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CHAPTER VIII.

On through the dense starless darkness rolled the coach with the speed of the wind stopping, at length before a dingy red brick store on the bank of the river; and so through the dark he made no resistance. Gay was lifted hurriedly from the vehicle.

Giant hands closed and a high wall of briars completely concealed the brick house from the main road, and a way-side path that skirted the river could never dream of a human habitation in such close proximity as no path marked the way to it.

Harold Tremaine seemed no steamer in that locality, made his way through the dark, pulling his coat over his shoulders with little difficulty. Gay had fallen back in arms in a dead faint.

The moon was no sign of light about this mysterious habitation, nor nearing it so far removed from the busy factory village. A terrible death-like oppression reigned undisturbed around the isolated place.

He gave a quick, peculiar whistle, like the sound of a wood-bird; repeating the signal thrice.

The door of the brick house was opened by a cautious hand, and a black woolly head peeped out. "Come in," said the man who had been watching, "I've never seen aught like this."

"Lor' Mass Tree!" cried the old woman, flinging the door open wide. "I see you're comin' to see us, Lor' Mass Tree! You're comin' to see us, and we shan't go far out here all night. I've some-thing to tell you, Lor' Mass Tree."

"Once the old man's quiet, Chico," said Tremaine, impatiently. "Don't keep me standin' out here all night. I've some-thing to tell you, Lor' Mass Tree."

"Lor' Mass Tree are chile, Mass Tree," she said, with a twinkle in her ruff. "You won't don't unstan' sech a chile, Mass Tree."

Harold Tremaine turned on his heel, stepped into the dark apartment, and met, while Chico set about with alacrity to strip the slender form of the grey, heavy cloak and the thick velvet cap.

"Oh, you're comin' to see us, am I asso-
ciated, facing down into the white, up-
turned face upon which the first rays
of dawn were breaking." When Mass Tree, this young girl as lovely as a born angel. There'll be a fierce look of
a woman mad-yet, Harold Tremaine—he'd been on the prowl for a week now.

"Never mind—lookin' comment, attend
to your affaires," exclaimed Tremaine sharply, "set about restoring her if you can. The world and all the world to pay if I catch you callin' on her."

At that moment the door of an adjoining room opened and Lydia Moore, whose name and number was never little Gay, came in, looking in the direction of the time our story opened, hastily entered the room, stopping short on the threshold, and saw the pale, girlish figure on the couch over whom black Chico was bending.

"She's in a pertil is this, Haroold," she cried, taking a step or two forward; then she receded with an exclamation of the most intense hate as her eyes fell upon the white, upturned face of Little Gay.

She turned on Harold Tremaine like a flash.

"What have you brought her here for?" she hissed in a voice of such concentration that it appalled even him. "Have you fallen in love with her face at last?"

He knew the tigerish jealousy of the girl, and he was set on it. "That's what this accost to pass unconstrained.

"It is false!" he cried impatiently. "I have every reason to desire her."

"She's a good girl, she's fair for her."

He looked at her steadily with her bright, brilliant eyes.

"How can I happen to bring her here where I am?—how dared you do it? There's somethin' bad of both of them, and I will know what it is," she cried. "I will know what it is," she cried.

"There is little to tell," he replied, twirling nervously at the ends of his hair. "I have a secret, and I want to tell you about it."

"I have a secret, and I want to have left," she said meaningfully.

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