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Earl Pearson lived in the neighborhood near Edna's home.

They had been reared together, and had always played together, being the only child in each family. Since they had grown up they had become very much attached to each other, and for the last two years had been lovers, and were now engaged.

The next afternoon Earl and Edna went to the party. They had not been there long when Mr. Allen was introduced to them. He was attracted very much by the beauty of the girl, and led her off to a nice, quiet place behind a large fern.

When Earl had collected his thoughts he knew not what to think, as she had left without even excusing herself.

When he realized this his heart failed, for he almost knew the results.

Edna's mother was pleased when she saw that Allen had fallen in love with her daughter, like every mother Mrs. Marter wanted her daughter to be popular, she was overcome with happiness and in her joy took steps, that she sorely regretted afterwards. Many times did she look back and see her great mistake. She encouraged Edna in every way to like Allen. Edna loved Earl, and did not wish to give up his love for Allen's, but Allen was good looking and wealthy, these two gifts Earl did not possess, so Edna's affections were soon won by Allen.

One evening about six months after the party two young people were strolling along the cliff, they stopped, and took a seat under a large willow tree. Allen took Edna's hand and asked her to become his wife. He had pleaded all these six months; this evening he determined to win or give up.

Edna told him she was engaged to Earl Pearson, but he kept on, "I loved you the very first time I saw you," he said, "surely you cannot be so cruel as to break my heart." Their eyes met and they gazed at each other in the moonlight, there was a struggle in Edna's heart, at last her arms crept around Carl Allen's neck, and he stole one kiss from the promised lips.

Carl Allen owned a large residence in Philadelphia. It was there he took his young bride, he gave her everything heart could wish for. Edna enjoyed this life so much, she had never before had every thing she wanted. Soon she was taken into society, and was such a graceful dancer that Carl wanted to dance with no one else. She seemed to grow more beautiful as the months passed.

The following summer they went back to her old home. She saw Earl. He was made happy once again by seeing her so happy.

After spending a few quiet months at her old home, Edna was ready to go back to the city. She liked the gay life of balls, theatres, and receptions every night. One afternoon about two years after her marriage Edna was sitting in the dining room awaiting Carl's return. When she heard his step her heart burned with new light. She ran to meet him. After giving him a warm welcome, she led him into the dining-room, where a nice, hot supper was spread. She noticed a troubled look on his face, but not wanting to bother him tried to make it all the more cheerful. After supper she went around and took a seat on the arm of his chair. He was so worried that he merely kissed her and said, "Not tonight, little wife, I must go to bed at once." After he left the room she sat for hours in pure amazement. Nothing of this kind had ever happened before, but they had always spent the evening together in happiness. One evening about a month after Carl was reading a newspaper. Edna noticed his troubled look again and went over at once and tried to ask him his trouble. Tonight he took her arm from around his neck and left the room without saying a word. Edna burst into a flood of tears. Six months more had rolled by. One night about twelve o'clock Earl Pearson saw a man staggering down the street. He overtook him and found that it was Edna's husband drunk, so drunk he knew not where he was. Out of love Earl still held in his heart for Edna he carried her husband home where the wife had been waiting for hours. She started to welcome him, but when she saw him staggering in she was so astonished she almost fell. He was so drunk he struck her. She fainted and did not come to for an hour.

Carl was in business with a very wicked man and he had caused Carl to lose all of his property. He was so grieved over the loss he did not have courage enough to tell his little Edna, for he thought that that it would break her heart. At last nearly all his strength was gone, and this wicked man lead him into a bar room, at first he took a drink only to strengthen him, afterwards he cultivated a taste for it. Soon their home was sold and Allen had lost all of his property and his position, Edna went back to her old home, back to her mother to live. Mrs.

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Marter was now supporting both Edna and husband, soon all of her property was wasted by Carl's drink.

Mrs. Marter and Edna worked hard for a living. One evening as the mother was coming home from her work, tired and worn out, Earl Pearson saw her, he stopped her and drew a bill from his pocket, and gave it to her, she refused it, but he insisted, so she accepted it. It was here that she thought of the wrong she had done him by encouraging her daughter to marry Allen. She thanked him and passed on.

Earl saw that something must be done, after much searching he found a position for Allen, but did not let him know who did it. He wrote to Edna telling her of the position he had secured, and her lovely face brightened up once again. Allen did not care much about the position, but he knew he must do something.

He accepted the position for which he was well prepared as he had a good college education. He became private secretary for Mr. M. W. Chester. He had not been there long until his desire for wealth became so strong that he yielded to the temptation and took a large sum of money from his employer.

He was caught at once, and put on trial. His dear little wife ragged, heart broken, and worn out, went with him to trial and jail, and begged so hard for him, but there was nothing for Allen now but the cold bare prison.

On seeing Edna so grieved Earl got up a petition to free Allen, but no one would notice it.

Earl had become sheriff of the city, and was doing well in business. He had laid up quite a sum of money, for the last few years.

One night about eight o'clock Edna was

called to the bed side of her dying husband.

When she reached the prison the sheriff met her at the door and took her in, she could not look Earl in the face. As soon as she reached her husband she fell down across the bed and asked God to forgive him as she had done so many times before.

Allen did not know her. He died a hard death. Heartbroken his little wife turned to leave, in the door stood Earl who then saw her home and tried to comfort her, as he used to over her childish hurts, but Edna of old was not the same. Grief, trial and sorrow had changed the little laughing Edna to a beautiful woman, but her beauty was hidden by her old clothes, her grief and her sorrow.

One evening five years afterwards Edna of old with her face all aglow came down a shady lane, climbed up on the gate and waved her hand to someone in the distance. Soon Earl was seen, he ran up caught her in his arms and covered her face with kisses. As they stood there gazing at the sunset, Earl said, "Look, little wife, see those cliffs, ten years ago tonight I climbed them and waited for you, it was the night before the party at Mrs. O'Dell's, when my little girl was stolen from me? do you remember my Edna?" "Yes, Earl, I well remember." I have loved you all these years, Edna dear, as years rolled by I loved you all the more, these have been years of sorrow for us both."

The sun had gone down behind the trees, as they walked homeward, she said, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder, dear," for you know "True Love never ceases."

Moral, "Not all is gold that glitters."
"Student."