Shades of shed lilies and ruins of roses; The children are dead, but the mother undying. | Towers. Under the snows the spring flow'rets are lying,

Germs of the May time that's coming, denying, Aught of the rule the cold tyrant imposes, Under the snows.

Under the snows of thy quiet breast, vying With the drift in its whiteness, the red blood is flying And the poor little heart that cold boson encloses. Is a garden where Eros is gathering posies, Under the snows of thy smiles thou art sighing Under the snows.

Literature.

RETRIBUTION.

CHAPTER XXXII.

HOME AGAIN. Kenneth gained in strength rapidly, and was soon able to set up, but how he missed his gentle nurse no one but himself knew.

Day after day he sat watching the door, and closed he turned away with a sigh of der why he had not returned before. disappointment and weariness.

In another week he was permitted to walk up and down the long corrridor with sician gave his consent for his removal to missed the more inviting apartments and luxuries of a first class-hotel.

He inquired, as he left for Sister Agnes. and had been informed by the Mother Superior, who had been requested not to upon another mission.

often found himself thinking of her, and duties of a sister of charity.

"She must have been lovely," he would into company," was his reply to her playled me with its lingering tenderness, and manage. channel, he would turn to something else and strive to divert his mind.

same fair face arose to haunt him, the made up of a collection of articles in some same sweet tones would vibrate in his wick," and this proved intensely interest-

He wrote to have his letters forwarded

He stated that his lawyer had done his pleasant and entertaining companion, full der," he mused. "A year ago she would best to procure the separation he desired, spite of himself, Kenneth's mind was child. How pretty she looked sitting rode through the streets of the town acand everything was arranged for a hear- drawn away for the time from his secret ing of the case, but his presence was im- sorrow, and more than once he startled peratively demanded, and they could go himself, and rejoiced her, with a genuine one. no further without his verbal evidence.

desire which he had had to return, before in its place a dread of everything familiar had taken possession of him.

ing back to London-it seemed as if his sure to attend to. sense of desolation must return fourfold. her, and it was hard enough now to banish that levely face and siren voice from his sence longer than he could help. heart.

tive-he must go if he cared to be free. Cared to be free!

What a mockery the words seemed to was very much changed.

with any degree of calmness.

said, gloomily. "In three months more I Kenilworth that day. shall be twenty-five, and it is but right

and interest myself in my duties there, I pleasure in her society.

might possibly be able to forget myself Kenneth expressed his pleasure at the

and my trouble once in a while. "Sister Agnes said that I had duties which, with my name and position, were imperative. What did she mean, I wonder? And why should she, a stranger, remind me of duties? Could she have meant that after that petition should be pany us on this trip."

"Really, mamma, I should be exceedgranted that I ought not to live a single ingly happy to do so, but-"

and secluded life-that I owed it to my name to marry and perpetuate my race? "I cannot do it-I will not do it!" he cried, with a groan. "I can never give to day, mamma," Caro replied, quietly, her place to another. I love her still. shall love her forever, and I have no right

to ask any one to share my miserable "But your name will die out-your es-

tates, without an heir, will go to the crown," whispered a voice within.

"Let them!" he cried, recklessly "Better have the name and race annihilated entirely, than that the curse which has fallen upon me be entailed upon my unhappy posterity. And yet--and yet, I know this is not right; but, oh, Heaven, I smile can never profess what I do not feel. can never tell another woman that I love her. I should be guilty of an irreparable like either to break my promise or to wrong to ask any one to bear my name. and then shut her out of my heart. Oh. Nina, Nina! what have you done? Sister Agnes-bless her pure tender heart-told me to think kindly of her-to forgive her. I wonder if she has forgotten the one who has made her suffer so, and has driven her

from the world into that gloomy abode? words divine, and her nature as light it- young lady; but he noticed that the dark impulsive that I did not stop to consider bright and animated, more than one self. Yet she did not hesitate to tell me eyes fiashed a searching look upon his what I was doing. Let us not talk of it I was wrong, and how earnestly she pray. ed that I might have peace! Peace! heart! Ah, poor child! she must have step upon the stairs, and the next moment "Gladly, Caro. I regret anything ever been purified indeed if she could forgive

an injury like mine and find peace." And so his weary brain thought on and

Then he grew suddenly reckless. "I will go back to England," he affirm. the torture, the pity, scoffs, and sneerseverything that can go to make a man miserable. Anything will be better than her dress.

heart out." And so, hoping to outrun his misery, seen her so pretty before. he started en route for England, some two months after Nina's return.

the family, and it was really the first plea- ivy-mantled walls, and then commenced sure that he had experienced during all their tour of investigation.

his wanderings-this kindly, hearty "welbeen a long absent son. Caroline, whom herself. he saw at once was very much subdued and improved in every way, was delicate- him as much as possible. She had re- through a long, shady walk before tak every day. ly attentive and entaining; while his solved never to force her society upon ing her back to Lady Durward. lordship was overjoyed to have him back him, yet whenever he did come near her

home once more! Home! The word never sounded more sweetly than when Lady Durward had A portion of the great building had taken both his hand in hers and said probably fallen away, leaving these ro-

you have come home. She had fitted up some apartments in

the carpet was his favorite, of delicate and all unconscious of the pretty picture ferns and bright moss-rose buds; all the she was making of herself, she fell into a who was growing to enjoy her society little knickknacks and ornaments were in fit of musing. their proper places—the same pictures from their accustomed shelves, and every- weeping bitterly. thing was as fresh and inviting as he could

he threw himself, on the night of his ar- cast her eye upward, and saw Kenneth she insisted that they should go without rival, into his favorite lounging chair bestanding in a mullioned window above her for once, and it did not matter much looking down upon her.

table near by He fitted right back into his old place in the family as easily as if he had only been gone a few days instead of a year;

Ralph was still away at school, and would not return until the summer vacation, which would not occur for three

monthstyet, and his genial ways and bright | trustfully to her. assistance, and yet another and the phy- face were the only pleasant things that he And Lady Durward did not intend that the tangled hair from the flushed face, taining for you, I fear that I should he should have time to miss anything, looked smilingly into the sweet blue

nor brood over aught unpleasant. She claimed that since her return to the to go anywhere; that his lordships sickness had kept her so closely confined

reveal Nina's identity, that she was away within doors that she was losing flesh for mant of fresh air, and there were a hundred based her gentle ministrations, and dred places of interest which she longed take care of you, dear," replied Caroline, less you are speaking two words "I shall claim you, Kenneth, as an es-

wondering who she could have been, and cort," she had said, "for my lord has visitwhat her sad history could be to lead her ed them so many times that they have to renounce the world for the wearisome become an old story, and I cannot get ally at her inquisitiveness. him started. "I will go anywhere you like, except

So daily she planned drives, and walks

a feeling of pain and impatience that his scenery, and then exploring piles of thoughts had drifted back into the old ancient ruins, which were replete with historic interest.

They visited old Warwick Castle and inspected its curious rooms and passages, this pretty little scene. But day after day it was the same—the in one of which there is a sort of museum way connected with the "Guy of War had come. ing to Kenneth

to him, and when they arrived, he found plored, where stands the house in which the immortal Shakespeare first drew one from Lord Durward, who, of course, breath, and also the church containing to Kenneth after they had passed beyond fit. had not heard of his illness, bidding him the tombs of both himself and wife; and everywhere Lady Durward was such a of mirth and droll annecdotes, that, in hearty laugh. His appetite returned, he gained daily in strength and vigor, and At first he could not think of it—the the color of health again tinged his cheek. It was a long time before Caroline could

She always quietly refused whenever his return. her mother spoke of her going, saying she He could not endure the thought of go. had some other engagement, duty or plea-

Kenneth, however, did not add his entreaties, he could not recover from nor scenes where he and Nina had been to. ways felt for her since her part in his gether; everything would remind him of trouble, and though he watched her nar- meadows. rowly, he seldom made much conversation with her, and never lingered in her pre-She was quick to note this, and it galled Yet Lord Durward's recall was impera. her proud heart to the core; yet she was respects—all ugly crooks and sharp and distance from the town, and they had to wait there while he went to get

very patient, there was much at stake, gles. At least mine seems so to me," never even passed it on any of their ex- the horses, saying she was too tired and she could afford to bid her time. Kenneth could not help seeing that she him! but he had authorized the steps to | She had grown quiet and dignified in

be taken which would make him so, and her ways. She had lost her brilliant remembered the "crooks and angles" in color, and much of her former sparkle his own life during the past year.

"I suppose I ought to go at once," he ward proposed that they should visit "What constitutes a true life?" Kenhis mind so fully occupied that he could others." that I should assume the care of my own find no time to brood, at least during the "Do you find the first easy!" he in- was losing her sad expression, and the just beyond a thick growth of shrubto live at Melrose Park, where everything quests; but now she began to be anxious pure eyes. that he should take a little more notice

prospect of visiting Kenilworth, saying he never had seen Cæsar's tower there, which

was so noted in history. "We will take our lunch and spend the day, it is so mild and pleasant," said Lady Durward; "and, Caro," giving that young lady a meaning glance, you must accom-

"It seems to me that you always have a 'but' ready nowadays, Caroline." her mother returned, impatiently.

"It seems to me to be a necessary one yet with a little smile. "You used to enjoy such excursions, I believe; cannot you spare time to-day and would not be sayed come with us?" interposed Kenneth

A faint flush just tinged the cheek of the joung girl, as she replied: "I promised the gardener's wife that I

"Is their party of so much consequence please a parcel of children?

disappoint them," she returned, quickly.

great change for Caroline of old "Oh, the children do not have their party until four this afternoon," inter-

posed Lady Durward, "and we shall get back before that.44 "Then I trust we can pursuade you to

go with us," said Kenneth. "Yes, her eyes were heavenly, her which he obtained from the demure it all. I am naturally so excitable and

When the carriage drew up before the will only let me be your friend again as of door at ten o'clock, and he had assisted old," and she flashed him a beseeching her ladyship to enter, he heard a light look from her dewy eyes.

on, until it seemed as if his pain must end tume, which showed her shapely figure turn, and I appreciate it more than I can to advantage; her dark straw hat, trim- express. med with green leaves, and with just a Caroline caught her breath with a feelcluster of crimson fuchias falling against ing of delight. her glossy braids, gave a brightness to He had noticed, then, her delicate ated; "I will face everything-the disgrace the otherwise simple costume. A plain tentions, which she had rendered so unlinen collar and cuffs encircled her throat obtrusively that she feared he had not and wrists, and her little hands were en- even known of them.

cased in perfectly fitting gloves to match this ceaseless, haunting pain, this vain re- Lady Durward bestowed a look of satis- she believed had cemented anew, and gret and longing which are eating my faction upon the neat but extremely even closer than before, their old-time she asked, dropping her eyes shyly. pleasing figure, while Kenneth, as he friendship. handed her in, thought he had never A few minutes later they turned to

leave the place, Kenneth assisting her down the broken and dangerous stairway, from care." the day charming. They arrived at Kenilworth Castle whom he believed had developed from with open arms and much rejoicing by all their lunch beneath the shadow of its and womanly woman.

Caroline, still very quiet and subdued. after following her mother and Kenneth Lady Durward greeted him as if he had for awhile, wandered off at length by her; and her heart thrilled with sudden She invariably kept herself aloof from

again, and appeared more like his old self she managed to show him some little atthan he had done since his return to the tention, which always left a pleasing impression upon him. some massive and imposing ruins.

pleasant memory to him.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

COMING SHADOWS.

" Mamma makes everything so enter-

The young girl looked very handsome

at once seconded her proposal.

up to London.

Kenneth laughed.

with animation.

mounted.

yourself and one for me, Caro.

mantic and ivy-grown ruins to tempt ex-"My dear Kenneth, how glad I am that cursionists and travellars by their wondrous beauty. The sunlight now lay full upon them the eastern tower, as nearly like his old with a warm and pleasant light, and rooms in their house in London as pos- tempted by the beauty, Caroline seated herself at the foot of a huge pillar, cover-Every article of furniture was familiar, ed with a luxuriant growth of woodbine,

She had not been there long when the were upon the walls, the same graceful sound of a child's voice in distress atcurtains hung at the windows, and the old tracted her, and soon she saw a little girl friendly books looked down upon him coming around the corner of the castle,

She could not be more than five years panied them; but to-day she looked of age; and Caroline, with a feeling of dubious and apparently disappointed. It was with a sense of relief, and the annoyance at having her pleasant solinearest approach to happiness of anything | tude disturbed, was on the point of rising that he had experienced for a year; when and going away, when she happened to

friendly daily paper, which Caroline had Appearing not to notice him, she inthoroughly aired and laid upon a little stantly held out her arms to the little enough to visit years ago before going one, saying sweetly: "Darling, what is the trouble? Come and tell me.

hoping she might return to him, if but for a few moments; but every time it opened been gone a few days instead of a year; while everything was so comfortable and pleasant about him that he began to won. The child, attracted by the winning while everything was so comfortable and her, stopped her crying and gazed in the subject after her mother's objection, The child, attracted by the winning quiringly at her. "Come here, dear, and tell me why you add :

are weeping?" repeated Caroline. The little girl, now entirely won, came Caroline, with a tender gesture, gather. accompany us." ed her into her arms, and putting back

"Papa and mama run away and leave Towers, she had no time nor opportunity me," said the little one, with a grieved quiver of her lips. "Poor child, and were you frightened?" "Yes, 'fraid some one take me away." by ourselves for once," he said; then

"No, no one shall carry you off; I will added, with a sparkle of mischief, "unsoothingly, and then she asked: "Who is papa? What is your name, little one?" "May; what is yours?" "Caro," said Caroline, laughing music- punish you at once by deciding in favor

"Caro—I like that. I like you, Caro," what say you," she added, "to going on said the child, nestling closer in her arms. horseback ?—the distance is not great." "Do you, darling? Then kiss me. I murmur; "she never came near me, ful appropriation of his services; and she love to have little girls kiss me," and though, without making me think of-her: was happy at this concession, for she had with a fond look, she bent her glossy head her eyes were very like; her touch thril. feared that he would be a hard subject to and kissed the little red lips raised so confidingly to meet hers.

> them," she said, rising and taking the line rode her graceful, coal-black mare dition of her larder, so that we need One stealthy sweep of her eyes told her that Kenneth was still at the window, and had been an admiring spectator of

"Papa was over there," little May said, richly and tastefully trimmed with rose-With the utmost care Caroline guided her steps over the rough places and Then Stratford-upon-Ayon must be ex. stones, charting merrily with her all the with laughter and glee—a pleasant sound carefully prepared expressly for his bene- ter," he said, gallantly.

"What has come over the girl, I wonnever have troubled herself for a crying there among the green vines, and how companied by his fair companion.

sweet and tender she was to the little "Caro, your mother sent me to find you; she thinks it will soon be time for old familiar name for the first time since much surprise.

Her heart bounded with joy at the dence that they should have chosen Lord in every such place. "I was looking at the sunlight playing over the river yonder," she said, pointing

"It makes a pretty picture, truly," he fair, sweet face which had charmed him Kenneth willingly assented, and "Did you ever think, Kenneth, that our

life is like that crooked stream in some she said, thoughtfully. "I did not know that you were ever given to fits of moralizing, Caroline," Ken-

neth remarked, with a sudden pain, as he he knew he ought not to disregard the and vivacity. But her face had grown "I know that I used to be very thought. to them in any way. But to day Caro- She was well pleased with the restronger and better, he thought, while less and giddy," she returned, sadly, ad- line did not give him very much time sults of their excursion that day, and she was ever considerate and attentive to ding: "But I trust that I have gained for these vain speculations; she kept up was thinking it over in a happy kind bring himself to think upon the subject the wants of others, instead of wilfully in. somewhat in wisdom. I have at least dis- a bright and sparkling flow of conversa- of a way, when her attention was sudsisting upon her own pleasures as of old. covered one thing—that a selfish life is by tion, as if determined to make her denly attracted by a slight movement

neth asked, bitterly. She had succeeded thus far in keeping "Self-abnegation and kindness toward Kenneth thought she grew prettier Rising, she moved toward the direc-

day; and she was well pleased with her quired, thinking of the gentle Sister hollow look and dark circles about her bery, a man arranging a camp-chair "Perhaps," he mused, "if I should go success, and hoped for still greater con. Agnes, with her pale, patient face and sad, "No, I did not at first, and, in fact, happiness beamed once more from her near by, with her back toward her.

is comparatively new and strange to one, of Caroline, and manifest a little more there are somethings which one can never bright face. Her clear laugh rang out forget; but I am daily striving to conquer occasionally now, while often the gay He saw that tears were standing in her less Caroline of old gladdened all their

eyes as she concluded, and her emotion hearts once more, and made the grand touched him deeply. old halls cheerful and gay Did she still remember his fierce, scathing, angry words to her just before his Did she still love him as she had be- and gracious to servant and guest alike;

trayed so long ago, and was it this that she was thoughtful of the comfort of all she could never forget, but was striving to with whom she came in contact, and displayed a deep interest in the tenants. As he stood by her there in this soften. ed mood, which made her so gentle and the poor and sick upon her father's attractive, he began to realize that he had estate; and Kenneth marveled more and been very unkind and unjust to her, and a more at the change, while he could not feeling of shame and regret came over help noticing that his own restored fayor

him that he had been so harsh with her. had contributed not a little to her re-She had sought to save him, and he turning happiness. He had accused her of falsehood, and even forgery, when all had proved to be and animation every day. It could not

It was the first time he had expressed just as she had warned him that it would be otherwise, under the wise and judi-Truly he owed her some apology for his at Leamington Towers. unkindness and unjust suspicions. She seemed so true and womanly now

would come down to the children's party that he felt very guilty for what he had "It would be blessed to forget, I think. that you cannot forego the pleasure?" he said, almost tiercely, then added more for every evening, and though, accord asked the young man, with an amused gently: "But there are some things- ing to his desire, she studiously avoided some of my past acts toward yourself, bringing him in contact with any more When had Caroline ever before cared to Caro, that I am forced to remember with shame and regret; you know to what I

"I have promised them, and I do not refer. I have been guilty of great injus. yet her resources for his amusement tice to you; can you overlook it?" "Oh, Kenneth, and do you believe now Surely this conscientiousness was a that my only thought was to-to-" Caroline exclaimed, and then broke down gradually lose the look of pain about his with a sob.

"That your only thought was to save me? Yes, Caro, and I thank you heartily now for your efforts, and have only mysels to blame that I was not saved."

"I can see now that I did wrong about "Thank you," was all the satisfaction some things, but I was nearly crazed with any more please. I shall be happy if you

Caroline came tripping out, looking hap occurred to interrupt our friendship," pier and more attractive than he had Kenneth said, hastily, as he clasped her seen her since his return.

She wore a dark, closely fitting coshave been very kind to me since my rebright and beautiful to me before," believed that Caroline was all that

> and appeared so happy. She felt that she had thus been steadily

gaining an influence over him, and to-day feeling a new and deep interest in her

"Yes: I believe I am happier than I He was received at Leamington Towers about noon, spent half an hour eating the wild and thoughtless girl into a true used to be," she assented, gravely. by a high fence, this was falling to "I am glad, Caro, truly," Kenneth decay, and in many places had tum-

" Pecause you look so happy and free

thing look bright, it is said," he return-

He, too, was gaining in flesh, strength

Lady Durward kept him engaged in

It was hard work for her, but she

was more than repaid by seeing him

mouth, and the moody expression of his

eyes. His step had regained much of

its buoyant elasticity, and his old energy

To-day, as the two equestrians can-

tered through the streets of Leamington,

chatting so pleasantly and looking so

pedestrian turned to take a second look

As they approached the Priory they

moderated their pace somewhat, for a

long hill had to be ascended before

seemed boundless.

of manner was returning.

reaching their destination.

and flushed face upon Kenneth.

"Yes; I should judge so,'

"Why ?"

As they emerged from the ruins and returned, while a look of pain overcame out into the bright sunlight, Caro- shadowed his own face for a moment. line felt as if a new dawn had begun for Then, to turn the subject, he asked

rapture when Kenneth tucked her little great as it used to be?" hand within his arm and led her down "Yes; I will study by myself some structure even yet, while all around

And Kenneth? Somehow the world I suppose," she said, lightly.

did not feel quite so friendless and alone thought, and he would have given ened the horses at the entrance, and little distance from the castle, among worth Castle was for many weeks a as soon as they were uttered, for Caro- the beauties around them. line started violently, a burning flush "What a remantic place this is, suffused her face, and tears of pain stood | Caro, and what a charming view there in her eyes, which for an instant she is of 'the Towers' from this point.', raised to his with a startled, half re- Kenneth said, stopping all at once

effort to control the quiver in her voice; them. "I am only studying for my own amuse- They had come out into an open One day Caroline expressed a wish to ment and improvement, and-I-try space where they could look down visit the old Priory just beyond the village of Leamington, and Kenneth, not to think very much about the

future.' more and more every day since their What did she mean? little confidential talk at Kenilworth,

They had made several excursions Kenneth felt very uncomfortable. since, and Lady Durward always accom-He had unwittingly probed the old wound; but how gentle she was in her She was expecting company from

abroad, she said, and could not go; but Surely she must be gaining ground! he must regard her with very different feeling from what he used to! "I should be delighted Kenneth; I Park !" she cried, enthusiastically. enough to visit years ago before going asked, much pleased at her interest. Kenneth fell into the trap unsuspect-

"Indeed I would, more than I can ingly, and said they would go; but "Then we will go. I have been dreading to visit the old place, bewhich Kenneth, observing, hastened to cause I did not like to go alone. It seemed to be a lady and her driver. will be very lonely when I have to go "Perhaps, however, Caro would prethere to live," he concluded, soberly. fer to postpone the trip until you can "Will you have to go-very-soon?"

asked Caroline, drawing a long breath. on "Yes, as soon as-that is-I mean, make a very poor companion without her," was her modest reply, while a charming little flush overspread her face. "I think we can manage to get along

"Yes, indeed, it is; but it will need its shadow before? many improvements and repairs to make it what I would like to see it, to be a wilderness like this, if I do not "To prove that I am not, I shall Let me see-to-day is Tuesday. Could begin to look after it soon," Kenneth you go with me by the day after to said, as they wandered on through the of the trip," she retorted brightly; "and morrow?"

like to have you.' "Just the thing," assented Kenneth, "I would 'really like to have' how things are looking." you," he returned, smiling; "and so And so, just after lunch, they set off it is settled that we start Thursday light at his words. by themselves, very much to Lady Dur-"Now tell me where you think papa ward's delight, Kenneth mounted on a housekeeper as soon as we get home, count on her companionship wherever morning. I will drop a line to the her voice had the same sweet, clear rich- and excursions—now visiting some lovely and mama are, and we will go to find beautiful, high-spirited bay, while Caro- requesting her to inspect the con-

> not get hungry while we are there." "Really, my lord, you are on hos-She wore a dark-green habit, very Caroline, laughing.

his old home. He often wondered, as he passed They wandered about the grounds "Hullo, Mike, I hear yer on a through Leamington, in which portion for an hour or more, then went with- strike." "So I am. I struck for A little while after he came upon her of the town Madam Leicester and Nina in the ruins, where they spent another, fewer hours." "Did you succeed?" lived. He could not forget that Nina's looking into the small, dismantled "Indeed I did. I'm not working at letter had been mailed to him from this chapel, peeping into the gloomy de- all, now." he was taken sick, had all faded out, and be persuaded to join them in their excur. us to return," he said, calling her by the place, and that the fact had caused him serted cells, and searching for secret passages and rooms of torture, which It seemed to him a strange coinci- Caro laughingly maintained must be

sound, and she turned to him with a Durward's native town for their place They were at last glad to get out of the gloomy building, and then she He often found himself futively glanc- proposed that they should go home by if he should move again in the familiar forget the repugnance which he had al. to where the river wound in the sunlight ing at the windows of the houses which another road, which led down the hill like a silver ribbon through the green they passed; he had a secret longing, opposite from the way they had come yet dread, to look once more upon the up.

so; but he never saw it, for the little finding her a comfortable seat upon vine-clad cottage was situated at quite a the clump of a fallen tree, he told her to walk back to the enterance. He wondered, too, if Caroline, or any | Care gathered her riding habit of the family, knew of their vicinity, but about her and sat down to await his

he was too proud and sensitive to make return, humming snatches of a gay any inquiries upon the subject, or allude song to herself. mother's companionship missed as little just behind a clump of bushes not far away, and of the sound of voices.

and more attractive every day. She tion from which they came, and saw, eyes. Her color was coming back, and and some shawls, while a lady stood "Thank, you, William; you can go now wherever you like. I would like

repartee and witty retort of the care- to read here for an hour, and then we will return home." These were the words which Caroline heard from the lady, in a voice Yet she did not lose her newly-acquirthe sound of which gave her the ed gentleness of manner; she was kind queerest sensation that she ever experienced in her life. Surely she had

heard those tones before The man make his bow and went away, while his companion seated herself, and, taking her book from her pocket, began to read, Caroline was about turning away

also, thinking that the stranger must be the lady whom she and Kenneth had seen in the phaeton, when she suddenly laid down her book again, removed he hat and vail, and tossed it upon the grass at her feet.

cious treatment which he was receiving A she did so, she turned her face towards the young girl who was watching her, and who instantly ut-tere a cry of mingled surprise, anger, some pleasant employment from morning till night; she managed to have some entertaining book or game ready and dismay, and stood as if transfixed to the spot, ever particle of color gone out of her face, and trembling from head to foot from the discovery which she had made. company than was actually necessary,

A year ago she would have flown at him in anger for thus reminding her of a past which could not be otherwise than distressing and mortifiying, and he upbraided himself severely for his thoughfulness. Yet her words, tone and manner,

modest though they were, all told him that she still loved him, but without hope, else why this reluctance to encounter the future in one so young, and for whom the world was apparently so bright? This revelation unconsciously drew him nearer to her than ever before;

his sympathies were wrought upon,

and pity stirred his heart. Of course, he could not think of marrying again-at least, not for long "What a lovely day it is! I do not years, even if a decree of separation Caroline said, turning her bright eyes she appeared, and that she would make some man a true and noble wife. He looked down upon her admiringly, she certainly had made herself very he could not help it, she was so pretty, lovely and attractive to him during the last few weeks, and he could but "A light heart always makes every acknowledge that he was growing to feel a deep interest in her, and it pain-

"Do you think I have a light heart " future must be blighted on his ac-They rode on in silence new until To Churches of all Denominations they reached the top of the hill, and in the County of York, or elseentered the grounds which surrounded where. the old Priory.

ed him deeply to discover that her

bled to the earth, leaving large apertures and unsightly gaps.

Then, to turn the subject, he asked:
"Is your thirst for knowledge as also fast crumbling into ruin, but it was a veritable and romantic looking it there were shady walks, lovely "Still working for that high position, nooks, and delightful views from

every point. The words slipped out before he They dismounted and Kenneth fast She found herself by and by at some as he had done, and that day at Kenil- almost anything to have recalled them then together they began to explore

and his face lighting with the appre-"No," she said, sadly, making an ciation of the beautiful scenery around

over the long hill they had just its winding river, and away beyond Why should she dread to look into to where the familiar turreted strucin bold relief against the deep blue

"I think Leamington Towers is grand," she said, her face lightening with pride and love for her beautiful

"You like it better than London, then?" Kenneth asked. "Much better-I love the country, have always wanted to see Melrose and would prefer to make it my home always; but see, some one else is com-"Would you really enjoy it?" he ing up to the Priory," and she pointed down upon the hill.

> Midway they saw a little basket phaeton, drawn by two gray ponies, slowly ascending. The only occupants of the carriage "It looks as if we were to have company, truly," Kenneth answered,

> as by common consent they moved

Caroline was not pleased to feel that very soon," he returned, with some any one else should visit the Priory confusion; and she knew that he that day. She had wanted Kenneth meant as soon as the divorce case was all to herself, and was unwilling that his mind should be distracted by any-"It is a very lovely place. I have thing, and the day suddenly seemed been told," she said, to turn his atten- to lose half its brightness for her. Was it the coming event which cast

wild, unkempt grounds. Then he con-"Yes, indeed, if you would really tinued: "You and I must take a run Her heart gave a wild bound of de-

(To be continued.)

A Woman's Age. pitable thoughts quite intent," said A woman, it is said, is no older than she looks. Many woman, however, pointing in the direction from which she pearl buttons; a dark hat, with a long, example which has been set me since of those functional disorders which drooping, white feather, and white my return. Hospitality and delicacy wear upon the nerves and vitality, condition, and for purifying, enriching, of entertainment are virtues which I and which, if unchecked, are liable to The young nobleman little dreamed think are well taught by the Lady of change the most robust woman to a and vitalizing the blood. time; and their voices came ringing back that this very becoming outfit had been Leamington Towers and her daugh- weak, broken down invalid. Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" will Caro's face glowed with pleasure, positively cure every irregularity and She sat on her horse very easily and and it did him good to witness her weakness peculiar to the sex, and re Night Sweats, Weakness, and Nervousgracefully, and he experienced a sense happiness. He would not have be quires but a single trial to prove its by different physicians, but became so weak that I could not go up stairs without stopping to rest. My friends recommended me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which I did, and I am now as healthy and strong as ever.—Mrs. E. L. Williams, Alexandria, Minn. of exhilarating pleasure and pride as he lieved that she could have felt so surpassing merit. Price reduced to

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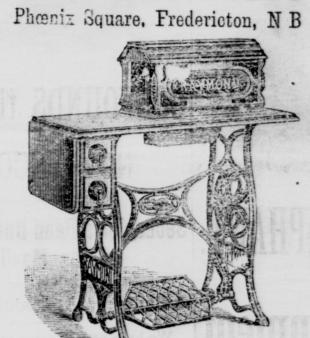
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