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AN UNLOSKED ON MEETING—HAPPY NEWS FOR ANNABEL—STRANGE DEPARTER—
BRIGHT PROSPECTS—THE UNSELN
SHADOW.

Philip did not loss hope of hearing who he was some-time or other. The evident connection between the stranger and Mr. Langton rendered it highly probable that he could not be long in the Mossley Street establishment without having the mystery revealed. For the present, however, it was a mystery, and one which all efforts their were not able to elucidate: therefore they resolved to let it rest, and meanwhile to give temselves up to the joy and happiness which had come to them.

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Though we have not yet formally introduced Philip and Annabel to our readers, the latter have, through the narration of the incident in Woolman's Lane and what came out of it, learned a good deal of their characters, circumstances, and relative positions. The scenes in which we have found them bearing a part, and the manner in which they have conducted themselves therein, have shown to no inconsiderable extent their character and dispositions, and we hope these are such as to give the reader a favourable idea of them, and an interest in their hopes, prospects, and fortunes. As yet these are neither very uncommon nor very exciting. They are lovers, they are betrothed, and hope soon to be united—a set of plts urable circumstances which tens of thousands have experienced before and since, and which of themselves would not have justified us in making them the subject of this story. But incamend as the events which we have detailed have brought them to the threshold of very singular adventures and experiences, we hope to excite the reader's strong interest in their future, and of the past, I would be affection towards each other.

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Several years before, their parents lived next door to each other in another though similar street of Liverpool. Misfortune and comparative poverty had overtaken both families, and ill-health had come in the train of misfortune, as it often does, to intensify and complete the sore discipline of spirit by which chastened souls have their faith tried and their steadfastness tested ere they are made ready for the blessedness of a higher life, in which care and sorrow, pain and poverty are nuknown. Pailip's father had sunk under a weight of disease and left his mother to his care, herself in ill-health, with the half of her heart in her husband's grave and the other half centred on her devoted son, who strove in every way that lay in his power to promote her comfort.

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Annabel, too, had by this time lost her fainer, and her mother endeabured by sewing to supply their simple wants, which straitened means rendered still fewer. Theirs was a more sorrowful case than that of the Westons, for the former had always been incircumstances of respectability. They had not experienced such herd fortures as the Loghtons, who had not early comfort but affluence. Mrs. Lucipitan had been the daughter of a wealthy merchant whom she had mortally offended by her marked it was an old and often told tele. Pride and riches had set thomselves against honest humble, worth. Love had been true to itself and truth and constancy had incorred the usual punishment. In marrying the man who had won her heart, Mrs. Leighton had forcited the friendship to for femily, further intercourse with them was denied her, and even on his death-bed her father refused to be reconciled to her, and nover mentioned, her name in his will, but left all his means to her only brother, who with the money inherited also the animosity which had made his sister an outcast from the honic and even the thoughts of her family.

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This cruelty and injustice would have one her little harm had fortuse continual to smile on her husband's business, at misfortune came—misfortane which rashed him into the grave, and left her ith an only child—Annabel—to fight is subsistence in a cold and heartless forld. At first she entertained the hought of applying to her brother, who not of his abundant wealth could have applied their wants without feeling that edid so; and after a sore struggle she ild bring her mind to go to him and esek assistance. She sought his presence, she stood before him, and told him she was a widow and penniless, with herself and her child to support; but he cruelly closed his ear to her prayer, and sent her ompty away, telling her—food forgive him i—that as she had sowed so her must reap; that she had areade her choice against the wishes of her family, and must now abide by all its consession, and the battle and the struggle for existence.

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When the love of Philip and Annabel began it would be difficult to say. The intercourse between the inmates of the two houses being close and unintermittent, they saw each other daily and in circumstances which gave them a perfect insight into each other's character. When love grows up under such conditions, be sure that it has a true and lasting basis. It is not like the impressions which graw love grows up under such conditions, he sure that it has a true and lasting basis. It is not like the impressions which grow out of a chance meeting in a ball-room, or at a social party, which may turn out well enough, but which, on the other hand may yield only disappointment when the parties come to know each other at home and as they really are, and find then, when too late, that they had been strangers to their real nature. No such mistake could occur in the case of Philip and Annabel, for they had full and ample opportunity of becoming theroughly acquainted with each other, and it was out of this full knowledge of their real character that their esteem and affection grow—a result which the mothers of both saw with delight, which they separately encouraged, and which they mutually congratulated each other upon when they were alone together.

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