

"What a calloused soul he must have, to wreck one woman's life and daily deceive another! It's strange that the same Maker is responsible for a man like him, and a man like you, Henry. Her name is Miss Winston. The man's name the butler wouldn't disclose. You're going dear? I thought you intended spending the evening with me? You're home s, seldom."

"I'm going for a little walk. The room seems—seems—warm to me."

"Kiss me. How fortunate I am to have a husband who loves me despite my being a gossiping invalid. Why, how white you are!"

"'Tis the shadows playing tricks on your eyes. Ring for lights. I'll be back soon."

"It must be very late. Eleven o'clock. How that story has wrapped up my thoughts. Felice! Felice!"

"Oui, madame. Oh, madame!"

"Why, what's the matter?"

"Oh, madame! Terrible! Mademoiselle Winston—"

"Calm yourself, Felice, and then if you have anything to tell, state it briefly."

"Oui, madame. This evening Mademoiselle Winston and her brother went driving as usual, and on their return, so the butler told me, they met mademoiselle's former fiance. Her brother was helping her to alight. She was standing with one foot on the carriage step when monsieur came along. Monsieur Winston, saw him, and struck him, dashing him to the ground. As he arose, his face bleeding, mademoiselle must have recognized him, for she gave one scream and fell back, dead. Pauvre mademoiselle! Her heart was weak, so monsieur le Docteur said."

"Poor girl. Hers was a sad life. 'Tis a pity her brother didn't kill the heartless coward who wrecked it. I hear your master, Felice, Let him in."

"Mon Dieu! monsieur!"

"Hush. Tell your mistress I'm not well. I'm going directly to my room."

"I hear you, Henry. I know that something's wrong. I'm coming to see. Your face, all bloody! What does it mean?"

"There, there, don't get excited, my dear. My foot slipped, and I fell, as I was crossing the street. Stone-bruises are easily healed.—E. H. Strong, in Town Talk.

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