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(Continued from last week.) CHAPTER X

"No, sir," she said, calmly; "but words and professions are mere sentences written in sand—the first wave washes them out. I would not have gold, as I live, sir, except as the minister of my good purposes, the slave on which I could set my heel, 2,551,216.93 unless it serve me to lay up treasure in heaven. And should you be ill, dear uncle, I trust you will find no 225,000.00 disposition in me to shrink from my

> "There it is again,"he knurmured, as he got up, and walked to and fro. "Profit—loss—gain. Give me my candle; I must go to bed—I feel very weary and tired."

"No," he replied.

"I shall wait for Helen, sir, and if you want anything, just rap on the floor, or call, and I will come up instantly."

"Go to bed—go to bed, child,"he said, in his old, rough way, as he his room.

CHAPTER XI

May listened, and heard Mr. Still-Surplus, inghast moving to and fro in his \$200,000 room with slow and regular foot-steps for a while, then all was silent, \$195,000 bed. Still waiting for Helen, she

recited the resary for his conversion. She knew that all things are possible with Almighty God, and that dear to him, and precious in his sight, is the conversion of simpers. She also knew that Jesus Christ ever turns a propitious ear to the interession of his Immaculate Mother, and it was George Ellwanger with tender confidence, and earnest Cyrus F. Payne faith, that she implored her to obtain James E. Booth from her Divine Son the conversion Alexander M. Lindsay of her uncle. At last a carriage Rufus K. Dryer stopped, and May heard Helen's voice at the door conversing gayly with Walter Jerrold. She wrapped her shawl about her, and went out to admit her. She sprang into the hall, singing wild thrills from Lucia de Lammermoor, and without stopping, flew to her harp, and ran her fingers over the string, preluding

"Oh, May, you should have been there—the most divineopera! Sontag sung like an angel."

"Dear Helen," said May, inter-rupting her, and laying her hand on her arm, "don't! you will disturb Uncle Stillinghast;he is not well."

"You don't say so!" exclaimed Helen, turning her face towards her, while a gleam of almost ferocious pleasure shone in her eyes. "Oh, you don't say so! Is he very sick?" "A slight cold, I believe; at any

rate, do not let us disturb him,"said May, surprised and shocked at her evident pleasure.

"What nonsense!" oried Helen. until you and I are both dead, May. He's as tough as gutta percha. But, pop off suddenly, and leave us his monev!" "Do not say us, Helen. I expect

nothing, and desire nothing. somely provided for.' "I know it; I know it. I have

read the will!"exulted Helen. "Read the will, Helen! How? When?"

"Oh, I did not mean that exactly," said Helen, much confused; "you really take me up so quick, that it is terrible. I should have said that Walter told me something of the old man's intentions."

"May it be blessed to you, Helen, come when it will; but while he lives let his generous intentions in your favor purchase at least your respect,' said May, in a tone of bitter reproof, for at the moment she recollected Helen's threat some weeks before to get into her uncle's chamber. if possible, and she feared that she had accomplished her object at the expense of all that was honorable in feeling, and just in principle.

"May, you won't say anythingabout—about what I just blundered out concerning the "said Helen, confused and stammering.

"No, Helen; I have nothing to say. It was natural, though not delicate, for Mr. Jerrold to impart such information to you. No doubt he thought it would enchance your happiness,"said May, settling herself in her uncle's chair.

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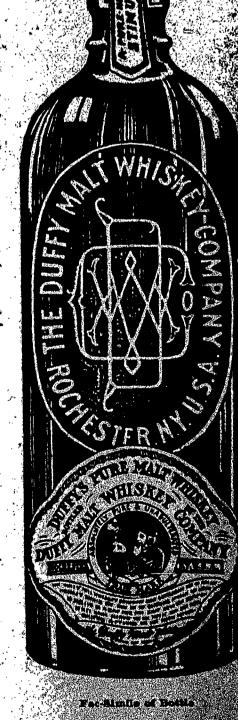
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