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Hankow	500,000
Swatow	250,000
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Foo-Choo	1,250,000
Wan-Choo	300,000
Ningpo	400,000
Hangchow	1,200,000
Shanghai	1,000,000
Total	5,910,000

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BY CAROLINE CONRAD.

"Miss Eloise, please, Madame re-quests to see you in her sitting room."

"A little girl, with black ringletted hair clustering about a fair open face, rather sad but sweet in expression, rose at once from her place in the class, at Madame Renier's boarding school, and followed the servant from the room."

Madame met her at the door, saying, in a voice of strange compassion:

"Your poor darling!"

Eloise's dark eyes flashed pained inquiry in Madame's solemn face.

"You have news," she cried, in a stricken voice "you have news of mamma! Oh, Madame, tell me!"

"Poor baby! poor little one! how can I tell thee?" Madame murmured.

"Don't tell me that!" she cried; "don't tell me I shall never see mamma any more—my poor, suffering, abused mamma!"

"I wish I had it not to tell thee," Madame said sadly.

"Is she dead?" the child asked.

"Yes, dear."

Madame bent presently to look on the little girl's face.

"Don't child—don't look like that!" Madame pleaded, shuddering. "Cry Eloise—cry here on my bosom; it will do thee good."

Eloise lifted her great solemn eyes to Madame's.

"He had done it, I know; I know he has," she said, in strange, unchildlike tones. "Mamma said I should not be sent away from her; she would teach me herself. She said it would kill her to take me from her, and it has."

"Hush, dear; you are crazed now with grief."

"Madame, I am not. Madame, I will tell every one I see that it was that bad man who killed her."

"Child, you must not speak so. Eloise, try to bear it—try to be calmer. He is here; he has come to take you home with him."

"He! the man who married my beautiful mamma only to torture the life out of her? I had rather die than go with him."

"Child, he may come in at any moment."

"Madame, I am not a child. I am only fourteen, but I am old enough to remember—"

"And obey," said a deep voice beside her, and without looking up, Eloise knew it was her step-father who had stolen noiselessly into the room, and heard she knew not how much of her passionate talk.

The child trembled like a leaf, and shrank into Madame's compassionate arms with a low cry.

"She has fainted."

Sidney Herbert took her out of Madame's arms, and laid her upon a sofa.

"She will be better soon," he said in a cold voice; "and pray prepare her at once for her journey."

"To-night?" Madame asked, aghast.

"She is not fit to travel so soon."

"I will attend to that," Mr. Herbert said, in unanswerable tones, and Madame with a smothered sigh returned to her task of restoring the child.

Poor Eloise had to be carried out to the carriage, where she shrank away into one corner, and pressed her face against the lining, for fear of meeting the cold, icy looks of the man who set opposite and watched her with merciless eyes.

By the time they reached home she was in a high fever, and moaning with delirium.

Her step-father carried her into the house himself, and himself tended her through the long illness that followed.

When the child grew better he thus addressed her:

"You assured Madame Renier that you were not a child. I expect you therefore to exercise something of the discretion which belongs to more years than yours, and to let me hear no more such wild talk as that to which you treated Madame. I desire to be to you an indulgent guardian; but whether I am so or not, will entirely depend upon yourself."

Eloise made no reply. She only looked at him gravely, with a pair of dark intense eyes that her step