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The whole of this was so hurried that not even George Rowe, who stood staring and gaping and hearkening with all his might, could make out a syllable.

"Very well," said the doctor then, reversing his method, and yelling out his words in my car till he must have been purple. "You are convinced that you see this face, and as both your fireman and I myself can assure you that we see nothing there, you must feel equally convinced that it is your pursuing phantom, as you call it. Now, then, is the time to put an end to it: Destroy it. Exert your will. You have only to fold your hands behind you. Nothing else in the world to do. Give them here to me. The engine will do the rest. Be a man now-remember that, this once done, all your peace begins-Margaret and marriage-home and happiness. There is nothing there! Drive on!"

I heard him now, but as a hollow voice might speak far, far outside of the world in which I was.

I had fixed my will, as much as it was possible to fix so loose and weak and shaking a thing, a bundle of breken links-I was determined to obey him.

But all the time I saw only her, only her sweet face in the snowy light, as I never should see it again-the head had fallen Lack from it, the wet rings of the dark hair were blowing but from it, a tint like the flush of the tea rose was lying on its cheek - not that I noted all such items then. I remember them today, they were impressed like the work of a die-the ripe and lovely lips of the tender trembling mouth were parted as if calling to me by some old fond name, the eyes suffused through all their depth with the light we east before us, the sweet gray eyes, like those of the deserted Cerman girl, shone up at me like two great tears. Ah! how many times before had they gazed into mine with long and lovely looks-and now for the last time-had I returned their gaze with all the protestations of passion—and standing here to bray them into nothingness-oh, all the meetings and partings of the days that could dawn no more-the dear embraces of those arms never to be felt again, the warm, full kisses of the meeting mouth-and I myself ! lotting all out! To save me the vexing sting of a gadfly I was crashing down on the best beloved thing in the world with, all the mighty revolutions of my ponderous red hot iron, with dropping coals and the blasting breath of steam, with all the murderous purpose of this jumping, plunging fiend that I alone controlled, with a shrouding deafening fury that to the waiting via tim drowned the universe in its roar.

All these horrors came one by one before my mind, and dropped into my resolve like grains into the weighing scale. I suffered agony. My knees were shalting under me. I doubt if I could have lifted my hand-it hung nerveless by my side; the life was dying out of me. I only stared through my window, along the track, at the woman's face with the fright hardening into it, the blank terror there, death thundering down in the flerce, wild threes of sundering socket and mangling flesh, that in one instant would have their hellish grip on every live nerve and spurting vein. Then my ears were ringing with shrieks; I fancied that even through the hot roar and reverberation of our flight I heard the rest. When would the last car be over, the last wheel turned? Was that swift hiss the severing of a tress upon the rail?

It was passed. We rolled into Brookford station; George Rowe's hand had slipped before me and slowed the Black Bess to her usual point. We stopped. Then the blood bounded back to my heart, to my throat, to my face, the strength of an army to my single hand.

I seized Dr. Blanchard by the shoulder as if he had been made of card board. "Come back with me!" I bearsely yeiled. "If we find nothing I am well once more—but if it is as I am sure it is, then you are dead!"

And, regardless of my train, swinging my lantern to this side and to that, I rushed back with bina to the spot where the highway crossed the track, and where I swore come torn, crushed thing must lie. Never, never had I been so cureand there—yes, yes—soo and strangle, you fool!—ch, Ceal eh, God!—it was Margaret!



It was Margare'.

Four whitewashed walls, and a clank of chains, and a fair devil going and coming about me, and night and day and night speeding by in whirling flame.

And still the phantom face, fixed on the wall, on the trencher, on the floor; if I climb to my grated window a seal and blotch on all the wide blue heaven! And then it grows into reality, and hides itself in flesh; it lays a cool hand on my burning brow; it puts water to my parching lips; it sings me songs which, somewhere, I fancy, that once long ago I have heard; and it smiles till it almost seems that I have seen and felt the same smile with thrills of deep, delightful joy in a life ere this. And then it sighs, a tear gathers; I grow enraged at all the lovely counterfeit; I spring upon it, and would beat it down bodily, when the fixed gray eyes arrest my arm—eyes like two tears—and after that I hear whenever I move the clanking of the chain.

One day a' thundergust has swept across the sky. I have watched its purple masses fold and lap and let their lire down to earth, and, as if I were myself metallic, have felt the electric current coursing down the countless rods that protect my prisonhouse. A curious sensation has come over me, as if the blood had turned about and were running the right way in my veins, I am conscious of its fresh free tingling, as if

I were just made. I look at the lovely flend sitting there beside me, so unmoved by the wild commotion of the elements; I mind the

spray of tea roses in her hair, falling over one ear, and lending their tint to to all the delicate skin below. "Let me see you, fair devil, if you are shadow or substance!" I exclaim. "You pursuing phantom, if you are not all an evil spirit, let me see if there is any blood in your veins!"

The tint upon her skin grows paler, but she smiles on me, and lifts the sleeve from the bare ivory of her rounded arm. She takes from some hidden place a tiny toy knife, and gives it me.

Then she looks at me again with her becatiful, fearless eyes. I do not hesitate for all they say: I seen the fair faint veinery-I choose-and the red, red blood is trickling down, and all the tint upon her cheeks is gone, and she falls forward upon my breast. "Margaret!" I

"He speaks my name," she murmurs, as one enters. "Oh! all is well!"

And all is well, indeed. From that hour I am myself. The old trouble arising from the concussion that I so long ago experienced is entirely done away with; the ghost that so long stalked through the chambers of my brain is laid to rest; and never have I seen a trace of it; but Margaret, long since recovered from her injury-Margaret herself, in the beautiful body of her flesh and blood -is relden out of my sight.

When I came from my whitewashed prison room Dr. Dlanchard himself took me in hand, had me at his own house till strong enough again, to fight my way, and then established me in a different occupation from that in which he originally found me. I ventured out from that in time i to deeper water. I have propered, as you know-improved myself, as you may imagil at my house, my retinge, any equipage are worthy of my wife, for the mother of many children is more Legatiful in thee maturity than in her maidenhood, and if any material confort, prich and pleasure can atone to her fer all the trouble of her youth the carthehall be rais acked but it shall be

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