



THE FLOWER OF GALA WATER. A LOVE STORY.

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CHAPTER IV.

"You might go on as your father did." "No, he had a son, or at least, he thought he had one. I know I have none. Besides, I cannot marry Miss Mowbray in a character which may not be mine."

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"What will you do then?" "I must see my brother. Though he wished to let his son right slip, he may now have sons and daughters, whose rights he will feel bound to consider. I must see him, though I go to Texas to do so. Have you any more certain address?"

When all duties were performed he left at once for Galahadist. But it was after midnight when he arrived. He had thought of nothing but Katherine on his journey, yet he could make no definite plan for an interview with her. Finally he resolved to go to Doctor Telfair. It might be that he could induce a consultation of him. He was beginning to feel the weight of his disappointment and the uncertainty of his position very much. He crossed some paths, he wanted some person to say to him: "You are doing right."

"I will go and see Katherine," he said. "I will tell her everything, and she will wait until I have found my

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she answered, "and death being foreseen" for the time being. Let me hear this story."

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