

Poetry.

Umadei Hay.

We knew by the clouds of the eastward
It was going to rain that day.

My farm was a small and poor one,
And the hay crop was all I had.

"Two my neighbor's daughter Molly,
Who lived just across the road,

She was no fine lady indeed,
Though her arms were plump and white,

And I took her home to her cottage,
But I didn't pause to woo,

Literature.

The Adopted Daughter.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

The letter which Blanche Longley had sent
to Blair Moreland was to the effect
that he if he wished to learn the whereabouts

of her father, she would be glad to
furnish him with the necessary information.

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"but she has told me the whole story."

"Which is false?" declared Blair,
in haste. "It is true I admitted Miss Courtney,

but as to shutting her up—
"Your crime against me, Mr. Moreland,"

said Blanche, coldly. "To save you
all trouble in denying the affair, let me

assure you that I believe Amber
implicably—that I know her to be incapable

of a falsehood."
"Then why did you wish me to come

here?" said Blair, sternly.
"Because I understood that you offered

and she seems quite cheerful and happy.
She is in the country. I will give you her

address."
She did so, and Blair wrote it down
carefully on an ivory tablet which he drew

from his pocket.
"Is it a great step to know where she is,"

he said, restoring the tablet. "But how
can I seize her?—how get her away?

And where can I put her?"
Blanche became thoughtful, and her

visitor resumed:
"If you were the only one she had told

of the Haunted House, I could take her
back there."
"Blanche would be the very place!"

inter-
rupted Blanche. "I do not think Amber
mentioned to any one besides me the

strange name given to her prison, and I
am quite sure she did not mention its

location. She was too much absorbed in
relating other portions of her story to

think of such comparatively trivial things.
And if she had told any one, that house

would be the last one searched for. No
one would think of her being there a

second time. It will be at no great distance
from her present home either. She can not

be carried off again by force—strangers
must be used."
"I quite agree with you," said Moreland,

but the task is likely to be a difficult
one. But, however difficult, nothing

can deter me from undertaking it, and
carrying it out. But can you devise

some plan to effect our object?—woman's
wit is so much readier than man's."

"I will assist you in planning," responded
Blanche, but the execution must be yours.

Let me think.
She assumed a thoughtful attitude,

while Blair regarded her much as one
would look at a beautiful serpent. He

was villainous, but deemed himself no
worse than other young men; but

there was something unnatural even to
him in the deep, calculating villainy of a

beautiful woman like Blanche Longley.
He wondered why she should bear such a

hatred toward Amber; why she was so
willing to yield her up to him, and why

she was so interested in his success in
abducting her.

Some of this feeling he expressed in
words.

"It astonishes you because I am willing
to assist you in making yourself happy,"

said Blanche, smiling. "I help you because
I have taken an interest in you—

because I want to see Amber married in
a good position—because I don't like

to have her work for a living, and she won't
come home; and because—but I have

given you my best reasons. You will, of
course, keep my reasons a secret, because

by revealing it to you will betray yourself."

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CHAPTER XXXI.
JASPER DISCOVERS A RIVAL.
Scarcely an hour after the departure

of Loon, Jasper Longley entered his sister's
boudoir. There was a worn and haggard

look on his countenance, and his manner
was full of restlessness and anxiety.

"I received your note," he said, as
Blanche sprang up to receive him; "and

as I was doing nothing, I followed Loon
without delay. What happened?"

"Has Sir Ralph proposed? Is the wedding
day appointed? Be as brief as you can

in your joyful explanations, Blanche, for
I am in no mood to listen to raptures."

"Don't be absurd, Jasper, exclaimed
his sister. "Sit down. Sir Ralph has not

proposed, and as likely as not he never
will, unless you give me your assistance."

"How can I do that?" demanded Jasper,
sinking into a chair.

"I'll tell you. He has become
bewitched with your charming Amber—"

Amber, cried Jasper, excitedly, springing
from his chair as if he had been galvanized.

Amber, did you say? Where is she?
Has he seen her? Has she been found?"

"Do you sit down and be sensible! Amber
has been here to see me—indeed, she

left her here just a few minutes before I
wrote to you."

"Where is she?"
"I'll tell you, if you'll drop that

wildness of look and manner," said Blanche,
pettishly. "I've got a long story to tell

you, so make yourself comfortable."
Jasper resumed his seat with an air

of forced calmness, but the listlessness had
all vanished from his face, and he was

eager and impatient as she continued:
"Amber came here two or three hours

Jasper turned deadly pale.
He arose and paced to and fro with

hurried footsteps, while his sister related
the story of Amber's abduction exactly

as the girl had related it to her.

"By Jove, Moreland shall answer for
this!" exclaimed Jasper, hoarsely, when

she had finished. "He shall find what it
is to insult a defenseless girl!"

"Yes," said Blanche, "you'll bring her
name before Sir Ralph Courtney and

spoil your future and my own."
Jasper cooled down.

"Sir Ralph has seen her, you say?"
"Yes; but he did not know her to be

Amber Courtney. By a lucky forethought
I induced her to drop the name of Court-

ney, alleging that Sir Ralph did not like
her to wear his family name, and induced

her to adopt the name of Vale. As I
went down to the door with her, Sir Ralph

was so fatally entranced by her beauty

that he did not know her to be Amber.
You remember how little she resembles

Blair Moreland? Would it not inter-
fere with his prospects, in some way, if

her identity was known? There must be
a powerful motive for his conduct. His

singular agitation on seeing Amber's
necklace, and the fact that he immedi-

ately offered her his marriage, show
conclusively to me that the secret of her

birth, guarded by you so carefully, is
known also to him."

Jasper's face was ghastly pale, and his
voice was uneven, as he replied:

"Your conjectures are all useless,
Blanche. I shall not reveal the secret to

Jasper promised to preserve the
silence enjoined upon her, and Jasper,

who had listened to her with great
agitation, now fully conquered his emotion,

and declared that he had no more time
to stay, that he must hasten to Amber.

The next moment he was gone.
(To be continued.)

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