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legs crossed comfortably, his elbows resting on the velvet-cushioned armrests, his finger tips lightly touching each other, a slight smile on his face that was sarcastic enough to vex Cicely almost past endurance. Demarest always wore just that same grandly superior look whenever Cicely's friend Dorian and she were together, in Demarest's presence and as usual, tonight Cicely's eyes began to flash, for all she controlled her voice so admirably in the last duet she and Dorian sang. After she had said good-night, she went in from the piazza, whither she had accompanied Dorian, straight back rian adrift; he was not a man who would to the chair where Demarest sat. "Do you know I think you are just as mean-as you can be, Chauncy Demarest?" She was provoked, but was trying to show more anger than sht actually felt -a rather difficult thing for any woman to do where Chauncy Demarest was concerned, with his lazy, smiling, sarcastic eyes and handsome face that even Philip Dorian's betrothed wife admired and was influenced by as much as the rest of women. Demarest was conceited, as all handsome men are bound to be, but it was in such a charming, masterful way that it rather added to than detracted from his pupularity; and just now, never stirring from his lazy, comfortable position he looked boldly back into Cicely's half

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A strange confession of love but it suited her, and thrilled her to her very

soul, and all the rich color flickered and wavered in her face as she looked up at him

"I will tell you though, Chauncy, but Demarest sat back in his chair, his must marry Philip. It has been arranged so long, ever since that horrible day he saved my life when the yacht went down and not a soul escaped but but Phillip and L." Demarest's lips curled, in spite of the

pathos in her voice.

"He was a greater coward to make you pay for your life by giving it to him than if he had let you die. Oh, my darling, give him up for me, for me!" The passionate persuasion in his voice was inexpressibly sweet, and all the dollar.

smiling bonhomme of his face had given place now to intense eagerness. Cicely paled-she could not cut Lo-

all possible inquiries into the St. Lawsible, if anything could be saved from the wreck.

She agreed, and the letter was forwarded by the next mail, and two days afterward Cicely sent a message to Mr Demarest to come to her aunt's parlor at a certain time. of the marches have

And she handed him a letter, and stepped away while he read it.

A letter from Philip Dorian in which he requested his release from his engagement to her on one side of the sheet, and alone buring the hundred days which on the other, as if it were an after thought, a few curt words of reply to eighteen hundred and --- ! Another her question of the St. Lawrence-that the unlucky depositors would lose every

Poor Cicely! Demarcst looked at her, with a face

that was almost cruelly radiant-did she case of fever has been engendered, in

and that thousand feet is to last all rence bank failure, and ascertain, if pos- night, at least eight hours, except such scauty supplies as may be obtained of any fresh air that may insinuate itself through little crevices by 'door or window, not an eigth of an inch in thickness. But when it is known that in many cases a man and wife and infant sleep habitually in thousand feet rooms, it is no marvel that multitudes perish prematurely in cities; no wonder that infant children wilt away like flowers without water, and that five thousand of them are to die in the city of New York shall include the fifteenth of July, fact is suggestive, that among the fifty thousand persons who sleep nightly in tne lodging houses of London, expressly arranged on the improved principles of space and ventilation already referred to

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"Don't I? Well, I do then, most emphatically, and I repeat it-you are awfully mean."

His handsome mouth curved in mile. "I think you are cruel."

"I know you are engaged to that young cab, but, all the same, you are cruel to me, Cicely Vere, becaase you know I love you better than he does or

knows how." Cicely raised her eyebrows in expressive incredulity, the lovely eyes temptingly saucy in their mock gravity.

"Really, I hardly know what you mean, Mr. Demarest."

"No? don't you? I suppose if you translated that in plain English it would read thus-that you are a little astonish-

ed to find that after leading me on a desperate flirtation for six months, you discover I am in earnest about -as much as yourself."

How handsome and impudent he looked, and Cicely thought so as she laughed back at him.

"Well," she said saucily, "you certainly don't look as though you were suffering the pange of an unrequited affection."

He rose from the chair leisurly. "But I assure you I am. My heart is shriveled as hopelessly as a smoked mackerel-and there is nobody but your-

self to blame." He looked at her, the jesting tone, and words, and manner only hiding the in- transferred all my funds from the St. tense deeper feeling both of them knew Lawrence Bank to the Elberonda, and each experienced.

be jilted by a woman. Their engagement was of four years'

that same day, that his business affairs were in a state that warranted him in begging her to name an early day for their wedding.

He was not a grandly imperious man with a woman he loved, as Demarest was, but he was slow, persistent, almost dogged in his unwearied determination to accomplish what he purposed-and for four years he had purposed to marry Cicely Vere, the charming yonug girl whom he had rescued from drowning when the Wild Rose went down. And he wanted her for his wife, because she

was a woman to be proud of, because she was lovely to look at, because she was rich.

And Chauncy Demarest knew all this, knew that in her gratitude Cicely Vere would wreck her earthly bappiness and his own; knew that she did know, or at least suspected, that Dorian would never have begged Miss Vere to bestow the life he had saved for her if she had been -well one of the chamber maids whom nobody tried to save in that awful mo-

ment. A day or so after that conversation between Demarest and Cicely, Mr Dorian went away from the hotel, back to his office in Wall Street, where he would coin money when once he had his wife's capital to start on, and then Demarest and Cicely ceased their devotion to each other, for they were too honorable to take advantage of their opportunities.

Once Demarest had said to her he would never give her up, and she had been confused, and startled, and dismayed, and told him she would marry the man she promised to marry, unless he gave her up of his own free will and accord.

"Which is remarkably likely any man in his senses would do," Demarest answered hotly.

But they aid not very often speak of it; and one day Cicely went to him as he stood looking moodily out on the flashing waves and told him something. "I want to be congratulated, Chauncy. What a narrow escape I have had, only think, last week my guardian yesterday the St. Lawrence bursted. gists.

really care for him? "If you onlp will let me be thankful,"

improve the teachings of this article he said humbly, as he followed her to without an hour's delay. duration, and Dorian had told her, only the window and made her turn her face

toward him. "Cicely, you surely are not so grieved as this? You have been crying."

"Crying! I should think so. Oh, Chauney. I never was so mortified in my life ! I believe I just hate him ! Then he laughed, so joyously.

"Of course you do-but I love him Cicely. Now because you are so angry and mortified, you know, it will be very proper for me to administer a punishment he will never forget, or get over. And I will do it Cicely if you only say

80." "Punish him? I dont see how you can."

"But I do," he answered, taking her hands captive, and looking at her in a way that brought the rose to her checks. "Do you?" she asked hesitatingly,

'How ?" "By marrying you, my darling. May

And since he took her close against his heart the moment after, it is to be supposed that Cicely consented to Dorian's punishment, and when a few weeks afterward Mrs. Chauncy Demarcst, in her husband's elegant carriage, passed him on the street, you would have said, if you had seen his face, that he was most successfully punished.

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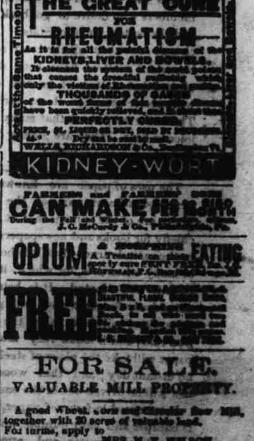
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