

THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN.

The somewhat imposing name of Pell City has been given to a cluster of houses lodged in the valley between Attalla and Birmingham. On its outskirts a mantle of smoke veils the heavens and indicates, without doubt, the locality of the cotton mills. It was thither that I made my way.

ward on her breast as she spoke, and her arms hung lifeless. Then she added: "Death struck him when he fell." After a moment she began again: "Are you a good dressmaker?" "Not very, are you?" She laughed. "Good enough to make my own clothes."

to this same mill-owner to be drenched in the scoria that speeds outward from little fingers, whose force, as their life's blood, ebb from them while they toil! Over the rolling country outside of the town, in the direction of West Huntsville, there is a succession of mills: one with its rows of wooden houses, its schools, its stores, its chapel, and others of minor importance, beside indeed, to look insignificant by comparison with the giant plant which flings its human debris, when work is done, into a surrounding group of yellow frame two-story houses, each of which is inhabited by two families, and surrounded by a yard, sprinkled over, as were the sidewalks in this desolate town, with slag from the furnaces.

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