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RACHEL:

dingy alleys that led up from the whole future. town, and considering the extent of She was walking to church one his reputed wealth, it was almost a cold winter's day, when in trying to she is now." wonder that no attempt had been keep her hands warm, she dropped his gold was concealed in some distant was considerably dilapidated; but it that lady is?" place; he also barred his windows was the only one Rachel had. Moreand door, so that it was impossible over, she had no means to buy anothany one could enter the house with- er.

he slept with weapons within reach she burst into tears. A gentleman have been tempted by his wealth stopped as he passed, and asked her

he should be attracted by a pair of to replace it. was whispered that there was a great | Wedderburn?" deal of calculation in Felix's love.

an old man out of his money.

But she found her mistake. She daughter may suffer from hunger, her enthusiasm. He laughed a little knock at the door. had been a gay, bright creature, but cold, and neglect, like any beggar, as he said, "A fair face loses someshe had not been married a month though her father rolls in wealth. thing of its charm, when you see it and bars before she could get there. before she changed wofully. Some That cloak is not half warm enough said that Felix ill-treated her; but for such a bitter day as this." this was not true. He loved her in his "I know that," answered Rachel, own fashion, second to his gold; but plaintively; "but it has to do, as I instead of the influence she had so seldom go out, except on Sundays." saucily counted upon, she found her- "Why not ?"

self no better than a menial, and certainly neither so well fed nor so well paid as such. No wonder that she grew moody, disconsolate, and hopeless, and that her child's birth terminated her miserable life.

Felix began then to perceive that his venture had not been peculiarly fortunate. For the future, he would himself with many a deadly curse,

both night and day. Rachel was very beautiful; but all her beauty, added to her winning ways, could not persuade Felix to look upon her as anything but a burden. But when she grew older, and could

It was a hard experience for the poor child, who was gentle loving, and tender, and would have been a very happy little thing, if Felix would have suffered it. But his avarice ov-

-She dared not give a crust to a starving beggar; she had scarcely decent wearing apparel; and certainly her clothing in winter would not keep out the cold. Rachel did not want to complain, and she tried hard to be patient and contented; but when she saw other girls of her own age, with gay-colored ribbons in their hats, and smiling faces underneath, she was

tic and weep. ing to church on Sunday, but on most other days of the week she was confined rigidly indoors. He had no idea of her wearing out her boots for nothing, he said; and, what was more, the sight of gay shops made

girls extravagant. But Rachel, at seventeen, was so especially lovely, that in spite of her tions, the young men admired her as you will have wedded some 'braw she walked to church, with her tat- wooer,' and will not even find me a

tered prayer-book in her hand. though he professed to be a Jew, frequented no place of worship himself,

limbs and muscle, and free open trotting twhich only needs time to develop its. to heard up his treasured gold. Many and many a time, as Rachel will be allowed to serve only a limited lay awake on her hard pallet bed, she able at time of service; and those \$10 would hear the faint clink of the coins strangely. "I know one as fair as her father seemed to count each night you, and well-nigh as young, though afresh, in order that he might gloat she has been wedded a full year, who

Once she rose softly, and creeping

to his door, peered in through a tiny chink. The sight she saw there fair- jugal virtue." ly scared her. The old man had removed his coat, lest any of the pieces | ter, sir." should slip down his sleeve; and "Well," he said, "there is some Plows, and all work done in the best | there he stood, with, the box open be- thing in that. At any rate, one fore him, fingering, or, rather, clutch- ought to give her the benefit of the ing, each separate coin, with a smile doubt." on his thin lips, and a terrible greed There was a shop close to them Agents supplied at figures that defy compe- in his glance-absorbed, entranced, and suddenly, without warning, he Address, EDWARD PLOTTS, joyous. Sometimes he would raise a pushed Rachel in, and followed her. handful of gold to his lips and kiss it | She was inclined to be offended, until ecstatically, then stow it carefully he said, very gently, "Some one is bewspapers, and estimates showing cost of adver-daing

at it as tenderly as a young lover to see without her seeing you. Look Plotts' Star Organs. looks into the face of his betrothed. out now." Rachel was cold and sick when she Rachel obeyed. crept back to bed.

"He would sell me for money," she vants clearing the way on each side thought to herself, with a shudder, as they went; and, behind them, "I am his own child; I would love tripping daintily, smiling sweetly, yet I am of far less value, in his sight, never before beheld.

there. Why was I ever born? No claimed, involuntarily.

Moreover it was well known that when her search proved unsuccessful of his hand, so that those who might whom she had often noticed before, It was a wonder to the whole world him without hesitation, and candidly

young and handsome woman to coax "Then I am sure you must be poor," er's dispraise shocked her. added he, with a smile. "A miser's

his piercing glance, as she said, "It is father's wish, sir."

"I suppose he has some reason for desiring it ?"

Rachel was mute.

still her lips did not move.

customed to authority-smiled again, that lady ?1 and bent farther forward to scan her

"What a dutiful daughter you must

"No; I am not, sir."

"But I am not patient. It was only last night I was complaining bitterly because heaven had not been pleased to take me when mother died."

ately. "Yours must, indeed be a hard thankful enough to be alive. But let me remind you of this for your comfort. Some of these days you will marry, and have a happy home of

your own." Rachel shook her head.

"The man who married me would have to buy me as sheep are bought at be the suitor I should like the least, fills me with loathing.' it would be wiser to dream of nothing beyond my present life."

alter your opinion."

asked Rachel, simply. "I am going to fight the King's

smile." "It would be well so, sir, if I were really wedded." "Well spoken," answered th

all women loyal and true?" "Not all." And his brow clouded does not save one for her husband."

"Then she is a bad wife." "She thinks herself a model of con-

"Perhaps she doesn't know any bet-

him dearly if he would let me; and such a vision of loveliness as she had all to me,' he added, after a moment's ly that Rachel's thoughts were soon come soft hearted. I wonder what than the treasure he has hoarded "Oh, how beautiful!" Rachel ex- well. Only hold yourself in readi- citement of the moment she develblessing can rest on a house where "That is what every one says, when when you will find the way smoothed could not have surprised her compandy,' was the reply.

the poor are turned empty away, and they see her as you see her now!" the before you as pleasantly as Cinderalla ion more than it surprised herself. where the night hours, that should gentleman exclaimed, "But you did when she was going to her first When they got into High Street, Years ago, Yarmouth was a very be for sleep and prayer, are spent in must remember that it is hardly pos-ball.' busy, thriving seaport town, and fur- such miserable calculations as that. sible to judge of the real attractions of Rachel had lived in such entire se- with a very unpretending exterior, plied the other, sharply. We have credulity which had made her such nished his Majesty's navy with many Oh, mother, mother! why didn't you a woman so bedecked and bedizened clusion, and was so innocent and con- and drew Rachel in. a stalwart sailor. Amongst the in- take me with you when you died?" as she is. Hairdressers, performers, fiding, that it never struck her to sus- 'I want a domino that will fit this object of which is to mend our broken | Looking back upon it all, now, it do you suppose she would be?"

bury ?" "Yes, sir."

coquette in England, without one exception, that I know."

"That is Lady Marbury, the greatest

any way related to him. reply; "but I am sufficiently ac. lie in bed.

sir, for the sake of her beauty." Rachel nodded, whilst a bright Rachel had never read Pope, and, was forced to sit shivering in the cold, voice betrays her sometimes; for there near me just now talked so much like her father come at last, she hastly re-An unpaid wife was surely better blush of shame suffused her face. She therefore, her speech was not a plagi- whilst he counted over his money, is one thing my lady cannot do, mal- you, that, but for the difference of moved her domino, and ran down to than a paid houskeeper, and might be was not, certainly, proud of the dis- arism, but the simple expression of lest by any chance a secretthlef sho'd gre all her accomplishments, and costume, I should have declared you supposed to have his interest at heart. tinction; but even if she had felt in- her inward feeling. Lady Marbury, have stolen any part of his treasure that is, hold her peace.' His wife's motives for the marriage clined to evade the question, it was in her loveliness, seemed, to Rachel, in the night. were not more disinterested. She evidently of no use, as the gentle- who had no notion of the splendor of The day waned, and the cold, gray other!' said Rachel, with unaffected with a nonchalant air; 'but I have knew that Felix was rich, and she man's tone and manner showed him her own dark beauty, more like an eve came early into the chill, dark regret. fancied that it must be easy for a tolerable well-informed on the point. angel than a woman, and the strang- house. Suddenly, Rachel, who was

has smiles for every one but me."

"No; but I'm unfortunate enough to be her hasband."

CHAPTER II.

THE BALL MASQUE. blank astonishment, at which Lord then from the expiring wood. Marbury seemed greatly amused.

'Well,' he said, presently, with an through his beard : odd little smile, 'is there any reason

'No, my lord.' 'I won't have you call me by my title,' he added ; 'it was so pleasant to forget my rank for a while. Some of these days, when you are a duchess.

'I shall never be a duchess.'

'Why not?' She turned on him her grave, candid eyes, reproachfully.

'Is it likely? Would a duke care to wed the miser's daughter, even supposing that I should care for him ?' 'Then you mean to marry for love?' 'Of course,' was the decided reply.

What else should I marry for?' 'For money-rank--' 'Do women ever sell themselves for

such things?' 'They do, with us, daily. But I have a notion that you are not just hat? like the women one meets every day.' 'Not in that respect, my lord,' an-

'Bravo! I wish you could give some of our ladies a lesson; it would stood without, waiting to make sure Marbury returned he would not be

'They wouldn't heed me, I fancy. 'May be not,' he answered, in a reflective tone; and he turned from her to the counter, on which was ranged a large selection of books, most of gold clasp and gilt edges, paid for it, and then handed it to Rachel with a

courtly bow. 'Will you do me the honor of accepting this?' had said. 'I feel myself responsible for your loss.' 'How, my lord ?'

'Because I saw you drop it, and might have drawn your attention to the fact, had I felt so inclined. However, I will make ample attonement if you will suffer me. Don't you lead a very dreary life at home, Rachel?" Rachel's face clouded over, but she was too loyal to give him the assurance in words. But the question had been a mere form, for all Yar- pect of such an adventure sent the was eager and anxious. mouth knew how cruelly the old miser behaved to his lovely daughter.

'Would you like to see something of the world? Lord Marbury inquired after a brief pause, having withdrawn the girl from the counter. 'It must be sadly lonely for you shut up in that wretched old place. You, too, who are so fitted to shine in the world Do you know what I have proposed to myself?'

'To give you a little galty.' Rachel shook her head very decid-'I am afraid that is impossible. My arm in silence.

'No my lord.'

'You shall not ask him.' She pointed to her dress.

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home before midnight.

Lord Marbury's was to be accom- cent bewilderment. plished, and the pleasure to which it "You have heard of Lady Mar- might lead, filled her thoughts to the their faces?" she asked. exclusion of everything else, and she went home as one in a dream.

How the hours lagged! Her eyes and therefore people ought to sleep as seemed to provoke.

sitting disconsolate over the few faint He could not help being amused at embers on the hearth, heard a loud will have so many years to live to- swered Rachel, who felt the tears of Rachel trembled as she unfolded the Her father was undoing the bolts

chain up, in case of surprise, and usuadmit his visitor.

might be any reply.

protect my own! Rachel!'

nothing.' the range of her father's keen eyes.

room.

'Very well.'

that she had followed his instructions. able to find her.

excitement and expectancy.

came a subdued knock at the door. Rachel stooped her bright lips to the keyhole and whispered through, 'Who is there ?'

'Lord Marbury.' all over with joyful excitement. Even cance, made Rachel listen without human probability; therefore, I must on further investigation. Rachel was then it never struck her what a risk | the smallest scruple. she was running. The poor child had so little pleasure, that the mere pros- girl?' inquired Nepture; and his tone breath. blood dancing and tingling through

If Isaac had been kinder to his daughter, her filial duty would have sure.' asserted itself more urgently. As it was, the few scruples that intruded were soon dismissed, and Rachel was hastily donning her cloak and hood. The alley was so dark and deserted that Lord Marbury made no unneces-

Now, for the first time, a slight proach!"

missglving attacked her, Lord Marbury devined this, perhaps, for he be- with a prolonged whistle. 'That is easily remedied. Leave it gan to converse so gaily and amusing- 'Egad! I never expected you to bereflection; 'I can manage it perfectly diverted from herself; and in the ex- will happen next?' ness to-morrow evening, about eight, oped a new talent for repartee, which

Lord Marbury stopped at a small shop

her again.

late to think of church now; and it is metamorphosis; and Lord Marbury, when they both moved off. "Nay," he said laughing. "I see doubtful if Rachel had any inclina- who was evidently accustomed to ja- Rachel worked her way slowly made to rob him. But old Felix was the prayer-book she usually carried you are determined to believe in her, tion left for her religious duties. She ded women of the world, to whom back to the seat she had quitted, as cunning as he was avaricious. He under her arm. Many might have in spite of all I can say. And per- was so excited that she actually trem- nothing was new or pleasant, seemed where she was presently joined by wealth was a by-word in the town. took care to propagate a report that said that it was no great loss, for it haps it is as well. Do you know who bled. How this wonderful feat of to enjoy her naive delight and inno- Lord Marbury.

were wide open, waiting for the dawn missed since she has been here, if she ings with them all. I hope you are tensify were peculiarly frequent towhen it broke; and she would gladly is not present, he answered, with that amused?

'Will you point her out to me?' 'If I know her I will,' he added;

mostly frowning; and Lady Marbury But he was always careful to leave the we can find an excuse for being apart. easily learnt. We'll see if we can't But here we are. Let me advise you manage for you to have a lesson or at once, to make arrangements for evening; for it would not be at all ad- 'I shall never come to another,' On the present occasion a letter was visable that you should be recognized, said Rashel, decidedly. handed in, and the messenger depart. and it might cause a good many comed without waiting to know if there plications later.

Rachel settled the mask a little risk again. If my father were to find Isaac, true to his natural instincts, closer to her face, and, clinging to his out what I have done, he would nevbrought the missive into the kitchen arm, overcome by the music, the daz- er allow me to leave the house again. Rachel was so startled by this and knelt down to read it by the flick- zling light, and changing figures, felt speech, that she stared at him in ering blaze that leapt up now and for one second as if she must faint.

in my absence; and, what's more, I mingled promiscuously, without any He held out his arm, and Rachel that they must have been driven at you will be glad to put on a simple shall take care that any robber who show of pride on one side, or bashful- thankfully prepared for departure. least six miles, when the vehicle sud-

Rachel's flushed face dropped on her found it difficult to realize, at first, feet. A gentleman who was passing bosom, and she kept anxiously out of that it was a grand comedy, in which picked it up, and looked full into and Rachel obeyed did not belong to him or her-the he handed it back. At this moment high abasing themselves for novelty's a group of people brushed past her, When there was no longer a glimpse 'You will bar the door behind me, sake; those in a lower position as- on their way out, and one, a lady, and if anything should happen, you suming the robes of state and grand leaned a little forward, and whispered will sound the alarum in my bed- bearing of kings and queens, for one softly, but significantly, 'Beware!'

Then, after this, Rachel sat down | She stood watching the centre lady over the wretched fire, full of eager of the above group-a tall brunette, whose neck and arms literally glitter- with so much appreheusion and mis- along a path, evidently circuitous, al-Would the stranger come for her as ed with diamonds-and then she trust, that she never once opened her thou she could not help fancying that he had promised, or had he only been strayed further down to where somethem richly bound. He chose from amongst them a prayer book, with a he had promised, or had he only been thing else attracted her attention, and She trembled with fear as the black presently she caugh the remnant inadvertently she caugh the remna close on the stroke of eight, so that inadvertently she caugh the remnant night closed in around her, and she and close in around her, as if she had

> that Lord Marbury was dressed in a The answering whisper was even ly have found time to change his cos- of your company, and I'll show my Rachel ventured to make a survey of tume so rapidly. Feeling that they sense of the favor you conferred upon the place where she found herself. were unknown to her, and their con-'I am coming,' she said, trembling versation could not have any signifi-

> > 'What have you done with the

'Ah! alone?' 'She knows no one, you may be 'And the old father?'

Sir Walter laughed; and the laugh, with its scornful ring, reminded Rach-

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It would seem that he or some one had been there, for the room was in extraordinary confusion, the chairs upset, the contents of a hox turned on the carpet, the bed shuffled on to the

her father's hoarded treasure was gone. How should she account to him for the disappearance? How should she be able to exonerate herself, or in any way excuse the blind

pair of bright eyes. My chivalry is at bitterly, and resolved to confess everythere was no sign of him. Then she became intolerably anxious.

If she had caused his death by her pavement below.

tion for a mere girl like Rachel. She was, of course the only person in the house, and her father's reputation for

All those mysterious sounds which the darkness seems to create and innight, poor Rachel thought. Fortun-

pale golden beams fell athwart bes into a deep, sudden sleep.

To her surprise and dismay, it was not Felix Wedderburn, but a tall, 'How very singular!' he replied, dark, repulsive-looking man, who pushed his way past her into the nouse, seated himself coolly in the occasionally been deceived in this kitchen, and then handed her a note. His manner and bearing betrayed 'Because you are both young, and 'I have never been taught,' an- such a coarse sense of power, that

> my release; will you, therfore, come, me? Your affectionate father,

'But why? Give me your reason. 'FELIX WEDDESBURN.' 'I should not care to run so much We may be sure that Rachel did she attributed all the misfortunes that had ensued to her own rash act, she was naturally determined that no peronal risk should deter her from makhim! Besides, he mightarrive home self to her grim guardian, but she was

the door, and took a seat by the side of the driver. It seemed to Raches showed his dark, sinster face at the

'Get out,' he said, peremptorily; man standing motionless, watching 'I have orders to bandage your

better not give any trouble."

answered Rachel, with mild dignity. Why should I? You are taking me ust where I want to go.' "Where do you want to go?" "To my father. The feilow eyed her with incredulous disdain. He had, no doubt, been

eyes,' he said roughly, 'and so you'd

'I have no intention of resisting.'

trouble to plead to this man, whose face demonstrated plainly his coarse, cruel nature She suffered him to bind her eyes

began to realize fully, for the first entered a subteranean passage; and She was thankful beyond measure told her gruffly that she might undo shall meet so soon again, that it is his permission. His step reverberathardly worth while to say good-bye. ed loudly for a moment, gradually dy-

inclined to alter her opinion. In a The man who called himself Lord dark corner there was a pile of fire-Marbury laughed softly under his arms, and the flash of a bright blade caught her eye, as it traveled round "I venture to hope that I shall be again.

The odd part of it was that the apdows, but the sunshine penetrated

and she could just see that he doffed tainly quickened, for she could hear, courteously, ere he turned, and walk- though evidently at a distance, the suave, greious accents of a voice which She lost no time then in unlocking seemed to her wonderfully familiar, the door, which she fastened after her though how or where she had heard and groping her way to the kitchen, it she could not for the moment recall. she knocked, she receved no answer. -the man who had introduced him-

THE MISER AND HIS DAUGHTER. notoriety as old Felix Wedderburn, the stillness of the night. son & Cross's Hardware Store, Brown- the miser Jew. Many a tale was told of his greed and avarice. And though the world!"

out his having due notice.

not only have the servant to keep but also the child, which he cursed to handsome, and had the air of one ac-

take the entire charge of his house, no year Forest Trees-Ash. he regarded her with more favor.

ershadowed her whole life.

Felix did not prevent her from go-

Rachel was a christian. Felix, al-

over them with his dim, eager, long- gives all her smiles to others, and

CHAPTERI.

mean attire, and her father's precau- battles, child; and when I come back

and cared nothing about his daugh- young man, gaily; "I see you are loya dark mahogany bay, 15:2% hards high, and cared nothing about his daught all and true."

ter's faith, so that he was left in peace all and true."

She went back to look for it; and

She moved uneasily out of range of

"Won't you tell me?" Her eyes said no, emphatically; but The gentleman-who was young,

"No? How is that?" murmuring, and I often murmur." "And yet you appear to have a very patient face."

"Poor child!" he said, compassion-Most girls of seventeen are

"I wish I had the time to make you do them a world of good." "Are you going away then, sir?"

"That's slight merit, sir. Are not

She saw, first, two tall, liverled ser- father would not allow me to go.'

habitants no one had gained so much Often and often this cry went up in dress-makers, milliners, have all been pect the stranger's motives, or to lady, and also a black velvet mask,' fortunes; and I don't think I am was easy to understand the pressed into my lady's service, and doubt his honesty of purpose. The he said, peremptorily, to the shop- weak enough to be turned back by a Rachel regretted her own stupidity "No one loves me: I am no use in the result is as you see. A trifle of only feeling she had was that it could man; 'and make haste.' rouge more or less, an unbecoming not be right to deceive her father; The man almost flew to execute this a very low ebb, perhaps, but I prefer thing to her father directly he appearit was commonly reported that he had But she ceased to say this after flower in her hair, might make an im- and this objection he managed to order, and Rachel presently found the glitter of gold coin.' saved at least £1,000,000, the common- awhile. Her life became precious to mence difference; butmy lady knows over rule so effectually, that before he herself draped in a rose-colored manest fisherman who toiled hard for his her when she found that it was preci- perfectly just what suits her, and will left her, she had promised that she tle, that concealed her ngure from the other. I was getting frightened, daily bread did not live more frugally ous to some one else; and Rachel was take care not to stand in her own would be waiting for him at eight neck to feet; whilst the mask so ef- upon my word! I wonder how much but seventeen when an event occured light. If you were to put her into a o'clock the next evening, and he had fectually covered her face, that her we shall get out of the old man.' His home was in one of the dark, which was to have an effect upon her common print frock, like yours, what faithfully guaranteed her safe return own father would not have known 'Hush!' exclaimed Sir Walter, ad-

His tone was so bitter, that it struck have risen, only that the miser's creed bitterness of tone which the mere 'Perfectly well, thank you. I have ately it was a clear, bright morning, gently, what was the matter. She told Rachel to inquire if the lady was in was that sleep saved food and fire, mention af his wife's name always been round the room looking at the that Felix had ever married. That acknowledged that she had no money "Not by blood," was the evasive much as they could, or, at any rate,

"Perhaps you have offended her, ally reconnoitred before he vetured to to keep your face concealed all the two before you come to another ball."

"A dutiful daughter obeys without dress, and be mistaken for an ordina- may come will have his journey for ness on the other.

'Do you hear?' he said sharply. 'Yes, father.'

market; and as the one who could swered Rachel, nobly; the very tho't helped him to arrange a tattered com- costumed, at the upper end of the as he went down the steps leading influenced in any way by Rachel's give my father the most gold might of taking a husband I did not love forter about his neck, and then accom- room, and stole toward them, forget- into the street, she caught the glitter panied him to the door, which she ting that her own dress was like so of some weapon he was trying to bolted and barred behind him, as he many it, the room, that when Lord conceal against his chest.

> the question would soon be decided. The great town clock had scarcely ceased to toll the hour, when there

softer still,

sary effort to hide himself.

were one and the same person.' 'What a pity you don't love each

We make the burden as light as we meekly made this admission. can, for we are never together when

She soon recovered herself, however, He growled out an oath, presently, and began to enjoy the scene intense- ed to interpose. 'Nothing escapes 'Confound them, they want to ruin | There was every conceivable varie- before me! why I should not be the husband of me, but they shan't! They fancy be- ty of costume. Here a flower girl was 'If you feel anxious, perhaps we cause I am old, I suppose, that I can't conversing familiarly with Catherine had better go at once. I should be of Arragon; a dainty debardcuse was sorry for you to get into trouble, al-'Yes, father,' she answered, gently. listening indulgently to agrim knight though I do not certainly anticipate ney-coach drew up close to the pave-'I shall have to go out, I find; but in armor; whilst pages and princess- such a termination to our evening's ment. He motioned Racbel in, shut I shall trust you to guard the house es, marchionesses and maid servants, amusement.'

> own devices for a while. She sat very ment of the brass band. thing that did service in this capacity, caught sight of a group, splendidly companion then, and she fancied that temper, and therefore, not likely to be

> > ture and Sir Walter Raleigh

not defer my thanks." 'She is here, of course.'

el more than ever of Lord Marbury. 'He must be safe enough by this time.' 'Bravo! The whole affair was excellently well managed, only it puz-Rachel found him standing quietly zles me how any girl, in this enlight- where she struck a light. After this, However, the mystery was soon ontside until she should be ready, and ened age, could be such a fool. She she crept softly up to her father's solved; for, when she turned present-

'You might run away with the la-'You forget that I have a wife.' 'You set me the example.' 'A truce to all this nonsense!' reall embarked in a common cause, the an easy victim and dupe?

'Nothing. What should?

monishingly; and he made a signifi-"Just a little less handsome than Upon this they parted. It was too She could not help smiling at the cant gesture in Rachel's direction,

> 'I am sorry to have kept you so an unsuccessful search, might be anx-Will they all have these things on long waiting, he said, in a courteous Then, probably, his first act would be tone; 'but my disguise does not ap- to rid himself of her by swift and sure pear to be very successful, for so means, on the principle that dead 'And will Lady Marbury be there?' many people recognized me among people tell no tales 'It will be the only gaiety she has my friends, I had to exchange greet-

'Indeed!' His accent was careless enough, but spare little chamber, that her overhandsome eyes, like weaker mortals, "Are you not Rachel Wedderburn, quainted with her to know her faults." Consequently Rachel had to wait 'but she generally adopts some dis- she could 'not help fancying that he strained nerves relaxed, and she fell seemed too strange to be true, until it the daughter of the rich Jew. Felix "I think I should forgive her some, until she heard him rise before guise I cannot see through, on pur-started a little. This made her add: she dared to rise herself; and then she pose to keep me at bay, only that her 'A gentlemen who was standing the door, and, thinking it must be

different people.'

mortification rising to her eyes as she 'Never mind; that kind of thing is dently penned under difficulties.

way myself. Won't you dance?"

Her companion laughed. 'I don't fancy he will ever know.'

As she reached the door, the strings dealy stopped, and her guardian It was all so new to Rachel, that she of her mask loosened, and it fell at her every one assumed a character that Rachel's beaming, blushing face, as

Rachel turned to see who it might After a while her companion found be that had given her such a warn-'Nothing but necessity should take her a seat; and explaining that he ing, but the group had swept on. me out this bitter night. However, had recognized several people in the leaving a faint breath of perfume in there's no danger, I hope; and the crowd whom it would be necessary the air, and their laughter mingled house is well guarded. Where is my for him to accost, left Rachel to her musically with the rich accompani-Rachel brought him the miserable patiently at first; but presently she Rachel glanced anxiously at her

> time, her folly and utter helplessness. then her guide gave her a little push, The voice of one of the speakers when she came to her house, and her the bandage over her eyes, and walkwas so like Lord Marbury's, that she companion said, with an undefinable ed briskly away, before she had rewould have said it must be he, only accent of triumph and derision, "We covered sufficiently to avail herself of plain black domino, and could scarce- But I do thank you for the pleasure ing away in the distance; and then

CHAPTER III.

ALONE.

This last discovery filled Rachel

more fortunate than you think. I'm greatly looking forward to meeting partment was not lighted with winyou again, and that soon." Rachel was too anxious to find her- dimly through a kind of skylight self in-doors to argue the point any overhead, and in the cool half-gloom longer. So she held out her hand, it was not easy to detect anything at saying, timidly, "Good-bye, sir!"

ed away with a brisk step. having locked the door, and placed is a nice little thing, too. I can't tell door, and listened for him. She ly, she found herself face to face with the key in her pocket, she took his you how her great dark eyes, in their could hear no sign of him, and when the hero of her last night's adventure innocent brightness, touch and re- Consequently, she pushed the door, self to her as Lord Marbury. and looked in

Nepture brandished his trident

A little reflection explained the mystery. During her absence, a thief had been in, and it was probable that

whole plot, and we may be sure that ed, as the only way of atoning for her fault. But the night waned, and

folly, it would be a terrible retribution indeed. The dawn broke as she sat shivering and weeping, longing and yet dreading to hear his step on the It was a lonely and frightful post-

al for the tardy dawn. The relief was so great when the

so she had not so long to wait as usu-

dirty paper, and tried to decipher the writing, which she recognized at once as her father's, although it was evi-

beauty. If so, they had shown great known that she was going to certain

It was a long, low room, panelled "Nay," replied Rachel, firmly. "I with oak and quaint devices, and shall never see you again, sir, in all looked peaceable enough at first. But

Au revoir !" he answered, airily : But her sense of hearing had cer-

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