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## Pure In Heart.

## CHAPTER III

- Doris, you ssy 1 have taught meany things since you came have I taught you how to love?" A consciousness, new-born and errible to see in its intensity, filled he girl's eyes, as for one instant hey met his; then, wrenching her hand from his clasp, she covered crouched low in the Uuheeded the blue sky above them and the dimpling waters about them, glistening in the morn ing light, while the forgotten lilies at their feet lay drooping silently.
"Darling, speak to me," said Mr. Hunter at last. in a voice deep with |tenderness.
"Hush!" burst from Doris's pale lips, dropping her hands and show 'Have vou forgotten, Mr. Hunter that vou are a married man
"God forgive me! yes." answered he, starting back as though some With close preseed lips and sav-

Hunter rowed swiftly to
the shore, and, springing out of the
b aat, held out his hand to Doris.
As her cold hand once more lav in
treacherous bloot flow to each face,
With a sudden movement he bent
and kissed her. whispering hoase-
*Furgive me, Doris, and good
Trembling and silent she
$h$ ard his fontstepe die away in the listance; then, gathering up the neglected lilies, she walked slowly
toward the cottage. In the silence of her own chamber every word and look was lived over and over again; and to the quastion, "Have I taught lou how to love?" her pure heart. through an agouv of humiliation. made answer, "Eiven so."
In the crowded smok."
eastern bound train Lee Hunter sat gnawing savagelv at the end of lan unlit cigar. Holding a news. | paper close to his face to prevent fany chance recognition, he thought over the occurrences of the past few |hours. "I never realized before," he muttered to himself, "how easy it was for a moderately good man to become a scoundrel
Three years later, one cold day in November, Doris Shirley stepped from her uncle's carriage and passed into one of the crowded emporiMany changes oad come to her since her residence in New York, Surrounded by every finxury that wealth could supply. tenderly beloved by her indulgent uncle, who sought in every way to atone for the neglect of the past yars, Doris had developed intor a efined and lovely woman. The girlish figure had grown full and round in its proportions, and the fl wer like face was even more daintily beautiful than before
Swift as her dainty feet had crossed the pavement, a gentleman, who was sauntering leisurely past he store at the tinie, had ample pportunitv to scan the beautiful fuce and form. With a muttered
-xclamation, he turned and gazed ifter her as she vanished. Pausing before one of the great shop winlows, he seemed apparently entrossed in the magnificent displav of costly fabries within, but a close m-erver could not but note the on that passed out of the store

Presently his patience was reward ed, and his quick eye saw Doris glide swiftlv past him to the wait ing carriage. As she paused for the coachman to open the door, the gentleman hastened toward her and lifting his hat, said: "Miss Shirley, is it indeed you?"
With rather a haughty turn o he head Boris looked coldly and inquiringly at the speaker; then. with a slow, sweet smile of recogni tion, she said. in a low voice utterlv free from tmotion, save a well-bred surprise: "Mr. Hunter, is it possi "Really and truly possible, DorMiss Shirley," answered he, an al most boyish ring of gladness in his oice. "I need hardlv tell you how ell you are looking." he continued is eves paving her compliments
"Thank vou, I am quite well al ways," said Doris, with a little laugh.
"And happs?" asked he, more eagerly than he knew

Perfectly," answered she, giving him a glance eo cold and stern that the warm light in his own eyes fad d. and be winced perceptibly "I beg vour pardon," he added nickly. Then, as she turned to"May I not call?" he asked. "I hall lie in New York for a few days, and I would be so pleased to meet The corners of Doris's mouth fwitched slightly as, handing him ensent, she silently bowed her mission, Hunter ing her for the perturning, walked swiftly awav, while Doris speaking a little sharply to hie waiting coachman the one word "Home," stepped into the carriage and was soon out of sight.
Back and f. rth over the veivet Doris Shirley paced swiftly with clenched hands and fluched cheeks. Catching a glimpse of herself in the long mirror, she pansed hefore it, flection, muttered hitterly: "Ohl flection, montered bitterly: "Oh! and cower before that man's touch?
and is it nossible that beneath the ashes of a dead fire there still amoulders a live ember? Why did give him permission to call? Can Fiear it? Yes, coward that I am, I will yet sha'ne my own weakness,' and Doris bowed her face in her rands and wept.
"Was there ever a face more fair and sweet?" soliloquized Hunter, as slowly sauntering along he Doris. "How coldly the little darling looked at me; and no wonder; what a brute I must have seemed in those old davs, yet was man ever more tempted than 1? We!l. they say that all thjings come to those who wait, and Heaven knows I've waited long ennugh," and he smiled l.ee Hunter stood in the drawing room of Marlow Shirley's Fifth A renue mansion, impatiently waitIng for Doris to appear. As her light footstens and the rustle of her volet scented draperies sounded close beside him, he turned toward her with his face all aglow, while passionate words rose to his lips. But something in the face of the regal looking woman betore him checked his impetuosity and told him, more plainly than words, that this was not the child Doris, but a woman, strong in her pride and purity; 80, with only a commonplace greeting, he sank down into a chair.

