

Dark Hollow
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CHAPTER XVIII—Continued.

It had an overwhelming effect upon me. I had been very near death. Suicide must have ended the struggle in which I was engaged, had not this knowledge of actual and unpunished crime come to ease my conscience. John Scoville was worthy of death, and, being so, should receive the full reward of his deed. I need hesitate no longer.

would mean the discovery of my secret. And this fence was built. This should have been enough. But guilt has terrors unknown to innocence. One day I caught a small boy peering through an infinitesimal crack in the fence, and, remembering the window grilled with iron with which Bela had replaced the cheerful casement in my den of punishment, I realized how easily an opening might be made between the boards for the convenience of a curious eye anxious to penetrate the mystery of my seclusion.

is known, the whole page of my life defaced, content has come again. I am no longer a deceiver, my very worst is known.
"Oliver?"—This some minutes later. "Are we alone?"
"Quite alone, father. Mrs. Scoville is busy and Reuther—Reuther is in the room above. I can hear her light step overhead."
The judge was silent. He was gazing wistfully at the wall where hung the portrait of his young wife. He was no longer in his room, but in the cheery front parlor. This Deborah had insisted upon. There was, therefore, nothing to distract him from the contemplation I have mentioned.

worthy of it. I only ask that you will not let pride or any other evil passion stand in the way of the happiness I see in the future for you. I cannot take from you the shame of my crime and long deception, but spare me this final sorrow! There is nothing to part you from Reuther now alike unhappy in your parentage, you can start on equal terms, and love will do the rest. Say that you will marry her, Oliver, and let me see her smile before I die."
"Marry her? Oh, father, will such an angel marry me?"
"No, but such a woman might."
Oliver came near, and stooped over his father's bed.
"Father, if love and attention to my profession can make a success of the life you prize, they shall have their opportunity."
The father smiled. If it fell to others to remember him as he appeared in his mysterious prime, to Oliver it was given to recall him as he looked then with the light on his face and the



"This is My Story, Father."

The Common Salvation
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TEXT—The common salvation.—John 3.

Each word of this text is important. Let us think of them, taking the last one first.



1. Salvation.— We have space to mention only three things suggested by this word. Salvation means a saving from a sickness and restoration to health; for sin is a disease. A common biblical symbol of sin is leprosy, an incurable and loathsome disease. There is a similarity between this and sin. For instance; there are many so-called remedies for leprosy but none can be found to really stop its spread.

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