

Literature. THE DOUGLAS HEIR.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Mrs. Coolidge and her daughter had only been some ten minutes on their way when the latter discovered that she had forgotten her pocket-book and memorandum, consequently they had to return for them.

Isabel had entered the house, intending to run up stairs and back again, but hearing low voices in the library, she stopped to listen a moment, wondering who was within; then, with flashing eyes and scarlet cheeks, she stepped to the door and beckoned to her mother to come in.

Mrs. Coolidge quickly obeyed the summons, and as soon as she learned who were the inmates of the library, she threw open the door, and just in season to behold the scene described in the last chapter.

With a feeling of utter dismay Brownie disengaged herself from Wilbur Coolidge's embrace, and started to leave the room.

But the two women barred the way, and would not let her pass; while Mrs. Coolidge demanded, in stern tones, "Pray what is the meaning of this? feeling scenes? Wilbur colored deeply, but braced himself for battle."

first business to obtain a good recommendation for you as soon as he returns, and send it to you."

"Thank you; you are very kind," and as she sprang to her eye at his thoughtfulness.

"When do you go?" he asked, as he was about turning away.

"As soon as I can pack my trunks and send for a cab," she answered, with a smile.

"Can I help you in any way?" he asked, with a friendly smile.

take, Mr. Dredmond, replied Isabel, smiling sweetly, but inwardly raging.

"Left! Indeed I thought she came abroad with you, and intended to return with you," he said, with a gasp.

"I know nothing as to her intentions," Mr. Dredmond, but we have been pained to discover that Miss Douglas has been wandering about here, and is therefore obliged to discontinue her services."

The lie stung her tender, but she remembered his evident respect, and she resolved to discontinue him if possible.

"Not trustworthy!" he exclaimed against her.

Adrian Dredmond left the Coolidge mansion in a fever of impatience and indignation.

"What any one should accuse Brownie Douglas of the crime of theft was sufficient to drive him wild."

What had she stolen? Surely nothing of Miss Coolidge's beauty, for, though she thought, with a contemptuous smile, for he had fathomed her ill nature and desire to injure the lovely girl at once, and Miss Isabel had neither beauty nor good breeding to lose.

"She is innocent as an angel," he murmured, softly, then added, with a scornful smile, "And they are hard-hearted as devils!"

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