacrifice rather than be 'talked about,' as the world would talk, if there was a public separation between Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Thomson-two people who, in their own opinion and that of their repective families, held such a very import-

He knew his mother and the rest would view this catastrophe, as they had viewed the marriage which resulted in it, solely from the standpoint of society. No higher law that what the world would think and say ever actuated or guided them. In old times he had dimly guessed this—second-arily and chiefly by its effects on his silent, patient father; but now, when he himself came to man's estate, and viewed things wich his own eyes, he saw it clearly.

Still, this affair was, as all such cases are, most complicated and difficult; and in it Roderick's own position was not the least painful. To act a brother's part toward his poor sister he did not shrink from; but to aid and abet a runaway wife in concealing herself from her husband was most galling not only to his pride, but to his sense of honor. Yet to thrust her from him into hopeless misery was worse than cruel, dangerous, knowing her tempernament, which was to escape from present pain as foolishly as a child does, at any future risk and cost. The medium course, to come boildy forward and insist upon the separation she desired, was equally difficult and responsible for any brother, being himself a man and a husband.

Roderick looked at his own wife, growing closer to him every day, in the mutual dependence which so gently and naturally replaces passion, and gives to both that ineffable rest, of unseparated joys, and divided

"Bella," he said, in a moved voice, "do you know, my dear, exactly what you are doing, or wishing to do? Remember what your Bible says: 'What God hath joined let no man put asunder.'"

"But God did not join us; it was the devil I think she answered with it was the devil

I think she answered, with a bitter laugh. And if all other help fails, the devil shall help me to get rid of him."
"What do you mean?"
"Never mind. Wait till I'm driven des-

perate. I am nearly already. If only I could tear off this." She took hold of her marriage ring and made as though she would throw it into the fire. "If at any price, at any cost, I could be Bella Jardineagain, and never more set eyes upon that brute, that fool, that—"
"Hush!" said Silence. "He's baby's

"Ah, that's it-that's the misery. I don't hate my child. I did at first, but not now; it's nature, I suppose. Besides, she is my child, all I have of my own; and even that is half his, if he chose to claim her. Oh, Rody, what must I do? what can I do?"

It was, indeed, a piteous strait. The one false step, marriage, unconsecrated by love, almost as great a sin as love unconsecrated by marriage, had brought its own punishby marriage, had brought its own punishment with it. The young pair, to whom these things appeared as a ghastly nightmare, scarcely comprehensible as a daylight reality, instinctively drew closer together, while they regarded the hapless woman, who had, as she truly said, no future. A loathing wife, an unthankful mother, what future could she have, either in herself or in 'the world,' for which she in herself or in 'the world,' for which she had sacrificed so much and gained so very

What could she do? As she put the question her despairing eyes supplied the answer. Nothing!

"I know very little about these things," said Roderick, sadly; "but I believe there are two ways of parting man and wife—by divorce, enabling both to marry again, and by judicial separation. But, oh! the pain, the scandal of it! Think of your child; think, too, of your mother!"

While using this argument he knew its futility. Whether from disposition or circumstances, Bella had always been that rather rare character among woman a woman who thinks only of herself. With a perplexed longing for help, for counsel, her brother turned to the other woman beside

him.

"What does my wife say?"

"I don't care what she says—what anybody says, cried Bella, violently. "I will get rid of my husband somehow. I have no love for him; I never had. It is a simple question of money. If I run away, how am

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I to keep myself and the child? She says—
that voice of wisdom there—that if I leave
him, I ought not to accept a halfpenny from
him. Very well; get mamma to maintain
me, or else I'll maintain myself."

"I don't knew or eare. It may not be for long. He will drink himself to death one of these days. Roderick turned away in horror, but Silence laid a firm, stern hand on her sister-

in-law's arm.

"One word more such as that, and we will neither of us help you."
Bella shrunk into submission, even a little shame, then burst into piteous entreaties.

"Oh, Rody, do not be hard upon met I "Oh, Rody, do not be hard upon me! I have nobody in the world to come to but you. How am I to get rid of my husband? Not harming him—I'il not harm him—only let me escape from him. I will do it, and I'm right; your wife says so."

Roderick started.
"Yes, she is quite right," said Silence, not lifting her ever hyppand

lifting her eyes, butspeaking as her husband knew she could speak sometimes, with unmistakable decision.

"My wife is a daring woman to say such a

thing."
"Am I!" She looked up a minute with a quivering lip, and did not attempt to put back her hand, which he had let go, but folded her fingers together, after a way she had, as if

to give herself strength, when she had any difficult or painful thing to do.

"This is very strange advice for my wife— I hope a happy wife-to give to my sister. Your reasons?"

"They are not easy to explain, but I will try." She stopped, then with a firm, clear voice went on again. "If Bella had only herself to sacrifice she might do it, though I am not sure. It is a sin against Heaven to condone sin, even in one's own husband. But in this and similar cases a woman does not sacrifice herself alone. There are others upon whom the sins of the father may deseend, generation after generation. She must think of them. She is responsible to God for them. "If I were in Bella's place"—her voice sunk almost to a whisper; she turned deadly pale and then flushed crimson all over her face—"if I were in your sister's place, I would die rather than be mother to a drunkard's children."

There was a total silence. Bella, accustomed to make self the standpoint of all her opinions and acts, perhaps could scarcely understand; but Roderick did. Startled he might be, yet there was something in his wife's stern righteousness which he could not gainsay. As he looked on that small, sweet face, so sweet, yet so strong, he saw in her for the first time not merely his wite, but the woman, the cojoint and yet separate existence, intrusted by God and nature with far more than her own petty life, inheriting
—and conscious that she inherited—the destiny which came to her from sacred Eve,

"mother of all living."

Man as he was, with a man's natural leaning to the masculine side, with a man's natural blindness to much that women see by instinct, still his wife's words smote him with a certain respect, even awe. That she had strength to say them at all, she so timid, so shy, so reticent, proved how deeply she must have thought and felt on the matter.

"Dear," he said, holding out his hand, all women were like you—especially if all sons had mothers like you—there would be fewer bad men in this world." (To be Continued.)

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Albert E. Truax, eldest son of R. E. Truax, M.P.P., Bruce county, died on Wednesday. He was a bright, intelligent boy. A heavy cold hastened his death.

The Sarnia Post has information that the P. P. A. candidate in East Lambton, Mr. Wilson, had been offered the postmastership of Petrolea if he would retire from the field.

John Berry, of the 12th concession of McKillop, has purchased the 50-acre farm of James Nicholson, who lived across the road from Mr. Berry. The price paid was \$2,350. Joseph Berry, who has been in Manitoba for the past four years, will make his future home on the Nicholson farm.

News has been received of the death of Oliver Rowand, of Elkhorn, Manitoba, who was gored by a bull three weeks ago. He was the third son of Jas. Rowand, M.P., Saugeen township, Bruce county. He was leading the buil when it attacked him viciously, with fatal results.

Mr. P. Mahon, who was so severely injured by falling from a load of hay, died on Saturday at the old homestead, Puslinch, Wellington county. Mr. Ma-hon was born in the township some 52 years ago, and when he grew to manhood took a special interest in agriculture. He was for about a year farm manager at the Ontario Agricultural College, and filled several offices with credit.

Last Wednesday Archie Ward and Jim Hawks took a day's hunting, and when about seven miles from Wiarton they came across the track of a bear. On following them up, they saw Mr. Bruin walking through an opening. Mr. Ward at once took careful aim and shot the bear through the head, killing him instantly. The bear was very fat and had a very beautiful skin, which measured over six feet from tip to tip.

MIDDLESEX.

At the parsonage of the Anglican Church, Belmont, on Thursday, Silas Wilson, son of Reeve Wilson, of South Dorchester, was married to Miss Lesty, daughter of Mr. John M. O'Neil, of the same township. The bride was exquisitely gowned in a suit of fawn-colored bengaline, with trimmings of cream-colored silk lace. Miss Lizzie Wilson, sister of the groom, who officiated as maid of honor, was beautifully attired in a suit of dove-colored Henrietta. The groom was ably supported by Mr. B. E. Mahony, of St. Thomas. Rev. Geo. W. Racey, incumbent of St. George's Church, performed the ceremony.

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