

(Written for Glasgow's Piccolo.)

## THE HUCCEANER AND THE CARDINAL.

AN AMERICAN STORY OF SEA AND SHORE.

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(Continued.)

### CHAPTER XVI.

There was one thing that had not occurred to the

cardinal, and that was, that the stream of light

that came through the window hole was more

than a mere light. It was a living thing, a

being, a creature that had a life of its own.

It was a thing that had a will, a power, a

strength, a beauty, a grace, a charm, a

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Angela bowed her head as she spoke,

and the duke gazed fixedly upon her.

His task was a hard one, for he would

argue with her, for he knew that she had

been on her side. It is no wonder then

that he should desire to change the sub-

ject.

"You must remember," he said, in a sort

of persuasive tone, "that there are hun-

dreds of your sex in Palermo who have

not so good husbands as the marquis."

"Then there are hundreds that are mis-

erable," returned the girl.

"No, many of them are happy."

"Then their natures have become cor-

rupted. Ah, dear uncle, you know that

in the most squalid tenements of our

city there is much of happy contentment;

but it is the happiness of ignorance, I

have seen a woman laugh most boisterously

while she was counting over stolen

money. Would you call that such

happiness as you could recommend?"

"Perhaps not."

"Then the happiness of which you speak

has the same foundation. It rests upon ig-

norance of purer sources of joy."

"And yet you may be happy with your

marquis. You may mould him to your

fashion of thought."

"O! I dare not undertake it. My very

self shrinks from him. O, if you love me,

save me from this."

"Can you?"

"You mean you will not?"

"No, no, Angela, I mean that I can-

not. It is beyond my power now. My word

has gone forth, and it cannot be broken.

The cardinal holds me, and you know his

power."

"If Ludovico has planned this thing,

and if he is still resolved upon it, and if

you have given your consent, keep the

fact a secret. I pray you not to urge

me more against it."

"One thing the maiden could plainly

see, and that was, that the duke's

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from this point. But I would

all alone."

"Go with you to the ends of the

earth, and I will follow you."

"Only tell me where

to go and when."

"I will go to-night, for to-morrow

is late. As soon as the streets

are quiet, I will wait for you. I

will wait for you in a place

where you will go."

"I may trust myself at the

door of St. Mary. I feel sure that

there will protect me."

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