WEDNESDAY EV'G, MARCH 26, 1873 ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XI.

A FAR JOURNEY RESOLVED ON—A PEEP BEHIND THE SCENES—"THE TEMPTATION "APPROACHES.

"Not, however, for the cause you so
falsely allege," she cried. "Grief and
sorrow alone prompted her silence, but
had she dreamed of anything so shameful as this she would have opened afresh
every wound in her lacerated heart, to
secure her honour and memory against
this stain. Alas, she could imagine nothing so wicked, and passed to the grave
leaving me in ignorance of this important point. But the task is now laid on
me to discover the truth—not that I may
secure the wealth which the will gives
me for that I count as nothing, but to
keep the good name of my parents from
being tarnished by the foul-slander which
has been breathed against them. Rockstone and all else I can renounce without a thought, but I cannot enjoy a moment's rest till the time and place of the
marriage are discovered. You smile,
sir, and your smile would indicate that
my labour and efforts will be in vain,
that I have no clue to follow, no means
to adopt, and cannot have, because no
marriage ever took place. But I have
hope in one direction. By a special providence, as I now consider it, my mother
one told me that my father had a dear
and intimate friend, who was present
at the marriage, and who received a
copy of the certificate.

"Ha!" cried Hayes, startled into the
exclamation by the unexpected announcement, while great interest was manifested by all the rest.

"And where is this friend now?" exclaimed Philip, in sudden excitement.

The question caused a shadow to come
over Annabel's indignant face.

"Alas, Philip, I cannot tell," she replied in a sad tone. "I know not if he
even be alive. He went abroad many
years ago, when I was quite a child, and
father or mother never heard of him
again."

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Philip's countenance assumed a dejected aspect for this threatened to dash the hope that had arisen. But a glance of satisfaction shot across the sharp face of Barnard Hayes, taking the place of the alarmed look which had shown itself there.

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"Do you not even know the man's name?" asked Mr. Langton.

"Yes, I remember his name, for it was a peculiar one. He was called Jerry Just."

"Jerry Just." shouted Philip, with a great bound of excitement. "Did you say Jerry Just."

"Oh Philip," cried Annabel, regarding with amazement her lover's wild aventhemence of manner, "you surely cannot know him?"

"A Amarica—tell me, did had been contained and refitted, making it a much hore desirable place of business than the old stand.

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"Did ne go to America" toll me, did he go to America?"

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"That will do. I know him by report as the most daring and successful trapper that ever sent furs to Jansen's agent at Montreal. Yorke depended on him more than any other man for supplies. He wrote us so repeatedly."

"Then Yorke ac communicate with him and got the certificate he ho'ds," esclaimed Mr. Langton, whose excitement hal risen nearly as high as Philip's. My dear girl, it is all right yet."

"This was year's ago," added Philip's and oclor Jansen's bankruptey Yorke had lost connection with Jerry. I fancied at the time that the agent had not been doing fair to him, that he found it out, and sout his furs to another house. Vorke, of course, gave no hint of this, but I found out he was an unprincipled fellow, and was capable of a trick of the kind."

"Who' Jerry?"

"No, Yorke. He swindled Jansen to

"Of course, sig. could not; and we must leave no stone unturned to discover him. Even though he may have lest the certificate, he was present at the marriage, and can tell where it took place. That is all that is wanted. Now then Weston how are we to go about this all important matter? What would you advise?" My resolution

advise."

"My resolution is taken," answered Philip, in a tone of quiet decision. "I shail go to America."

"You -Philip—to America." said Annabel, in utter astonishment.

"The very thing that occurred to me," exclaimed Mr. Langton. "Our agency there wants looking after at any rate. You told me so a week ago, and I fully agree with you. By going out you can a complish both objects—you seek for the man derry Just, and you get the department better organized. The idea is a capital one."

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"The inread fool he will rain us all! multicred Barriard Hayes, through his set teeth, as, with glastly face, he dreasted into a window recess to avoid of servation. No one noticed the motive but Mrs. Langton, who cast a look after him, significant of as bitter feelings a surged in his own bosom.

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