

THE CHOICE OF THREE

A NOVEL

Eva looked faintly from one of the other...

...her head sank, and great black rings passed...

...themselves beneath her eyes. The lady was...

...broken at the heart, leaving the two conspirators...

...facing each other.

...Come, get over that capriciousness, said...

...Mr. Plowden, and you shall marry me...

...from the room, leaving the two conspirators...

...themselves.

...Florence turned on him with bitter...

...score.

...Gentlemen! Mr. Plowden, why is the...

...word so often on your lips? I do not...

...presume to rank myself among gentlemen?

...Listen! it suits my purposes that you...

...should marry Eva, and you shall marry...

...me, but I will not marry the hypocrite...

...but a man like you. You talk of...

...yourself as a gentleman, and do not scruple...

...to force an innocent girl into a wicked...

...marriage, and to gratify it with...

...your cunning, your craft, your...

...sophistry!—a satyr, a devil in disguise!

...I am only asserting my rights," he said...

...furious; "and whatever I have done, you...

...have done more."

...Do not try your violence on me, Mr....

...Plowden; it will not do. I am not made...

...of the same stuff as your victim. Lower your...

...voice, or leave the house and do not enter it...

...again.

...Mr. Plowden's heavy underjaw fell...

...a little; he was terribly afraid of Florence...

...Now," she said, "I do not wish...

...to see you should have under any...

...mistake. I hold your hand in this business...

...though to have to do with you in any way...

...is itself a delectation, and I will gratify it...

...with delicate fingers and a well-handled...

...as she said the word, "because I have an...

...end of my own to gain. Not a vulgar end...

...yours, but a revenge, which shall be like...

...divine retributions, and which you will...

...with completeness. Perhaps it is a madness...

...perhaps it is an inspiration, perhaps it...

...about the weather; so persistently did they...

...discuss it, indeed, that the womanly...

...instinct of each told her that the other was...

...fencing.

...After all, it was Eva who broke the ice...

...first.

...Have you heard from Ernest lately?"...

...she said, nervously.

...Yes, I have a note by last mail."

...Oh, said Eva, clasping her hands...

...involuntarily, "what did he say?"

...Nothing much. But I got a letter by...

...the good mail, in which he said a good...

...deal of good things. He said he had...

...written to you. Did you get the...

...letter?"

...Eva colored to her eyes. "Yes," she...

...whispered.

...Dorothy rose, and seated herself on a...

...footstool by Eva's feet, and wondered at...

...the trouble in her eyes. How could she...

...trouble herself so, she had heard from Ernest...

...like that?"

...What did you answer him, dear?"...

...Eva covered her face with her hands.

...Do not say a word about it," she said; "it...

...is too dreadful to me."

...What can you mean? He tells me you...

...are engaged to him."

...Yes, yes, yes, I was half engaged.

...Now I am engaged to Mr. Plowden."

...Dorothy gave a gasp of horrified astonish-

...ment.

...Engaged to the man when you were...

...engaged to Ernest? You must be joking."

...O Dorothy, I am not joking; I wish to...

...Heaven I were. I am engaged to him. I...

...am to marry him in less than a month. Oh...

...pity me, I am wretched."

...Do not mean to tell me," said Dorothy,

...rising up. "I cannot help."

...Yes, oh yes, I cannot help."

...Florence entered, attended by Mr. Plowden.

...Her keen eyes saw at once that some-

...thing was wrong, and her intelligence told...

...her that it was. After her bold fashion,

...she determined to take the bull by the...

...pines in life.

...Don't alarm yourself, Dorothy; it...

...people's happiness is not so easily...

...affected. He will forget all about her in a...

...year."

...Think that man always talk of each...

...other like that, Reginald," said Dorothy,

...resting her head upon her hands and...

...looking straight at the old gentleman.

...Each of you likes to think that he has...

...a monopoly of feeling, and that the rest of...

...his kind are as shallow as a milk-pan. And...

...yet it was only last night that you were...

...talking of your mother, you told me...

...of your father, you told me of your...

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A BELIEF OF JAMES II.

An interesting discovery at the Scotch...

College in Paris.

The London Times of January 8th con-

tains the following despatch from its Paris...

correspondent:

An account was given nearly four years...

ago of the discovery at the Scotch College...

of two leaden cases, believed to contain...

the brains of James II. and the heart of...

his wife, Anne, in the year 1838. The...

discovery was made by a pipe workman...

in the chapel floor the workmen came on...

a cavity, in which these relics were...

found. The Scotch endowment, who showed...

them to me, was of opinion that this pit...

had been dug in readiness for the intended...

massacre, either of the persons confined...

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was King—An Eventful Year in an...

Eventful Reign.

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the best way in which to celebrate the...

Queen's jubilee in the coming year it may...

not be uninteresting to recall some of the...

events in connection with the celebration...

of the jubilee in 1809. That was a year...

in which was an eventful one, even in the...

history of the most eventful reign. Great...

Britain was carrying on an heroic contest...

with the Empire of France, and the death...

of the Duke of Cornwall and the death of...

Sir John Moore, and in July Sir Arthur Wel-

lesley was victorious at Talavera, and...

gained the title of Viscount Wellington.

Scarcely hours on other hands we had...

lamented the mismanagement and failure of...

the Walcheren expedition. On the day...

of the jubilee, the 26th of October, 1809,

the celebration was heralded at 6 o'clock...

in the morning by a sound of trumpets.

After divine service the royal party in-

spected a bust of His Majesty executed by...

the sculptor Westmacott. A large number...

scrambled for the remains of an oak which...

was roasted whole, the gentry thronged to...

a grand table at Frogmore, enlivened with...

colored lamps and fireworks. At 10 o'clock...

of the Duke (Charlotte) arrived, and...

after Her Majesty had joined the company...

the fireworks began; at the conclusion of...

which there appeared a beautiful piece of...

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