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THE BRIDE'S SACRIFICE.

CHAPTER VIII.

was her usual way of winding up an ad-dress. "Annt Ben," said Jessie, "lot me go." "You! Are you crazy? How are you goin't og o?" "Mr. Clinton is gong over to Craig's End this evening, and he wanted me to go with him," said Jessie, turning away to hide a rising blush. "I can casily get it there." "So you can," said Mrs. Ben, consider-ing; "but will Mr. Clinton reture carly ?" "Yos," said Jessio; he has some slight business to transact, and then he is com-ing immediately home. The sail will be pleasant by moon-light, and I would like to go."

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"Well, go then ; and don't be gone any longer than you can help. Get two poun's of Bohea at M. McPherson's."
"Yes, ma'am," said Jessie, taking the money, and putting on her hat and shaw, in a trembling, aguitated sort of way that at any other time Mrs. Benmust have noticed.
She hursied out, and on her way met Herbert coming up to the house.
"Well, has Mrs. Ben given you permission?" he asked, in pleased surprise. Jessie related her errand,
"The gois favor us I" he eried, guiy." See, Jessie, the sun is approaching the work, and before it dies out of the sky you will be what heaven destined you for —my wife!"
"Mot to be that for an hour is bliss enough to pay for a whole life of misery." is he said, earnesity.
"The anowledge of your love more than repays mo; for I have made no sacrifice." is head in a low resched the boat, took the oars, and rowed away.
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his goings-on as soon as over she arrives. There '' And having settled the matter to her own entire satisfaction, old Allie descen-ded to the kitchen, and soon forgot all subunary things in the celestial blies of a sound snore before the kitchen fire. Meantime, the erring young pair were swiftly skimming over the bright waters in the direction of Straithmore. The la-bor of rowing necluded the possibility of conversation, and both were silent and thoughtful. Urged on by his intense de-sire of completing what he had so suc-cessfully begun — urged on, perhaps, by F te, the boat seemed fairly to fly over the sparkling, sun-bright waver. Ere the last ray of sunlight had faded from the sky the beat touched the oppo-site shore; and drawing Jessie's arm within his own, Herbert set of rapidly in the direction of the town of Craig's End. And having reached if, he led Jessie in the direction of the lown enderse

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And having reached if, he led Jessie in the direction of a little, obscure church, where he left her to seek for a licence and a chargemen



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