brother; I am sure I am not.-You surely forget that, for aught we know, she may be of humble birth and doubtful parentage."

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"Yes, but she may be of a noble family," responded Mrs. Maitland. "She surely has gentle blood in her veins. The chain and cup, found with her, are beau--tifully wrought, and show that to whatever extremities her family might have been reduced, they were once not wholly unused to the decorations of wealth. I have fears as to her influence over Marcus. I well remember how eloquently he used to plead her cause. But we must try to counteract her influence, although, were she of unclouded birth, she would be a fit companion for a prince."

With a haughty curl of her proud lip, Miss Maitland replied :

"I am sure that Marcus has too much of the Maitland blood in him to think of such a thing ; but if he should, I know Papa would Survey disown him, and as for usery on us and

between daughte

In th joining room, Aunt house of affection; the friendship Drucilla had been waiting someof man may allevate for a time time for her darling, who had been the bitterness of woman; but the off "alone, with busy memories," angel voice of a woman is capaattempting to become composed ble of producing a lasting effect before she trusted herself to conon the heart, and communicates a verse, lest the emotions of her sensation of delicious composure, heart might be discovered. which the mind has never before "That's right, Sybil; now, that experienced, in the moments of blue silk is proper becoming; its highest felicity. you always did look sweet in that," remarked Aunt Drucilla, as A woman has no natural gift she entered. "Now, child, you more bewitching than a sweet hold up your head and don't be laugh. It is like the sound on bashful. I want you to look as the water. It leaps from her in well as any one, to-night, when a clear, sparkling rill, and the Marcus comes. Deport yourself heart hears it feels as if bathed in a becoming manuer, but do not in the cool, exhilarating spring. be too reserved. In short, be Have you ever pursued an unseen vourself, do not try to act a false fugitive through the trees, led on part, or try to appear what you by a fairy laugh, now here, now really are not. I tell you, men there, now lost, now found? We are not fools when in search of have; and we are pursuing that wives. Mincing walks, finical wandering voice to this day .-words, and affected smiles, never Sometimes it comes us in the vet won a sensible man, and girls midst of care, or sorrow, or irkhad much better act naturally, some business, and then we turn and let their lovers see them just away and listen, and hear it ringas they are. Beauty without sol- ing in the room like a silver bell, id sense, energy and self depen- with power to scare away the dence, is like a pretty flower evil spirits of mind. How much without fragrance, and men are we owe to that sweet laugh ! It not slow to see the deficiency; so turns prose to poetry; it flings do not rely on your beauty alone, flowers to sunshine over the with such a man as Marcus Mait- darkness of the wood in which hand; but converse freely with we are travelling; touches with him; display your own virtues light even our sleep, which is so and you will make an eligible no more than the image of death, match, at last." but is consumed with dreams " Oh, Aunt, I hope you do not that are the shadows of immorthink I am trying to make a con- | tality.

quest of his heart," sighed Sybil, whose delicacy was pained, at any one thinking her so designing.

" Of course, I do not think you will, intentionally, make such endeavors-that is just what I was cautioning you against, but of this I am assured, that you will just as surely be Marcus Maitland's wife, as you both live," replied the solid woman of sense. "Indeed, dear Aunt, I think you are a false prophetess, for I am equally sure, I never will be. Marcus would seorn the idea of such an alliance, and his family would never, never consent," responded Sybil.

But, notwithstanding the firm declaration, there 'rose up before her imagination, the many little acts of kindness, the many gentle words, and the constant defference to her wishes, bestowed by the handsome boy, to his "Aunt's moonlight foundling," as he used playfully to call her.

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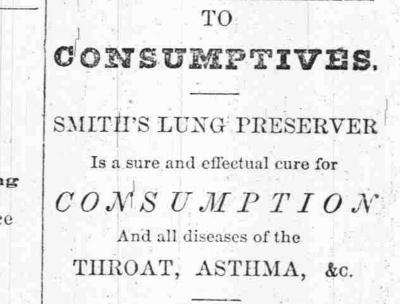
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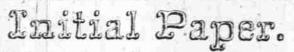
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