was heard approaching the house. A minute afterwards and he had passed through the garden and entered the room where the nunt and niece were sitting anxious and sad. Bianche

looked up, eagerly asking what news:

"It is all right," was the joyful answer. " Mark Berkeley was obliged to refund the stolen money."

a Did he acknowledge the theft?" she asked.

in a low faltering voice.

The did not; he pretended it was morely a practical joke; he had taken it to give the old man a start."

a And you believe him, I hope." Blanche felt much relieved by this explana-

d Not 11 he would have kept the money if he dared. Of that I feel convinced! I know Mark better than you do, Blan the,

"I cannot agree with you. I believe him incapable of such dishonourable conduct as you attribute to him," she replied, with great spirit.

" Did he return the money of his own ac-

cord?" asked Mrs. Osburne.

" No. indeed t catch him returning it unless obliged! Mr. Berkeley, it seems, on considering the matter, suspected he had taken it. He therefore went straight to the barracks and accused him boldly with the theft. It was not till then the young scamp thought fit to return it, and pass it off as a joke. When I returned to the counting-house after tea Mr. Berkeley met me with the pleasing information that the missing money was found and that Mark had taken it to give us a fright "

4 And did Mr. Berkeley believe this?" asked Mrs. Osburne.

"I fancy not; but he laughed at the joke, He would try, of course, to screen his son from blame. However, it will make us more careful in future not to leave money in the way of Mr. Mark Berkeley,

"You are too severe on him, I think " remarked Mrs. Osburne. "You are too unchas Fixasca Decastment, ritable, Stephen. Gay young fellows are fond of playing practical jokes. I dare say he never meant to keep the money,

"He never did, annt! depend upon it!

"And you are always ready to stand up in . his defence!" retorted Stephen, as he lit a cigar and he stepped out on the vermidah to enjoy it, pacing mostily up and down."

To be continued.

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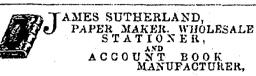
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