### The Aftermath.

The sad eyes of the girl standing at one of the windows of Mrs. Staunton's mansion were not, as they seemed to be, fixed on the last raging in the breast of the outfalling snow. Ethel Matherson's thoughts were far away. She was dreaming of the days before her father's death, when, in her distant former home, Col. Matherson's idol- talked. How handsome he was, ized only child, she had been so with his strong, noble face, his zealously guarded from life's sharp graceful, well-knit figure, and his Well-Known Citizens Testify to Great edges. But in the prime of life her father had been snatched from her gray hair. Poor Ethel! It had by death.

So little remained for her of her father's once large fortune, when all his debts had been paid and she had so signally failed in giving at the door. lessons in music and fancy work, despite her own proficiency in these arts, that this little had soon disappeared.

It was at this juncture that her wealthy cousin, Julia Staunton, widowed and childless, had dawned on her horizon as a possible helper with an offer of making her a companion. Ethel had gone to her with misgivings, for the letter in which the offer was made was far from cordial.

Her fears had not, it proved, been without cause, for she had been made a veritable drudge. Mrs. Staunton had been quick to seize upon her skill in lace-making and gaged in reading aloud or otherwise amusing her, Ethel was kept constantly busy with fancy work of the most delicate and intricate pattern. Thus it was that many a night, with aching heart and smart- the keys, striking mournful chords ing eyes, the girl had cried herself

On the afternoon on which we gained a brief respite due to the there was a tap at the door, and in response to Ethel's invitation to enter, a trim maid came in the suddenly and buried her face in her hands. a lamp with a rose tinted glow through the room. "Shall I draw the curtains, Miss

Ethel?" she asked with a kindly glance at the sad-faced girl. "Yes, Mary," Ethel replied, as she sank into a chair. "Mrs. Staunton has not returned yet?

she questioned. "No, Miss, but I think she will soon be here. 'Tis getting late."

The girl withdrew, closing the door after her. Presently Ethel heard a carriage stop in the street below, followed by the clang of the hall doors. She heard the rustle of her cousin's garments as that lady came up the stairs and to her

She entered with a smile which, when Ethel was the object on which her eyes rested, she was in so happy a mood that she even failed to note that her companion's hands were, for once, idle. "Such a delightful time as I have

had!" she cried, with vivacity. met him down town and we had a very pleasant lunch together-Maj. Horton, you know." "I am glad you enjoyed your trip, Cousin Julia," Ethel said.

quite marked, don't you think? Why, he has already been here young girl's dream of a lover. That

twice this week! I determined from the first to win that man, for, are the one on which that heart is will you believe, at the beginning set." of our acquaintance he actually seemed to avoid me. For some moments she was silent,

her eyes fixed meditatively on the "He has invited me to go driving

with him to-morrow and asked that you might accompany me. Your companion, I presume, will be that odious Mr. Thompson. By the way, Ethel, I wish you would leave off calling me 'Cousin Julia.' It might be better that the major did not know of our relationship."

"Old and ugly," it said. "Not to "Must I go?" Ethel asked, plead-

ingly. "It hurts me to take part in any gaiety. It seems disloyal to poor papa. Cannot some one go in The widow eyed her with dis-

pleasure.

'I do wish you would give up that sentimental nonsense," she declared. "It is only in books that such things occur. Major Horton has asked you on my account, as my companion, to go, and go you Her sharp eyes fell on Ethel's

"You have not finished the violets

on that scarf which you began yesterday, have you? How inconsiderate! You know I want it just as soon as you can possibly finish it. Pray get it at once. Ethel complied with a half ut-

tered sigh, and presently her cousin left her, with many instructions to hasten the scarf's completion.

of its predecessors. Ethel, with aching heart and weary eyes, cried pected your life was far from herself to sleep.

Mrs. Staunton, standing before rather of the joyous future" her mirror, surveyed herself with critical eyes. Every detail of her Ethel go into the music-room, rehandsome costume was dwelt upon. turned to her own boudoir. After

to her reflected self, "it is just the stole down, entering the drawing thing." She was so deep in room with one of her sweetest thought that she did not know she smiles on her lips. She stared spoke aloud. "Maj. Horton is ex- blankly for the room was empty. tremely fond of music. More than It was then, too, that she noticed once I have seen him moved to that the music had ceased. She tears by it. When he has arrived sank down weakly. Whatever did I will have Ethel go into the music it mean? room and play some of her most | Suddenly she rose and went to touching selections, in the midst of the door. Surely, issuing from the which I will go down,"

the mirror a knowing nod. "Well," she resumed, "music has Horton had finished speaking. done greater things than move a

Ethel, in her room, had let the having won for my wife the sweetlace she was making fall into her est woman the sun shines on." lap as, with clasped hands and far- To say that Mrs. Staunton was away gaze, she sat dreaming.

Yesterday had been the day of that lady's feelings. Suddenly she the driving expedition, and a some- rallied. For her own sake it would what amusing incident had taken not do to betray her astonishment, place at the very outset. On leav- so, with a bravery worthy of much ing the house Maj. Horton had commendation, she did congratulate asked Mrs. Staunton which seat them both. she preferred, and she, secure in Ethel, in her happy home, cherthe faith that he would drive, had istes no ill will toward her cousin. answered in all sweetness: "Oh nor do I think, even were she

took that beside Ethel. Little did he dream of the storm that was

wardly smiling widow. How Ethel had enjoyed the drive! How kind the major had been, and how interestingly he had finely-turned head, with its ironindeed been a red-letter day in her FROM BROAD HOM COPATHY calendar.

She was aroused from her reverie by the sound of her cousin's voice

"I wish you would go into the music room at once, Ethel," she said, hurriedly, "and play some of those, soft dreamy bits you were practicing yesterday."

Ethel was well pleased, for the one pleasure her dreary life afforded was that of keeping up her music. It was one of the few things on which she and Mrs. Staunton were of the same mind. She did not give a thought to her cousin's strange manner, but sitting down at the piano, did as she had

After a while her thoughts strayed away from the music her fingers were producing and she fell to embroidery, so that, when not en- dreaming of the halcyon days, the lungs. Price, 25 cents. when, in the dear old home, her father sitting near with book or paper, she had sung to him in the

Her fingers wandered slowly over here and there; then, without her volition, they strayed into one of the old songs her father had most found her at the window she had dearly loved. A wave of emotion to all women. swept over her, and the tears welled Munyon's Catarrh Remedies never fail.

> her life since those happy days The dear father gone! So little to enjoy at present, nothing to look forward to in the future.

She did not hear a step behind her, and it was not until a gentle hand was laid upon her bowed head that she started up and saw Maj. Horton, whose eyes, bright with tears, were bent upon her.
"My dear child," he said, taking

her hand and drawing her gently to him, "what is troubling you? There is something wrong, I am sure. have noticed your sadness before. Tell me, have I guessed aright that your life here is unhappy.?"
She stood at his side in silence, a

delicate flush upon her cheeks, the tears shining on her long lashes How kindly his brown eyes, and how strong his arm to lean upon! With a sudden movement she hid her face on his shoulder, the tears falling unrestraintedly, and

told him all—all the trouble, the unhappiness, the grieving for her dead father. "Ethel," he said, excitedly, "there is a home I know of which needs

a mistress to brighten it; a heart which has silently chosen one but "His attentions are becomming feared to make known its desire lest its owner fell too far short of a home and heart are mine, and you

She started back quickly and gazed at him in wonder. He released her hand and turned sadly R. "Forgive me," he said tremulous-

ly. "I see I have pained you. I was wrong to think one so young and fair could entertain a regard for one as old and ugly as I. Suddenly he started. A little hand was laid timidly upon his arm, and a sweet pathetic voice

He turned swiftly and gathered her into his arms, pressing a kiss on her lips.

"that I have almost worshipped you from the first. But it was the worship one gives to heroes. scarcely dared own it to myself, you seemed so far removed from me; so brave and strong." "And I, dearest," he responded,

"looked upon you as something to be admired only at a distance. Whenever I called here it was-let me whisper a secret to you-with a hope of seeing you. To-day, as I sat alone, I heard you begin to play, and it was almost more than I could do to restrain from stealing in and catching a glimpse of you. When you played that last sweet song I could restrain myself no longer, for it was one my dear sister used to play to me. Something I could not resist impelled me The day ended as had so many to go to you. I saw you crying, and knew that, as I had often sushappy. And now let us think no more of the cheerless past, but

Mrs. Staunton, after bidding "Yes" she suddenly announced what seemed a judicious wait she

music room she heard voices. With She paused, giving the image in swift steps she crossed the hall, entering the room just as Maj. He stepped forward, his arm en-

heart to make a declaration of circling Ethel. Congratulate me, dear Mrs. Staunton," he said, "on

stunned would but faintly express

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# her surprise, "that odious Mr. Thompson" took the seat beside the major with a bow

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