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THE ALTERED CHECK.

BY MARY HEWINS BURNHAM.

CHAPTER I. The carriage of Madame Clarice Spencer whirled into the long maple avenue that led to the beautiful home of that proud dame.

Quick to be won by gentleness and affection, she was a person who under circumstances could be an avenging fiend.

"Oh, Madame, how strangely I have misunderstood you; how deeply I have wronged you!" spoke Granville Dunbar.

"The girl was not more than eighteen, and the strong resemblance she bore to the listener behind the shrubbery, the rich robe that fell about her, and the diamonds that glistened in her ears.

"Very true," replied Dunbar, "but it would take fully a third of the money you have so generously furnished.

"Mr. Dunbar," rejoined Madame Spencer, "I may at once add a bit to the original sum, and at once place you beyond the perplexity of doing without these things.

"That sum is sufficient, dear Madame," interrupted Dunbar, "you will need your ready money. Edith will see a thousand things in Europe that she should have. The darling! She ought to be a duchess."

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Clarice proposed their getting away to Rome immediately. But her daughter said: "Never. I shall never leave this hotel but for my grave."

"And completely unstrung by the mother's manner and looks, the unhappy mother burst into a torrent of tears beseeching her child to leave such gloomy thoughts, to come with her to change of scene, forgetting one so utterly unworthy of her love as this man had shown himself, to live for the mother who loved her better than all the world besides."

"At the instance of Dr. Cray, the French maid, Hortense, was superseded by a very quiet-looking English nurse, whose smooth gray hair and close cap, grave manners and dress, seemed to Madame Spencer's jealous eyes, but to increase the sombre surroundings of the sick girl."

Edith, however, took a fancy to this nurse who certainly showed great sympathy for her charge—since, on several occasions, Clarice found Edith weeping on the nurse's breast—while the third attendant evinced almost as much emotion as her patient."

But now Madame Spencer began show symptoms of illness herself. There was a haggard look that spoke of bodily suffering, as well as mental uneasiness. Finally she consulted the physician—she believed her mind was giving way—night after night she had been awakened, to see standing beside her bed a young man she knew to be in America. She knew he was awake—she knew it was an object created by her imagination."

Therefore she was becoming unaccountably alarmed at the condition her hitherto strong mind must be in—and the doctor prescribed soothing draughts. But all in vain. Hortense was startled by her screaming mistress in the dead hour of night, and added to the terror of Madame Spencer by swearing she saw a cloud of vapors like smoke roll from the door leading to Mademoiselle Edith's apartments. It was late the next day before the victim of these midnight visitations was sufficiently composed to appear before her daughter, and when she did, she found Edith ghastly, as shrouded in white, she reclined upon the newly bed, was draped with heavy lace curtains. Her small arms were over her golden head, and the beautiful