

SENTIMENT AND ACTION.

In Seven Chapters.

CHAPTER V.

(Continued.)

By their side, to make up the group—Magdalen—was the one used to be, and then—she was, with her dark brown eyes and grey-blue eyes, with her cold, dreamy face, in which only resolute will and the first traces of sorrow could be seen, and her manners half quiescent, half girlish—stood before the one as a goddess to be worshipped, before the other a woman to be protected. Paul remained, the strength he could not sustain, and Horace lost the moseness he could so well afford.

Horace soon saw that something was amiss between the betrothed lovers. Indeed, Paul told him as much not many hours after his arrival at Oakfield, and ever since drawn largely on his sympathy he had been compelled to let him to explain every time there had been any little misunderstanding between him and Magdalen, which was very often. Horace was kind and sympathetic and gave Paul good advice; telling him not to be so sensitive; although he could not think Magdalen harsh, but what was to be done? She was played enough where the world had been used to it, if not themselves, then no one. They were unused—that was the one word that comprised all the rest.

But Paul said Horace one day when Paul had been complaining of Magdalen's temper—but, Paul, you must have a little petulance for the sake of the great names underneath your shoulder—only steel cuts and dull and harmless, will not scratch a fly!

Yes, Horace, but Magdalen is so changed. She was never very demonstrative, but she was never so cold as she is now, said Paul, sorrowfully.

Paul of course has got to occupy her mind, and to do nothing and think of nothing all day long, but of love; but the thoughts of a mini-ton and tonality, are very different.

Paul, too, said Magdalen suddenly.

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own lace was as heavy as her eyes. When Horace came next morning with a little impatience, for she thought it was time to have a scene, and then when she saw it was Horace, a flush like crimson flashed suddenly across her face. She smiled, and half held out her hand, sighing as if suddenly relieved from some heavy burden. "I am as safe away, checked the impulse and the smile both, and looked at him almost as if he had come to take a liberty," said Horace, smiling, but with a certain embarrassment of manner, too. For he did not like this business, now that he was closed upon.

"What is it?" asked Magdalen. "Not a very great one, I assure you."

"I want to have a long, quiet talk with you, if you will allow me," he answered, pulling her to a chair. His manner was slightly authoritative, but it pleased Horace, smiling, but with a certain embarrassment of manner, too. For he did not like this business, now that he was closed upon.

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