











The Two Mothers

It was night in the little thatched house by the roadside. The last cart had creaked on its homeward way, and silence had fallen on the house, silence broken now and again by the sharp cry of a child in suffering.

A group in the kitchen gathered around the smouldering turf embers and talked in subdued voices. Over all these lay the hush of expectation that comes before a death.

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Her heart came out of its sluggish lethargy, and she would have sprung to her feet and gone to the child.

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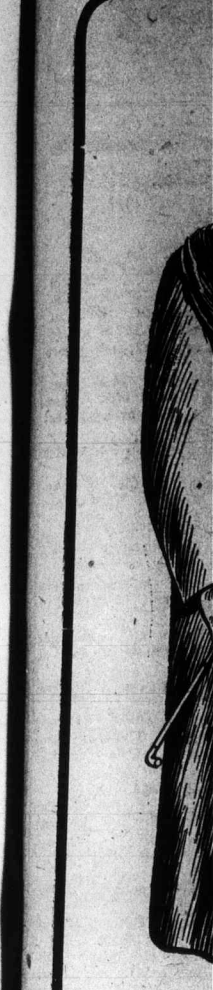
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"I have arranged for your coming-out dress," she said, "and I am to-day that wedding-dimmer in honor of you to Mr. Percival that the centre of the table moss and filled with g—"

Katharine put down "I shall never be engaged," she said, "My dear," said Mrs. "you must; you must—Katharine raised her head.

"Aunt," she said, "I thing reasonable to plan I will never marry Mr. P. Suppose that Mr. Percival save your uncle suppose he held notes of—suppose that these notes do—suppose that Mr. Percival at a month's notice turn and myself into the street from all this beauty and Katharine opened her intent. She looked at her chanced silver coffee-cu—"

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