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CHAPTER XXVI.

WAXING AND WANING MANHOOI Both Belle and Roger saw that Mildred ad not been reassured by Mr. Jocelyn's return and manner; and as they thought it over they found it difficult to account for

heard that day touched his heart's core, and the influences that were so rapidly developing his manhood were greatly strengthened. For Belfe he now had a genuine liking and not a little respect. He saw her foiles clearly, and understood that she was still more a child than a woman, and so should not be judged by the standards proper for those of mature age; but he also saw the foundations on which a noble womanhood might be built. She inspired a sense of commadeship and honest friendliness which would easily deepen into fraternal love, but Mrs. Jocelyn's surmise that she might some ay touch that innermost spring which conrols the entire hain had no true basis. For would there have been any possibility of this had he never seen Mildred. A rue man—one governed by heart and mind to passion—meets many women whom he kes and admires exceedingly, but who an, never quicken his pulse. On Mildred, lowever—although she coveted the gift so ittle—was bestowed the power to touch his being to awaken and stimulate every to the country to prevent regretful second thoughts in the mind of his thrifty uncle, and he might some as far as she had reasons—she positively disliked him.

be braver and will help you. Please don't feel hurt if I leave you now."

"Ah, mine leedle girl, learn vrom der schtars dot der great laws moost be opeyed and don't you vorry und vret ober vat you gannot help. Shust you go along quiet and easy like Shupiter oup dere. Lots off dings vill dry to bull dis vay and dot vay outen der right orpit, put dond you mind clin, und shust go right schtrait along und not care. You veels too much apout oder beoples. Der schtars deach you petter; dey goes right on der own vay und apout der own't pisuess, unless dey vas voolish leedle schtars, like dot von dere shust gone to der duyvel vrom runnin' outen his vay toward eer earth."

She might have reminded him that, if ahe had acted apon this cold and selfish philosophy, his lttle child would now be sleeping in a distant cemetery instead of in his warm crib, but she only said, "Good night, Mr. Ulph; l'Il do better next time," and she hurried away. She felt that the sun and centre of their family life was passing under a strange and lasting eolipse, and the result might be darkness—chaos.

She wiped her eyes carefully, that no traces of grief might appear, and then entered their room. Her mother was putting the children to bed, and her father looking dreamily out of the window. She kissed lim and said briefly, "I'm tired and think I will retire early so as to be ready for my work." He made no effort to detain her. She clasped her utther in a mourant of the control of the looking dreamily out of the window. She kissed lim and said briefly, "I'm tired and think I will retire early so as to be ready for my work." He made no effort to detain her. She clasped her utther in a mourant of the look and hard the result might be children to bed, and her father looking dreamily out of the window. She kissed lim and said briefly, "I'm tired and think I will retire early so as to be ready for my work." He made no effort to detain her. She clasped her utther in a mourant of the control o

I will retire early so as to be ready for my work." He made no effort to detain her. She clasped her mother in a momentary passionate embrace, and then shut herself up to a night of almost sleepless grief. In the evening Roger drove opt in his carriage and returned on horseback.
"There's the money you paid for the buggy, with interest," he said to his father.
"You aren't gone yet." was the growl-

byer they found it difficult to account for his strangely varying moods, After a ather lame effort to chat cheerily Roger ade Belle good-night, and assurred her bat she now had a friend always within all.

His uncle's modest residence was in a lide street and not far away, but the young lellow walked for hours before applying his night-key to the door. What he had seen and heard that day touched his heart's core, and the influences that were so rapidly develop-

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found out years ago that a good word went further with me than what you used to call a 'good thrashing.' If you let me have my way, now that I'm old enough to choose for myself, I'll make your old age cozy and comfortable. If you thwart me, as I said before, you'll be sorry," and he turned on his heel and left them.

Politic Mrs. Atwood had watched her son closely for weeks and knew that something was coming, but with woman's patience she waited and was kind. No one would miss him so much as she, and yet, mother like, she now took sides against her own heart. But she saw that her husband was in no mood to listen to her at present, and nothing more was said that day.

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