

A DOUBTING HEART.

(There are the swallows fled) From and dead, Perchance upon some bank and stormy shore...

LA NEIGE.

Mrs. BEATRICE MCGOWAN.

He looks down upon the faces in the waiting boat, perchance to find one to whom he can entrust his darling; and his eyes rest upon one that causes him a strange, undefinable thrill of terror...

PART II.

"And the steady ships go on, To their haven under the hill; But of the track of a vanished hand, And the sound of a voice that is still..."

ing, her own trouble is hidden away that she may the better lighten theirs. Friends regard her pityingly, and attribute her altered manner and altered looks to the strange and awful peril through which she has passed...

Now, as she turns her face to the evening sky—shaded into a dozen different tints by the amber sunset—she sees in the pale, delicate outlines—thrown out so vividly by the background of dark green foliage—how fearfully it has changed from the bright, lively face of the Rose St. Arnold...

For a moment she sees nothing to justify Cyril Hammond's object in giving it to her—for even in her wanderment she knows that he must have had one—till all of a sudden she catches sight of the heading of a column, a heading in ordinary type, but further down a few lines heavily marked. She wonders vaguely why they are marked, and why they have been given her to read, but only for a second...

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him in spite of himself, and then as his inherently craven nature, takes in all the depth of his loss, he suddenly resolves that his shall not be all the disappointment.

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VARIOUS MATTERS.

A monument of pure steel is talked of for Boss Tweed.

The proposal to do away with the police in Ohio town is spoken of by a local paper as "another blow at the criminal class."

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