

MY HALF SISTER

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CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)

No, she considered very handsome. Joyce called mischievously after Reggie's retreating figure...

But personal experience, in connection with the naval lieutenant to whom she was engaged, called loudly that a fortnight might make or mar a life...

Kate was a great trial to her sister; she was delicate, nervous and excitable to a degree; and, as her aunt never checked her, she was almost unmanageable.

Mollie was thinking of Kate after Reggie had left her at the gate, and she walked briskly up the gravelled path, swinging her empty basket.

There used to be a great clump of narcissus growing almost wild in a shady corner beside some laurels at the far side of the house.

She was half inclined to turn back now, even though the sun was shining and a whole colony of rooks cawing noisily in the tall trees farther on.

their heavy brows with a strange wild gleam; while her voice, harsh and high, came clearly towards Mollie.

"Are there no other apartments in the house but that you must come here—here—here?" she screamed.

"Calm yourself, mother," cried a thin, reedy voice. "I had merely a fancy to view the chamber where my so tender-hearted relative shuffled off this mortal coil last Easter Sunday."

"No, no, my beloved!" she answered, in a gasping voice, evidently struggling hard to recover her self-command.

"So you have dragged me away from a thousand engagements and pleasures just for this!" Mollie heard him explain grumblingly.

CHAPTER IV.

It was with conflicting feelings that Mollie brushed out her sunny hair before luncheon, staring absently the while into the glass with a perplexed frown.

They were strange people, these Dubois, and she uneasily felt that she could not fathom them.

Henry's cynical tone she considered unfeeling, for Leonard Barlowe had been his uncle after all; while madame never showed the least respect for her dead brother, though any allusion to him would visibly upset her self-control.

under the painting of her father in full uniform that hung over the mantelpiece. It would have been removed long ago but that it had cost some hundreds of pounds, and, Mr. Barlowe secretly thought, added distinction to the room.

A hot wave of indignation and wounded pride swept over Mollie. What business had these people at Chalfont using everything as their own, while she herself was but a guest; and it was a very frigid and haughty bow that she gave in the direction of Monsieur Henri Dubois when his mother introduced him.

"What am I to call you?" exclaimed madame playfully. "Is it to be cousine?"

"Certainly not, madame," she broke in quickly, with a polite smile. "I am a L'Ettrange, and the only relation I have in my father's house is my half-sister Kate."

The elder woman's face darkened visibly; but before she could speak Henri said, with a graceful, sweeping bow:

"Mademoiselle is cruel; but I trust in time to win and deserve her friendship."

With some murmured words of assent Mollie sank into her seat, and during luncheon took as complete a survey of the young man as the fact that he was covertly trying to do the same thing of her would allow.

"Where have you been this morning, Mollie?" she demanded at length, when there came a break in the conversation.

"She had been for a country walk with Mr. Anstruther, I saw her," broke in Kate's little voice, maliciously.

"Taxpayers Squandered by Austria. The taxpayers of Galicia have many grievances against the Austrian Government, says Michael Henry Dzielwicz in the Chicago Record. The chief complaint is that the assessors of taxes will not admit the declaration of income drawn up by the taxpayer as what he really gets, but substitute a sum which they say he ought to get."

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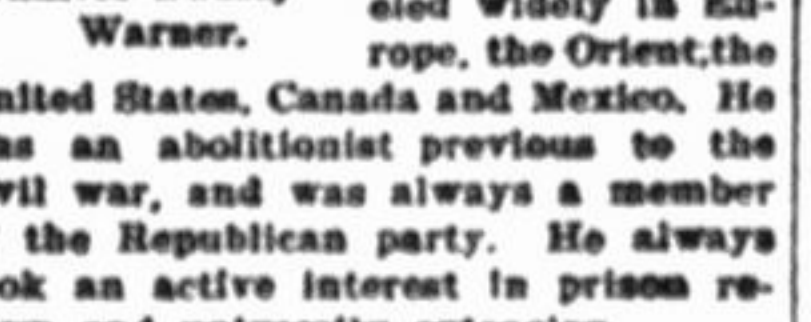
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The Late Charles Dudley Warner.

Charles Dudley Warner, who died in Hartford, Conn., last week, was born at Plainfield, Mass., on Sept. 12, 1829. He was graduated from Hamilton College in 1851.



United States, Canada and Mexico. He was an abolitionist previous to the civil war, and was always a member of the Republican party.

Among the stories being told of Joseph Chamberlain is one to the effect that while in Paris some time ago he saw an exceedingly rare orchid.



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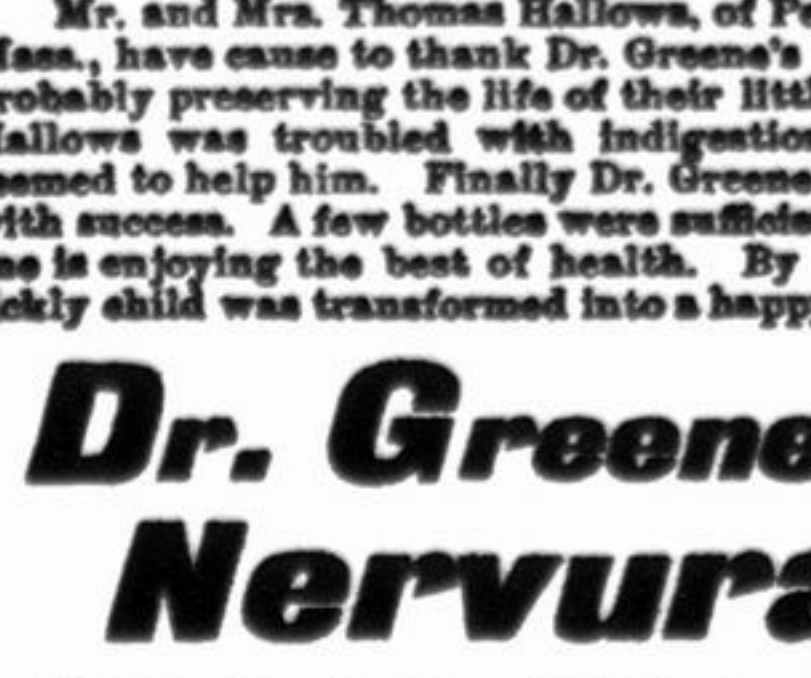
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