

A LIFE'S ENIGMA - A NORWEGIAN SKETCH.

By HORNSTADT JOHNSON. "Why sit here?" "Because it's high and pleasant."

"That it goes so deep down it makes me quite giddy, and the sun shines so dazzling on the water. Let's go a little farther."

"No, not any further. Just back, then, as far as that green enclosure; it is so pleasant there."

"No, I say, not there, either, and I hang myself down as I should not or would not go further."

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do; and so she closed her eyes. She stood as though she must either fall or rush away; the crisis was coming.

In its preludes of deep silence, Botolf himself became afraid. Still, once more he began in his former strain:

"Make everything clear; make an 'n' of all this miserable trickery and co-venturing - do it here - now!"

"Yes," she answered, but quite unconsciously, "so I say - do it here - now!"

He gave a loud cry, for she rushed past him and flung herself over the steep. He caught a glimpse of her golden hair, her uplifted hands, and the kerchief, which spread out, slipped off, and floated slowly down after her by itself.

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