

THE MARIGOLD.

The violet sweet I dearly love, The pink, the pansy bold, The blush rose, but all flowers above I love the Marigold.

STORM SHADOWS.

Last June and July I had been taking too much out of myself. Beside the ordinary drudgery at the museum I was in a hurry to get my novel finished. I don't know how it is with men who spin their brains habitually, but after a hard day's work the effort of creation (save the mark), though it is pleasant at the time and does not seem to cost me anything, leaves all my nerves jarring.

gone, and when I raised my head it was all red darkness before me, full of hoops and circles that grew incessantly into one another, like rings in water, standing out before me and receding into space.

me to say that. But I had to make some shift to get her eyes off me while I stumbled into the drawing room and groped my way to an armchair.

Then I tried writing with my own hand. Lucy persuaded me she could read it. She used to sit by me and keep the lines straight, or tell me she did so. I have got nearly half a volume that I wrote in this way—of course quite undecipherable now.

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