

WHATEVER IS, IS BEST.

"I know as my life grows older And mine eyes have clearer sight, That under each rank wrong somewhere There lies the root of Right; That each sorrow has its purpose By the sorrowing oft unguessed; But as sure as the sun brings morning Whatever is, is best.

AN UNEXPECTED VISIT.

It was with the air of a man profoundly indifferent to his own successes, that Gerard Strickland, twirling his cuffs and stretching his arms, before letting his hands fall into his lap, sank back into the luxurious arm chair by his library fire, after throwing on the table the letter that announced his promotion to an enviable post in the civil service. As he thought of the post, his advancement seemed to him no subject for congratulations, but only one of those grim jests with which fortune delights to mock disappointed men.

dutiful falsehood falls to the ground, and I, at least, am unable to conjecture the consequences." "And I." "Mr. Strickland, it is absolutely necessary to prevent this scandal. I trust you will assist me. My father must find us together; and we must avoid everything that would serve to awaken suspicion." She spoke sadly, as well as earnestly. A deep shadow of concern settled on her hearer's face. Wrapt in thought, he delayed the answer. His visitor became impatient. "Your promised courtesy costs too much," she demanded. "No, I am ready. But I see many difficulties. The servants?" "Give the new man servant I found here this morning a holiday. I will speak to Thomas."

erate on the morrow, a little spirit, a little self command and some clever pretending might enable them safely to conduct her farther through the few hours to be spent in town; to see him off from Victoria, and, with a polite bow, to separate and return to their several existences." Dinner was ended, Mr. Gregory smiled contentment and happiness, and the two actors at the opposite ends of the table of necessity smiled too. Their parts had proved difficult. From the moment of the old gentleman's arrival they had had to call each other by their Christian names, and to use the little endearments of two married people still in love. More than once a word, an intonation, that sounded like an echo of the dead past, made Strickland pale and Bertha tremble. Their embarrassment momentarily increased. The more perfect their dissimulation the bitterer was the secret remorse that wrung the hearts of both of them whilst they exchanged for meaningless things words, looks and smiles, once the most sacred signs of affection. With the fear of betraying themselves by an indiscretion was intermixed another, a misgiving lest, while they acted affection, they should be guilty of real feelings warmer than the courteous indifference with which they desired to regard each other.

THE PAY OF PHYSICIANS. A Chicago Doctor Says the Fees Are Smaller There Than Elsewhere. "The reports of the splendid fees paid Dr. Mackenzie for his attendance upon the emperor of Germany are read with interest by doctors all over the civilized world, and by none more attentively than the Chicago men," said a well known physician. "Of course in this particular case the patient's exalted rank made Mackenzie's pay much larger than usual. Nevertheless, had the patient been a private individual instead of a sovereign Mackenzie's payment would have been many times greater than any Chicago man would have received for exactly the same work in this city. Take the operation Mackenzie performed with the forceps. Here a man would have received about \$15 or \$20 for it. An other operation which the crown prince endured—tracheotomy—Chicago men charge \$100 for. The fee bill established in 1875 has undergone little if any change. The maximum and minimum charge for every operation in surgery and general practice is specified in it. There are a few men here who can in their regular practice ask higher prices than the maximum rates, but you can count them on the fingers of one hand. There are cases in which the grateful patient adds something to the bill, but you may put it down as a fact that large fees are nearly unknown to the rank and file of the profession. Amputation of the thigh is fixed at from \$75 to \$300. A good fee would be \$150. For the removal of cataract we are allowed to ask \$50 to \$200. About \$100 is what the best oculists expect. A New York man would get about \$500. The late Dr. Agnew left the fee to his patient, but never took less than \$500. Frequently he received \$5,000. Nor are there three to five times more, the only physicians whose fees are scaled higher than ours.

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