

escape from a repulsive union there had been, and peace on a new basis was established between them. The events of the past few days though had come as a terrible shock to Edith's sensitive nature, and on the homeward voyage she was quite ill. But her mother and Norman, now working cordially together, nursed her back to health, so that when New York was again reached and her father, accompanied by an old, white-haired couple, met them on the landing-stage, she had regained her old-time jollity of manner and charm of conversation. She had lost a lover but had found a brother, and it was a happy group, who gathered in the fashionable New York home that night.

