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Hillsdale, July 13, 1846.

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Life.  
I saw a little fairy boat,  
Glide o'er a glassy lake;  
Bright buds were round the gilded prow,  
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home. Her young heart had expanded  
beneath the influences of nature; her taste  
had been refined, her fancy quickened  
by it; and though she had read much,  
she had had time and leisure to think  
more.

In short, she was a fine natured  
character, as little warped as possible by  
the prejudices of the selfish and the  
conventionalities of society. Death had, a year  
before, deprived her of more than her  
mother, and the independence which this  
beloved relative had bequeathed to her, while  
it rendered her an object of envy to her  
unmarried sisters, seemed to her own  
heart no consolation for her irreparable  
loss.

But the stranger who had overheard  
those few sentences which, to a thought-  
ful mind, revealed a world of knowledge,  
what of him? He had come to the  
morning concert simply to enjoy music, in  
which he delighted; yet so absorbed did  
he become in some all engrossing to the,  
that the sweet sounds which he had  
sought to hear, fell upon his soul only  
from time to time, as chimes that harmonized  
with his reflections, whatever they  
might be, and were only remembered  
afterwards by the power of association  
which linked some peculiar cadence with  
a thought a dream, a memory; or with a  
moment where his attention had been  
roused by some expression of pleasure  
or admiration in the sweetest voice he  
had ever heard—the voice of Helen Travers.

He was not what boarding school  
girls and youths in their teens call young  
for he must have reached five or six and  
thirty; and according to such high  
authority, he had passed the age of romance  
and the capability of a sudden love, and  
yet, in those two hours he drank as deeply  
of the draught as ever did mortal man.  
A strange and awful Youth had checked  
and driven back the tide of emotions  
which belonged to its epoch; only that it  
might of a loftier sentiment, a chastened  
tenderness, and restrained passion He  
would—ere half that time had expired  
—have perilled life to have touched her  
ungloved hand, or to have caressed the  
light ringle which floated from time to  
time beyond her bosom!

It seemed, too, that fortune was to  
favor, for friends came up and addressed  
Mrs. Cunningham; mutual introductions  
elicited that of Helen. He had but to  
follow them to their door; and now he  
knew who she was, and where she lived.  
This he did with wonderful calmness.—  
People always are calm on really great  
occasions; except indeed, people who are  
themselves too small ever to make or  
understand them.

Well—the pigmy of soul escape thro'  
the entangling meshes which fate weaves  
for mankind, into the outer void of mere  
animal existence; they are the strong of  
heart and quick of sense who are retained  
to play great parts in the struggle of  
life, and the war of the passions. And  
yet, oh mystery of humanity! who that  
has suffered deeply has not felt that in  
the deepest depths of anguish there is a  
pulse which vibrates not with pain!—  
Feebly, and rather as the first faint  
promise of future joy, than the flicker of  
an expiring power, but still to console, still  
to whisper, "Peace, peace; better thus,  
than not to feel."

So felt William Johnson,—for by that  
common name must the stranger be  
known—so he felt in the hour of  
endurance, when that strong man writhed  
in silent agony on the floor of the  
gorgeous apartment of which he was master.

Life is either one long chapter of  
accidents or there is no such thing as an  
accident in the world!—Three days  
afterwards the stranger of the concert  
room was formally introduced to Helen Travers  
at the house of a mutual friend. Three  
months from that day let us listen to their  
words; they had been betrothed for  
weeks. The scene was a drawing room  
in an antique country house. Both were  
the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham.

"I have but one care, William, one  
sorrow in the world," exclaimed Helen,  
pressing the hand which she had fondly  
clasped between both her own; "oh why  
this mystery, why this concealment? You  
are free to do as you will, and so am I;  
though, good, and generous, and true,  
and rich," she added with a smile, "as  
you are, my family you well know would  
receive you with open arms!"

"The time is come, he seated," he  
replied in a tremulous voice, and releasing  
his hand with a gesture that might have  
been but was not mistaken for coldness.  
And while Helen sank on a neighboring  
couch, he leaned his arm for support on  
the opposite of the mantle piece. His  
countenance was pale as ashes, but his  
voice grew more steady as he proceeded:  
"The first time I saw you," he continued,  
"I heard you say you could more  
readily forgive the one great fault of a life  
than habitual meanness of character. I  
have two sins to confess ere I would wed  
you—as I might do, and you never, never  
know them; you see I am my own accuser.  
I also make the most of my virtues;  
therefore do I take some credit for enforcing  
secrecy till I had summoned strength  
for the confession. For if you reject me  
and sorrow in the act, I believe you would  
rather not take the cold world into your  
confidence. And yet, if there be solace in  
revealing what I tell you, be free as air to  
do so if you will. Life would be so  
worthless, the betrayal of my secret  
would be but as a feather, weighed against  
the sweet thought of assuaging your  
sorrow."

"You frighten me," murmured Helen,  
struggling with emotion.

"In mercy," he exclaimed, "not tears—

yet I will be brief. One of my sins has  
been wooing you, with the dark knowl-  
edge in my breast that a crime of my  
early life and its consequence might well  
be considered an insuperable obstacle to  
our union. Oh I forgive me this—this at  
least." And he flung himself on his knees  
before her and buried his face in her  
garments.

"What terror is to come! Quick—  
quick; in pity tell me."  
"No; forgive me this last fault first."  
"Yes, yes," she murmured, and her  
hand leaned heavily on his shoulder.—  
The act unnerved him and a shower of  
tears rained from his eyes.

"Tell me," again she whispered.  
"I cannot yet. Bear with me."  
"Then I will guess."  
"Ay, do."

With a shudder as she put each fearful  
question, she began—"Have you shed  
human blood, protected by the laws of  
honor and feel that now you are a murder-  
er?"

"I never raised my arm in anger against  
aught that has breath; I never so much  
as kicked a snarling cur from my path."  
"Have you been a false friend, deceiv-  
ing where you were trusted?"

"I cannot recall to mind a lie I ever told."  
Once more Helen's hand sought that of  
her lover; but she withdrew it as a terri-  
ble thought rushed to her mind. She  
paused ere she could give it words. At  
last she said, "Have you been guided by  
the code of man's moralities, and won a  
heart only to fling it from you or—  
been guilty of the deeper, darker wrong  
still?"

"My conscience is singularly free from  
all such stains. They who do these  
things speak not of them as crimes.—  
And he looked up and met the tearful  
gaze of Helen Travers, without his own  
lips drooping.

"Then I will wed you," she exclaimed,  
after a moment's pause, and only as your  
wife will learn this dreadful secret."

"You will!" and William Johnson started  
to his feet as one who had received an  
electric shock.

"I will!"

"For a moment she yielded to his  
embarrassment, but he released her quickly.  
"You would so wed me?" he exclaimed  
"but you shall not. The dear memory of  
your words is a happiness Fate cannot  
take from me; it gives me strength to  
complete the tragedy. Listen. These limbs  
have borne the manacles the law furnishes  
to the convicted thief; this form has quailed  
in the felon's dock beneath the callous  
stare of the stranger multitude; but even  
then I did not lie, I owned that I had  
stolen the means to purchase food for a  
famishing mother. The same which I  
dared to ask you to bear, is for ever  
enrolled in the chronicles of crime. The  
convict crossed the seas and was a slave  
for the seven brightest years of his youth.  
Hold—Miss Travers, you do not scream  
or faint, or wither with a look. Only  
tears quiet common tears! Are you  
woman or angel?"

"Be calm, and tell me all."

"You will believe I meant to replace  
the note I—stole, though the judge  
would not credit my story. This is all I  
have to tell; for why should I picture the  
haunting presence of memory, and the  
worthlessness of that wealth which de-  
scended to me from the relative who ex-  
posed my youth to temptation, and left  
my mother to perish?"

"The future; the happy future. May  
it make you forget the past!—William!"

"Helen!"

At her feet once more, but now with  
child-like sobs, and breathing passionate  
exclamations and fervent blessings.

It was the next day; and the burst of  
wild tumultuous joy had given place to  
a serene happiness on the part of Wil-  
liam Johnson, while a softer and more  
thoughtful expression reigned on the face  
of Helen.

"I have a compact to propose," said she  
laying her hand upon his arm, and look-  
ing up calmly yet affectionately in his  
face; "let us for the future speak not of  
this dark thing, except indeed there be  
just necessity and occasion for renewing  
the subject. Let it be a sacred deposit,  
of which each has the key, but do not  
suffer it to belong to our lives by frequent  
discourse or thought of it. Thus may  
time heap realities to hide & stifle these  
smouldering ashes. You tell me that your  
common name has been to you a shelter  
from suspicion; that your secret rests with  
one tried and trusted friend; and that the  
world among its common blunders deems  
your love of retirement the spirit of pride  
and exclusiveness. I will look at the  
result of the leisure that retirement has af-  
forded, the cultivated intellect and the  
habits of simple enjoyment. Yet whence  
came your enlarged sympathies with hu-  
manity! These are not fostered by her-  
mitic retirement.

"Can you ask? You are silent. I need  
not tell you how much is known intuitively  
by one who has erred and suffered."

"And expiated!"

Altho' deep the meaning of that word  
which bursts spontaneously from the  
heart which felt aright! Deeper and  
higher, more world embracing such  
wisdom than aught was ever extracted by  
the casuistry of the schools. The mys-  
terious God, by His instruments, the mys-  
teries of inexhaustible nature, heals the  
wounds and lesser ills of the body until  
it becomes whole again. And must the  
wounds of the soul fester forever?—  
What is man that he dares pluck hope  
from the breast of his fellow! And is  
not the punishment he inflicts for crime  
but Satan's work on earth, except so far  
as it prevents amendment—and through the

suffering and amendments expiated! The  
poet paints what should be rather than  
what is, when he declares "there is a  
future for all who have the virtue to repent  
and the energy to atone." May he prove  
the poet prophet!