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wheels in towards pider films of inspecs. And they walked up the generade—that strange group — as should nothing had happened to may the sushing careless words in the thousand and one items of small-talk, no mighty arthquake, no fearful fire from heaven to change the face of nature, because two souls were struggling between pide and love.

Beatrice was waiting for her sister. She was standing on the plazza talking with dregory Bensonhurst, and her was the old stern expression up her face as when first Alecia make known to her the failure of her pleading with Palmer Earle's counsel. A strangely hard look to be upon the face of a girl, scorn and pride and indignation burning within. She was not smilling as Beatrice usually did mile for the man beside her. Hereys were lifted to his, and she was seeaking very slowly and with evicent effort, as though the topic of their conversation were some cruel thing, hard to comprehend.

She recognized instantly her sister's companions, but gave no sign, standing perfectly still and proud and calm, with her immovable face turned to Geory Bensonhurst, and her slender gure erect and graceful.

"Beatrice," said Alecia, pausing beside her, while the others passed on to the dining-room, "are you ready, over."

to the dining-room, "are you ready,"
"Yes." said Beatrice, quletly. "But he me warn you. Alecia, that you will meet in there the man whom I hope you hate as carnestly as I. Palmer Laric came over in the Banjo with Mr. Priestly this afternoon. He came to see his beloved counsel, on some business, of course, and took the opportunity of an outing. I sincerely perer that the Banjo, with her usual intelligence, did not sink, knowing that he was sailing in her."
"Well." said Alecia, indifferently. "I shall not let Mr. Earle or his counsal affect my happiness, Bee, nor my sal affect my happiness, Bee, nor my

"Stati not let Mr. Earle or his coun-sel affect my happiness, Bee, nor my regetite. Let us go in."
"But there is more that I have harned" said Beatrice, intensely, her eyes upon her sister's calm face. "I think that you know it already Alecia.

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Mr. Bensonhurst told me. They shall learn it too, presently."

"What do yop mean, Bee?" There yes an earnest gravity in Alecia's tode that betrayed her fear.

"Never mind," said Beatrice, slowly and very distinctly. "I shall have the Pleasure of speaking the truth for spec, Mrs. Graham, as I have so long learned, build, I not sail to a fearer the oped. Did I not tell you if ever the ime came I would tell John Winarop the truth? You shall not pre-ent me in this, Alecia. Mr. Benson-arst is a man as well as this grand mogul counsel, and he does not tell e I am unjust."

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If think." Gregory Bensonhurst aid, gravely, "that it may do John Winthrop good to hear the truth from liss Beatrice's point of view, Mrs. Iraham. He is a thoroughly bonorable man, but he overstrains his code tustice sometimes forging that his stice sometimes, fearing that his shall make him weak. I have ad to know him pretty well dur-

mer quivering mouth. "There can be not true nobility where there is no heart."

"Then you shall prove him, Bee." said Alecia, quietly, slipping one hand sofily within her sister's arm. "They will believe that we fear to face them unless we go in at once."

"They shall shortly learn that I do het." said Beatrice, as she turned with her sister and friend and entered the room.

And that evening, with her usual langetuosity, Beatrice Field, alerf for an opportunity to face Palmer Earle and his counsel with her truth, eams upon them in apparent unconsciousness as they loitered on the pler with their rigars before joining the lades on the plazza.

Beatrice had been promenading with Grigory Bensonhurst, but giving him on chance of uttering the words so hear his heart, too much excited by the truth made known to her that cooling, and as she saw that, the two hear were about returning to the hotel she slipped her hand from her compation's arm and walked deliberately down the plank to meet them.

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mor much to say to you, and you will pardon me if I detain you for a moment.

"Three years ago," she said, her eyes meeting levelly now the cold eyes of I almer Earle, now the answering flashing eyes of his counsel, "my sister, Mrs. Graham, went to you to plead for leulency toward her husband. You, Mr. Earle, with your conscience tou shed by her words, suggested, that some concession be made. But your counsel," how her eyes scouned the tall, commanding man, with his haughty face never flinching from her gaze, "deemed it but a foolish prompting of heart wearness! He ish prompting of heart weakness! He would press to the utmost the man touched by misfortune, never by dic-

honor?"

Very low and steady her voice, but how it cut the soft airs floating in from the quet sea? With one slim hand she seemed to push aside any detaining thought, and continued her

now it cut the soft airs floating in from the quet sea? With one slim hand she seemed to push aside any detaining thought, and continued her denunciation.

"Mr. Winthrop judged—so he said—from his standpoint of justice and honor! Wait! Was it honorable—was it manilike—I do not ask if it were kind, for the heart is to have nothing to do with this—but was it simplest justice that the man holding the claim of money against this other man should turn a deaf ear to the yielding of even an inch in his arrogance and pride? Does that man who was so immorable that day—I speak to you, Mr. Earle!—never think of how he wanted in justice to the man who placed his own life in the balance to save yours? Oh, you start, do you, and wonder how I. a woman, can set myself in judgment against you! I have waited very patiently for this moment to couce, when I might fa.e. you both with the truth of your action that day! The world justified your course, and claimed that you demanded but your rights! What would that same world say should it discover, as I have discovered, the nobility of the man you pushed down to list death?

"Pardon me," said Palmer Earle. coldly, "but you do not look at this matter in its true light, Miss Field! One could scarcely expect that you would, however, as you are Mrs. Graham's sister."

"What could a woman like yourself know of business claims?" added John Winthrop.

"Oh, yee!" cried Beatrice, in her bitterly distinct undertone, that swift gesture of the sweeping hand. "That is what you say, in your own ignorance! Listen to me but for one moment and then judge, not from a woman's standpoint, but as menboth of you! Do you not know, Mr. Earle, in this great justice of yours, that but for my sister's husband and his great nobility of soul you would not stand here facing me to-night? Do you not know—or were you too occupied with your weighing of business balances—to discover who it was saved you from the water that night when your yacht went to pieces out there?"

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when your yacht went to pieces out there?"

Her passionate hand touched for one instant the direction of the point where the struggle occurred.

"You offered a reward for the man who acted so nobly that night, but could discover nothing definite enough to satisfy you in placing the reward, and so you let ally the bravery that still places you among men to sit in judgment on them! Only a man as noble and proud as Harold Graham would have withheld the knowledge that might have given him claim upon your leniency! But would he accept it from the hand that would so carelessly and arrogantly push him down? No?"

She laughed shortly and scornfully

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David Bucklin and Sampel J. Smith, who were arrested in the raids, were held in \$1,000 for examination. Thomas McGibney, who was arrested at Burbridge's house, was discharged.

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Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The official returns in the late election have been compiled by the Secretary of State and ahow a total vote of 190,14e. This is a falling off of over 40 per cent. as compared with the vote of 1900 and of over 12 per cent, as compared with the preceding official year. The vote is as follows: Frazier, 98,954; Campbell, 59,002; Cheves, 2,103. This is a majority for Frazier, Democrat, of 37,759.

Cigermakers Return to Work.
Hayana, By Cable.—All possibility of another general strike has ended, as the cigar makers have voted to return to work and the factories were running as usual today. The detachment of artillery from Fort Cabanas, which has been guarding the public buildings in this city since the outbreak of the strike, was ordered back to barrancks. The police have reported to the suthorities that anarchists from Barcelona, Spain, are in Havana and are supposed to have been in coffusion with the Socialistic element during the strike. The authirities are conducting an investigation with a view to the arrest and deportation of these anarchists.

Iren People Get Together.

Detroit, Special.—One of the biggest deals ever made in the State of Michigan was consummated in the office of W. C. McMillan here today, when 17 of the leading malleable iron concerns in the United States signed an agreement to form a big company with capital from \$16,000,000 to \$20,000,000. Nearly 20 firms, including the Ross-Mehain Foundry Company, of Chattanooga, are in the combination.

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