

CHAPTER XXVI.

The impulse born of pity-and a vague fear-prompted her to follow the girl who, hearing Diana's foot-

stricken accents, but the girl, taking no heed of the cry, flung up her arms

zied appeal that a man who had been coming along on the other side of manding hoarsely

"What is it?"

Diana, without turning her head, and gasping for breath, pointed down- help us.' which the moon at that instant was

turned and ran down boat, clutch at something with both

The fire was still burning, there "Diana!" was some hot water, and Diana un dressed the girl and bathed her cold Half the Rubbing taken limbs, and when she began to breathe painfully and heavily, wrapped her in out of Scrubbing the blankets and held her hand tight-Old Dutch Cleanser consciousness. They came at last and in a voice scarcely audible, the girl wailed: "Where am I? Oh-God forgive

Diana's arm went round her. "You are here with a friend, quite quite safe! Lie still-oh, one mo ment, I will leave you for only a mo-

She looked up-she was on

knees supporting the girl's head-and

In his recognition of her he seemed

haking himself and pulling himsel

ogether. "Help me lift her. Quick

Between them, and quite easily, for

their burden, alas! was scarcely

"Where to?" said the cabman.

"It will have to be a hospital, I'm

afraid," said Garilng moodily and

the bed; then Diana, gently signing

to Garling to go outside, said, with

ashen lips

There's a police boat coming!"

With trembling haste she warmed made the girl drink it. At first sh refused, but, melted by Diana's tende eyes and gentle voice, she yielded a last; and fell back on the pillow with sobbing sigh.

Diana sat beside her, giving her

nore of the milk at intervals, and resently the girl's eyes closed and loor. Garling was leaning against the wall, his head sunk on his breast. his hands thrust in his pockets; the whole attitude of the square, short figure was one of utter dejection. He started at the sight of Diana, and following her into the room, glanced toward the bed questioningly.

"She has come to and is asleep; out she is very weak. Oh, poor girl! oor girl! If I had been there a m

Garling looked round the room with its meagre furniture and poverty-stricken aspect.

"Diana!" he said in a hoarse, reproachful whisper. "Why-why are you living here, alone, and in such a

Diana's face flushed and her eyes were downcast; then she lifted them and looked at him sadly, steadily. "I see; I know!" he said with a groan. "You wouldn't be beholden to me for-for anything, not even for

"Yes." said Diana in a low voice "I earn enough"-she faltered as he looked round again significantly. "I am content. Ah! you did not think that I could take-"

"My money?" His rugged face worked. "My girl, you were wrong. the slums! My God, I am punished! My own daughter livin' from hand to mouth; half starving, may be, while there's thousands an' thousands, aye a million lying ready for her! Why' -his voice dropped and he sank back to the rough form of speech of his early days-"them clothes are thin and old and not fit for this weather comfort and luxury. Diana, it's-it's

was not for her to remind him that the children must suffer for the sins not need the reminder.

"It's a hard world and a cruel," he said brokenly. "And it's full o' misery. That poor girl there"-he drew 'Why!" he exclaimed in a whisper, 'I know her! I mean I've met her before. It's the girl I saved from be

Hurriedly, disjointedly, he told Diana of his former meeting with the

"Yes," said Diana very quietly.



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