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## CHAPTER III.

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He turned back, aggravated and disappointed, and made his way to the house. His head burned and throbbed, and a strange feeling filled his heart; he had never felt so before, or looked so either; for the little servant girl, chancing to meet him in the zard, shrieked and ran out of his way. He was a desperate man-almost a dangerou one-Guy Hilliard, the good-natured, quiet, well-disposed school-
master. Truly, jealousy is as master. Truly, jealousy is as
strong.as death, as cruel as the grave.
iolet looked up quietiy from the little frock she was embroideriug, he entered
You are early this evening "ar," she said, pleasantly.
He made her no answer. Her gentleness seemed to increase his warmth; she was so artful, so cunning and treacherous-and he had loved and trusted her so.

Violet," he said, hoarsely, throw ing binseif on a chair, "you see 'I amalmost insane. I cannot bear this su-pente any longer- t will demand an explanation. I saw that man leaving the house again a f $\mathrm{f}=\mathrm{w}$ m nutes ago-and he has been here for hours. Viwiet, I want to know what it means?"
She beat lower over her work, but made no answer.
"Violet," he went on, his agitation increasing at a fearful rate, "I cannot live with you if you persist in keoring this secret from me. My wife must have no ekeletons in her el set I have borue it as long as
I can-as long as I will. I command you now to tell meall, to make everything clear, or from
henceforth our lives are divid
heneeforth our lives are divided."
Violet was yery pale and her fingers trembled nervously as she stitched away at her embroidery still, that little, dancing mischier ous sparkle lit her eyes.
"Violet, will you explain?" urged | her excited husband
"No, sir; 1 have no explanations to make."
He oose to his feet, white and Istern. "Then you are no wife of mine. I east you off-wash my hands of you. You can go back to your father, and tell him that you have blighted and blasted my life, and broken my heart."
She rose, also, and gathered up her babe. "I will go, Guy," she said, quietly.
He stood still where she left him, listening to her light footsteps ascending the stairs. Was he awake -in his senses? was it a reality? ,Was she leaving him-his Violetthe mother of his babe-the only woman he bad ever loved? He was on the point of rushing after her and implaring her forgiveness: but that stinging pain came back to his heart and held him back At that instant, he heald her voice ealling softlv from the head of the stairs.
"Guy, Guy, will you come up bere, please? I want you a moment." He went up. She met him in the parsage. "Bear with me Guy." |she said humbly. "I will go directly; but I have something to show von first."
She led the way to a small room just leyond their chamber, the same little sparkle burning in her
eyes. Guy followed with a fierce, sprung the news upon, and pursuad impatient stride. She threw open ed her that she ought not to marry the door, and there, supported As though the trance would make against the wall, was a purtrait of any difference to me!"
herself, with the babe in her arms, "Perbaps it ought to." I said as large as life. Her golden hair "one has to be careful. My friend, fell back from her smonth brow in Dr. Dallinger, would tell you exactshining ringlets, and her azure ly what importance you have to at robe, sweeping off from the should- tach to this announcement."
ers in clouns of misty lace, fell to "I shall marry Dessie, whateve the floor in gorgeous folds. Never he says. But perhaps he way help was anvthing so perfect o- so love- me remnye her scruples," said Sir And the babe, a mass of white $\mid$ Tom; and we walked over to the embroidery, with a round, dimpled, |great brain specialist's together. laughing face, and chubby hands Dallinger's report, to my great peeping out. Guy stared at the relief, was very satisfactory. He beautiful creation in utter astonish- said that the abnormal state of the ment; then forgetting his wrath, his jealousy, everything in his joy he exclaimed:
'On, Violet! where did you get it? It is yourself over again, and the loveliest thing I ever anw."
"Today is your birthday, Guy,"
she replied, softly "and that is my present. I heard you say once that
you would sooner have a portrait
of me and babv than anything else in the world; ao I coaxed the money out of father, and engaged an artist to paint it secretly, that I might give you a surprise. But he had to work hard to get it done againet to-

Poor Guv! the truth flashed him like lightning. That was the s-cret; he had seen the artist going and coming. and had doubted his wife while she was working to please and gratify him. His face turned all manner of colors, and he stond in silence looking heartily ashained of himself.

I am done now, Guy," Violet said, the mischievious dimples deepening about her pretty mouth;

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"Oh, Violet!" he burst out, "forgive me-forgive me; I have been a great fool, I know-but forgive me, Violet.
Holding
Holding her babe with one arm, she put the other round his brosd shoulders and drew him close to her side. He bent his head to kiss her; but the babe gave a gleeful spring, and buried both fat fists in his heavy whiskers.
"That's right, baby," langhed Violet. "pull 'em hard. h-deserv"
but she added, the mom nt af ter, her eyes overflowing with tears "yes, ay, I forgive you; but you must cever doubt me again."
"Never again. Viocet," he answered, tenderly. "You have cured me completely; we shall never have another skeleton.

## [THE END.]

## FOUL Play.

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## b J. h heseliting

"What a fiend" said Sir Tom Warburton, so sudcenly and ener setically, that he startled me
"Who? Miss Decima?" I asked, innocently, for the letter he had been reading when he uttered the eqclamation was from his fiancee "No, Dessie is an angel. bless old Grenail. "Rut what a brute arendall, her guarnian, is. He and his daughter have done their best to prevent Dessie marrying me By her father's will, you know, all Dessie's property comes to Grendall if she dies unmarried. Here is his Dessie did it seems, although she was fire know it, that whe rance, and she han a sort of trance, and she was almost buried
alive. The old villian has just
nervous system to which the trance was due was not likely to show it. self in any other form, or to be re produced. Considering that fifteen years had passed since Miss Caryll' trance, it was highly probable that she had outgrown it altogether.
"It can only be induced now by a great emotional shock." be said "and the only notice you need tak cise matter, Sir Tom, is to exer cise greater vigilance than is usualdone against the lady ever being uried aliye, even if she is pro ounced by a medical man to be dead."
Sir Tom thanked him effusively and he was impatient to get back to my place to write and put his fi ancee's mind at rest. He was stay ing with me while he had to be in London having a house fittod up or his wife's occupation after the narriage which was to take place the end of the month.
Miss Caryll was evidentls not a goed correspondent, and her lover had been obliged to wait almost a week for her first letter, the one in which she told him about the trance. It seemed as if another week was o pass after he had answered it before he was to receive her reply. As post after post came without the expectad letter, even I became rather uneasy. He had written on Monday evening, and as the post to Lonton Abby took a day and a half, he could scarcely expect a re ply till Wednesday evening. When Friday inorning came without any thing of it, I was quite ready to hra the the young oarmet express his intention of running down to the Abby by the first train, and anfficiently interested myself to of. er to accompany him.
He appeared glad of my company and we reachee Trimby, the neares station to Lenton, early in the after noon, and in the absence of anv conveyance, started to walk the len miles to the Abhy.


Catarrh

## Hee troubled me for 11 years. I haw

 taken four bottlee of Hood's Bormparille and amp perfectly eared. I think Hoods many who are in poor bealth and here become diseoreraged, woold be restored to Hood's Sarsaparilla afalr trial." Wr. J. Bensern, Autorte, On

