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SOMEBODY.

Somebody's courting somebody, Somebody or other, to-night, Somebody's whispering to somebody, Somebody's list'ning to somebody, Under this clear moonlight.

Near the bright river's flow, Running so still and slow, Talking so soft and low, the sits with somebody

Pacing the ocean's shore, Edged by the foaming roar, Words, never breathed before, Sound sweet to somebody.

Under the maple tree, Deep though the shadow be, Plain enough they can see-Bright eyes has somebody.

No one sits up to wait, Though she is out so late-All know she's at the gate, Talking with somebody.

Tip-toe to parlor door-

Two shadows on the floor-Moonlight reveals no more-Susy and somebody.

Two, sitting side by side, Float with the ebbing tide. Thus, dearest, may we glide Through life," says somebody.

Somewhere, somebody

Selected Cale.

THE BETROTUAL FRANCES SEYMOUR had been left an orphan and an heiress very early in life. Her mother ad died in giving birth to a second child, which did not survive its parent, so that Franather, an officer of rank and merit, was killed use. Waterloo. When this sad news reached England, the child was spending her vacation with Mrs. Wentworth, a sister of Mrs. Sev mour, and henceforth this lady's house became her home; partly, because there was no other relative to claim her, and partly, because amongst Colonel Seymour's papers, a letter was found, addressed to Mrs. Wentworth, remesting that, if he fell in the impending cont, she would take charge of his daughter .-bestow much thought or care upon her neice, whom she received under her roof without unwillingness, but without affection. Had Fran of any man to control her inclinations. ces been poor she would felt her a burden : but as she was rich, there was some eclat and no inconvenience in undertaking the office of her guardian and chaperon—the rather as she had no daughter of her own with whom Frances's beauty or wealth could interfere ; for as the young heiress grew into womanhood, the charms of her person were quite remarkable enough to have excited the jealousy of her cousins, if she had any; or to make her own fortune, if she had not possessed one already. She was, moreover, extremely accomplished, good-tempered, cheerful, and altogether what s called a very nice girl ; but of course she had her faults, like all other people : she was too fond of admiration-a fault which had been very much encouraged at the school where she had been educated : beauty and wealth, especially when combined, being gen erally extremely popular at such establishments. As long, however, as her admirers were only romantic schoolfellows and calculating school-mistresses, there was not much harm done; but the period now approached in which there would be more scope for the exercise of this passion, and more danger in its indulgence. Frances bad reached the age of seventeen, and was about to make her debut in the world of of making numerous conquests, she looked forward with great delight.

Whilst engaged in preparations for these anticipated triumphs, Mrs. Wentworth said to her one day: "Now that you are coming out, Frances, I think it is my duty to communicate to you a wish of your father's, expressed in the letter which was found after his death. It is a wish regarding your choice for a husband." "Dear me, aunt, how very odd!" exclaimed

"It is rather odd," returned Mrs. Wentworth; "and, to be candid, I don't think it is very wise; for schemes of this sort seldom or

never turn out well." Scheme! What scheme is it?" asked

Frances, with no little curiosity. Why, you must know," answered her aunt, that your father had a very intimate friend, to whom he was as much attached all his life as if he had been his brother."

You mean Sir Richard Elliott. I remember seeing him and his son at Otterby, when I was a little girl; and I often heard papa speak of him afterwards."

"Well, when young Elliot got his commisand's request used his interest to have him appointed to his own regiment, in order that he night keep him under his eye. By this means, became intimately acquainted with the young man's character, and, I suppose, as much attached to him as to his father.

"And the scheme is, that I should marry

world, I have no choice but to do it."

Elliot is very anxious about the matter, since he has never taken the trouble of coming to their possessor. Her eyes were opened, in see me. Perhans he does not know of the short; and the ordinary effect of this sort of scheme!"

"Oh yes, he does; but, in the first place, ing to making your acquaintance. So Sir became hateful. In accordance with this new Richard told me, when I met him last year at state of her feelings, she resolved to alter her heart was perfectly free, but that he did not think it right to throw himself in your way; ly; whilst at the same time, she privately of the world. The old gentleman had a great have called, but he was only passing through London on his way to some German baths, and he was to start the next morning."

"And what sort of a person is this Mr. Elliott 9"

" I really don't know, except that his father praised him to the skies. He's Major Elliott posals. now, and must be about eight-and-twenty." And he is the eldest son ?"

" He's the eldest son, and will be Sir Henry—I think that's his name—by and by. But he's not rich; quite the contrary, he's very ment of wishing to place the happiness of his offering his hand to Miss Gaskoin, provided poor for a baronet; and I incline think that that is one of the reasons that influenced your of embarrassment is added the consciousness of objection to the match. "My reason for menfather. Being so fond of the Elliotts, he wish- having culpably raised expectations that she ed to repair, in some degree, the dilapidation shrinks from realizing, the situation becomes of their fortunes by yours."

sciousness of being married purely for my mon- stead of honestly avowing her fault, which ey. I am afraid poor dear papa's scheme will would have been the safest thing to do, had

come, aunt, pray do me the favor to assure ces had neither brother nor sister; and her him, from me, that it will not be of the smallest his position would not be improved, the young

> "That would be foolish till you've seen him. You may like him."

Never: I could not like a man whom I met under such circumstances, if he were an

Elliott and his attractions whatever they might be, Frances Seymour made her debut; and, however brilliaat had been her anticipations of success, she had the satisfaction of finding them cessity than choice ; Mrs. Wentworth being a end of it, she had refused at least a half a in ill health, they saw little company ; but

> them they arranged that she should spend the in- mate as much as she did herself on the judi- making a nervous attempt to follow them. terval in visting some families of their own con- cious move she had made, till her equanimity to take due charge of her.

The first of these, by name Dunbar, were worthy people enoungh, but unfortunately for Frances, desperately dull; and the few neigh- Dunbar excepted, she had the greatest desire bors they had happened to be as dull as them- to avoid selves. There were neither balls nor routs to keep up the spirits of the London belle ; and a ly tiresome dinner party, was but a poor substitute for the gaieties which the late season had given her a taste for. Frances was not without resources. She

was a fine musician, and played and sang admirably ; but she liked to be told that she did so. At Dunbar Honse, nobody cared for music, no body listened to her, and her most recherches toilettes delighted nobody but her maid. She was aux abois, as the French say, and had made some progress in the concoction of a scheme to get away, when an improvement took place in her position, from the arfashion-an event to which, certain as she was rival of young Vincent Dunbar, the on'y son of the family He was a lieutenant in a regiment of infantry that had lately returned from the colonies, and had come, as in duty bound, to waste ten days or a fortnight of his three mouths' leave in the dull home of his ancestors. As he was an extremely handsome, fashionable-looking youth, Frances, when she went down to dinner, felt quite revived by the sight of him. Here was something to dress for, and something to sing to; and although the young lieutenant's conversation was not a whit above the usual standard of his class, it appeared lively and witty when compared with that of regarded themselves, was it at all difficult of his parents. His small colonial experiences execution, since they always addressed her as were more interesting than Mrs. Dunbar's do- Fanny or Frances; the danger was with the mestic ones; and his account of a tiger bunt more exciting than his father's history of the visitor by no other name than Miss Fanny ly welcome resource to him. Here was an op- if they did, a few blashes and a hearty laugh portunity, quite unexpected, of displaying his nost splendid waistcoats ; here was a listener for his best ssories, and one who did not repay bim in kind, as his father did : and here were a pair of bright eyes that always looked brighter at his approach; and a pair of pretty lips, his own fiance. that pouted when he talked of going away to sion, your papa, in compliance with Sir Rich- fulfil an engagement he had made to meet each other had they met under more prosaic ing.

some friends at Brighton. As was to be expected, under circumstances so propitions, the young man fell in love-as less to say, that Major Elliott extended his you never had? much in love as he could be with anybody but visit beyond the day or two he had engaged himself; whilst his parents did not neglect to for; and when Mr. and Mrs. Gaskoin saw how that she has not the slightest intention of takhint that he could not do better than to pros- matters were going, they recommended an im- ing me for her husband. ecute a suit which the young lady's evident mediate avowal of the little deception that had partiality justified. Pleased with the pros- been practised, lest some ill-timed visitor should lection of her own violent antipathy to this ir-

way. The very idea of standing in such an awkward relation to a man would make me hate him."

Dunbar answered exceedingly well; but for the second, he was wholly suffit. In spite of the second, he was wholly suffit to the second he second as your father desires that I will put you in an empty-headed coxcomb, and not at all the possession of his wishes before you go into the man with whom she hoped to spend her years of discretion-when arrived at them-after an 'It does not appear, however, that this Mr. ample enjoyment of the delights that youth, beauty, and wealth are calculated to procure awakening from an unworthy penchant—for attachment it could not be called—ensued; he is abroad with his regiment; and in the the temporary liking changed into aversion, second, he abstains upon principle from seek- and the attentions that had flattered her before Lady Grantley's fete. He said that his son's behavior, in order to dissipate as quickly as possible the erroneous impression of the famior endeavor to engage your affections, till you made arrangements for cutting short her visit, have had an opportunity of seeing something and anticipating the period of her removal to the house of Mrs. Gaskoin, betwixt whom and desire of seeing you himself; and he would the Dunbars the interval of her friends' absence in Russia was to be divided. In spite of her stratagem, however, she did not escape what she apprehended. Vincent's leave had nearly expired too; and when the moment approached that was to separate them he seized an opportunity of making his pro-

There is scarcely a woman to be met with in society, who does not know, from experience, what a painful thing it is to crush the hopes their fortunes by yours."

doubly distressing. On the present occasion, agitated, ashamed, and confused, Frances, infail; and I wish, aunt, you had never told me of it."

| Miss Gaskoin, because you know how I am she had been betrothed by her father to the situated in regard to money matters; and that "That was not left to my discretion; if it son of his dearest friend, and that she was not had been, I should not have told you of it, I free to form any other engagement. Of ourse, Vincent pleaded that such a contract Well, I can only hope that I shall never could not be binding on her; but as, whilst see Major Elliott; and if he ever proposes to she declared her determination to adhere to it, she forbore to add, that were she at liberty man and his family remained under the persuasion that this premature engagement the only bar to his happiness; and with this impression, which she allowed him to retain, because it spared him and herself pain, he returned to his regiment, whilst she, as speedily as she could, decamped to her next quarters, armed with a thousand good resolutions never again to bring herself into such an unpleasant | self to

was expecting a visitor, and that this visitor such scenes do not bear relating.

"I cannot express how much I should dislike meeting him," she said to Mrs. Gaskoin, tiresome drive of six or eight miles to an equal- to whom she thought it better to explain how she was situated "You must allow me to keep my room whilst he is here."

If you are determined not to see him, I Dunbars for a little while," answered the hostess; "but I really think you should stay, and let things take their course. If your aversion continues, you need not marry him; but my husband tells me he's charming; and in point of character, I know no one whom he estimates so highly."

But Frances objected, that she should feel so embarrassed and awkward.

" In short, you apprehend that you will ap pear to a great disadvantage," said Mrs Gaskoin. "That is possible, certainly; but as Major Elliott is only coming for a day or two, I think we might obviate that difficulty, troducing you as my husband's neice, Fanny What do you say? You can de-Gaskoin. clare yourself whenever you please, or keep the secret till he he goes, if you prefer it."

Frances said she should like it very much the scheme would afford them a great deal of amusement, and any expedient was preferable to going back to Dunbar House. Neither, as servants, who, however cautioned to call the rup he had after a fox. Frances was an equal- might inadvertantly betray the secret. Still were likely to be the only consequences of the disclosure so the little plot was duly framed, entertaining the most remote suspicion that is defeated." this beautiful, fascinating Fanny Gaskoin was

Whether they might have fallen in love with circumstances, there is no saying. As it was, "But how do you know that, when you've they did so almost at first sight. It is need never seen Miss Seymour—as least I thought "Provided you are both disposed, not otherwise; there is to be no compulsion in the case."

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"It is a scheme that will never be realized, which had all inopportunely let out the secret, which had all inopportunely let out the secret, which had all inopportunely

powerful to make him forget it; but that he should have yielded to the temptation without the slightest appearance of a struggle did surprise her, as indeed, from their knowledge of his character, it did Mr. and Mrs. Gaskoin. Not that they would have expected him to adhere to the contract, if doing so proved repugnant either to himself or the young lady; but under all the circumstances of the case, they would have thought his conduct less open to exception, if he had deferred entering into any other engagement till he had seen Miss Seymour. It was true, that he had not vet offered his hand to his friend Gaskion's charming neice; but neither she, nor any one else, entertained a doubt of his intention to do so; and Frances never found herself alone with him, that her heart did not beat high with the expectation of what might be coming.

The progress of love affairs is no measure of time; where the attrait, or magnetic rapport (for perhaps magnetism has something to do with the mystery), is very strong, one couple will make as much way in a fortnight as another will do in a year. In the present in-stance, Major Elliott's proclivity to fall in love may, on the thirteenth day of his visit, Major Elliott invited his host to join in a walk, in tioning the subject so early is," said he, "that in the first place, I cannot prolong my visit; I have already broken two engagements, and now, however unwilling, I must be off; and, the second place, I felt myself bound to mention the subject to you before speaking to I cannot, unfortunately, make such a settlement as may be expected by her friends."

"I don't think that will be any obstacle to your wishes," answered Mr. Gaskoin, with an arch smile. "If you can find Fanny in the humor, I'll undertake to answer for all the rest. As for her fortune, she'll have semething, at all events-but that is a subject, I suppose, was you are too much in love to discuss.

"It is one there is no use in discussing till I am accepted," returned Major Elliott; "and ered the expression of her features, he would I confess that is a point I am too anxious have seen that it was something more than mad-cap fellow Poole is; and what should be about to think of any other."

husband, and will doubtless take an and surprised. ity of speaking to you in the course of Mrs. Gaskoin's was a different sort of a the evening. Of course now the truth must cret," he said, "and if my own, you should not may guess how Elliott started, and all the

Shortly after the termination of the season, tomed to; what was amiable and good in her of a door aroused her to the fact that they some family affairs called Mr. and Mrs. Went- character-and there was much-regained the were alone. Mr. and Mrs. Gaskoin had quiworth to St. Petersburg ; and and as it was ascendant ; her host and hostess congratulated etly slipped out of the room ; and conscious not convenient that Frances should accompany ed themselves on having so agreeable an in- that the critical moment was come, she was when a hand was laid on hers, and - But nexion residing in the country, who promised was disturbed by learning that Mr. Gaskoin it is quite needless to enter into particulars : was his old friend and brother officer, Major liott said something, and looked a thousand Elliott, the person of all others, Vincent things! Frances blushed and smiled, and then she wept, avowing that her tears were tears of joy; and so engrossed was she with the happiness of the moment, that she had actually forgotten the false colors under which she was appearing, till her lover said: "I have already, my dear Fanny, spoken on the

subject to your uncle." "Now, then, for the denouement !" thought really think you had better go back to the Frances; but she had formed a little scheme for bringing this about, which she had forth-

with proceeded to put into execution. " But, dear Henry," she said, as seated on the sofa hand in hand, they dilated on their present happiness and future plans-" dear Henry, there is one thing that has rather perplexed me, and does perplex me still, a little -do you know, I have been told you were

Indeed! Who told you that ?"

Well, I don't know; but I'm sure I heard the hall ! Let me out this way;" and so say-It was said that you were engaged to Miss Seymour-the Miss Seymour, that lives with Wentworth-

Do you know her ?" inquired Major Elliott, interrupting her.

Yes, I do-a little." "Only a little ?"

"Well, perhaps, I may say I know her pretty well. Indeed, to confess the truth, I'm rather intimate with her.'

"Then you don't deny the engagement

said Frances.

"Colonel Seymour, who was my father's friend and mine, very kindly expressed a wish before he died, that, provided there was no objection on either side, his dampliter and [should be married; but you see, my dearest Fanny, as there happens to be an objection on and successfully executed; Major Elliott not both sides, the scheme, however well meant, told Frances that you were coming here, she ty of addressing her. Her erelids fell as she "On both sides !" reiterated Frances with

Yes : on both sides," answered he smil-

But how do you know that, when you've

" Neither have I ; but I happen to know

Oh !" said Frances, laughing at the recol-"It is a scheme that will never be realized," which, heavy as it was, roused her to reflect the drawmant; which a man, and angling for like a marriage that had been planued in that his admiration, is one thing; loving and mar-

ry, she has never seen you. How do you know | " I gave in to it," said he, " though I do not that she might not have fallen in love with you like jests of that sort, because I thought, as at first sight ?- as somebody else did," she ad- my wife did, that you were much more likely

ded, playfully.

"Because, my dear little girl, she happens
She did not wait to see to be in love already. She did not wait to see me, but wisely gave away her heart when she met a man that pleased her."

know who she was, than if you met under all the embarrassment of such an awkward relation."

During this little discourse. Major Elliott

"But you're mistaken," answered Frances, beginning to feel alarmed; "you are indeed!
I know Frances Seymour has no attachment. I know that till she saw you-I mean that-I am certain that she has no attachment, nor

"Perhaps you are not altogether in her confidence.

significantly. "Rely on it" he said, "that what I tell you is the fact : but you have probably not seen Miss Seymour very lately, which would sufficiently account for your ignorance of her secret. I am told that she is extremely handsome and charming; and that she sings divinely.'

Five minutes earlier, Erances would have been delighted with this testimony to her at- ming, Mojor Elliott was gone, having left a tractions; and would have been ready with a few lines to excuse his sudden departure, which repartee about the loss he would sustain in relinquishing so many perfections for her sake ; but now her heart was growing faint with termay have been aided by his persuasion that she was the neice of his friend. Be that as it mouth. Thoughts that would fill pages darted through her brain like lightning-dreadful possibilities, that she had never foreseen nor thought of.

Vincent Dunbar's regiment had been in Inor she had sufficiently attended to the subject to know which it was. Major Elliott's regiment had also been in India; and it was the the two officers were acquainted-and suppose sionally spoken to her of his brother officers ; she remembered Poole, and Wainwright, and the field-officers. Then, when she told him

Prepare yourself," said Mrs Gaskoin to fell obscurely on the seat t'ney ocupied, and he suspected nothing but that she was puzzled dad had engaged her to somebody else; and

" I see you are very carious to learn the se-In making this request, it is probable that Colonel Seymour was more influenced by neson—admired, courted and envied; and by the
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young lady's, I am bound to keep it till she our acquaintance and our love-making, and all When the tea-things were removed, and chooses to disclose it herself. However, I the rest of it. And, of course, I told him the gay woman of the world, who was not likely dozen proposals. As she was perfectly inde- they were young, cheerful, and accomplished Frances, as usual, was seat at the pianoforte hope your enriosity will soon be satisfied, for truth, and showed him the dear lock of hair pendent, she resolved to enjoy a longer lease people, and in their society Frances forgot the of her liberty, before she put it in the power vexations she had left behind her. She even leaves of her music-book, she almost lost her worth are both to be in England almost imme. The work I ran up to London : for Elliott's ceased to miss the admiration she was accus- breath with agitation when the gentle closing diately—they have been some time on the con- an honorable fellow, and I knew it was all right understanding. In the meantime, my dearest he wouldn't stand in the way of our happiness

But Frances, unable longer to control her agitation, took advantage of a slight noise in the hall, to say that Mr. and Mrs. Gaskoin were coming; and before he had time to finish his sentence, she started to her feet, and rushed out of the room.

On the other side of the hall was Mrs. Gaskoin's boudoir, where she and her husband were sitting over the fire, awaiting the result of the tete-a-tete in the drawing room.

"Well ?" said they, rising as the door opened and a pale face looked in. " Is it all settled ?"

"Ask me nothing now, I beseech you!" Major Elliott I am not well ; say I'm agitated-anything you like; but remember he still thinks me Fanny Gaskain___

" But my dear girl, I cannot permit that deception to be carried any further : it has lasted too long already," said Mr. Gaskoin.

" Only to night !" said Frances "It is not fair to Major Elliott," urged

Mrs. Gaskoin. "Only to night !" reiterated Frances. "There! he's coming ; I hear his step in

backstairs, and disappeared. She has refused him !" said Mrs. Gaskoin I confess I am amazed."

But Major Elliott met them with a smiling face "What has become of Frances?" said " She rushed in to us in a state of violent

agitation, and begged we would tell you that she is not well, and is gone to her room. I'm "That is extremely fortunate," returned affaid the result of your interview has not been what we expected." " On the contrary," returned Maj. Elliott

you must both congratulate me on my good fortune." "Silly girl !" said Mr. Gaskoin, shaking his friend heartily by the hand. "I see what it is ; she is nervous about a little deception we have been practicing on you." " A deception !"

Wby, you see my dear fellow, when I objected to meeting vog-'Indeed! On what account ?"

You have never suspected anything?"

"Suspected anything? No." " It has never by chance occurred to you that this bewitching neice of mine is-" Is what ?"

Your betrothed lady, for example Frances Sermour." Major Elliott's cheeks and line turned sever-

to take a fancy to each other, if you did not know who she was, than if you met under all

had time to recover from the shock; and being a man of resolute calmness and great selfpossession-which qualities, by the way, formed a considerable element in his attractionsthe remainder of the evening was passed with-out, any circumstance calculated to awaken the suspicions of his host and hostess, further than dence."

"Oh, yes I am indeed."

Major Elliott shook his head, and smiled that a certain gravity of tone and manner, when they spoke of Frances, led them to apprehend that he was not altogether pleased with the jest that had been practiced.

"We ought to have told him the moment we saw that he was pleased with her; but, foolish child, she would not let us," said Mr. Gaskoin to his wife.

"She must make her peace with him to-morrow," returned the lady ; but alas ! when they came down to breakfast on the following morhe said, he had only anticipated by a few hours as, in any case, he must have left them that

By the same morning's post there arrived a letter from Vincent Dunbar, addressed to Miss Seymour. Its contents were as follows :-

"My dearest, dearest Frances-I should have written to you ten days ago to tell you the joyful news-you little guess what-but that I had applied for an extension of leave on argent private affairs, and expected every hour to get it. But they refused me, be hanged to them! So I write to you, my darling, to tell you that it's all right-I mean between 76th. Suppose it were the same, and that you and me. I am not a very good hand at an explanation paper, my education in the art they had met since Vincent's departure from of composition having been somewhat neglect-Dunbar House! The young man had occa- ed but you must know that old Elliott whom your dad wanted you to marry, is our senior Major. Well, when I came down here to Carter ; and name of Elliott he had certainly meet Poole, as I had promised-his governor not mentioned; but it was naturally of his keeps hounds, you know; a capital pack, too own frinds and companions he spoke, not of -I was as dull as dish-water; I was, I assure you ; and whenever there was nothing going that had been betrothed by her father, she on, I used to take out the verses you wrote, had not said to whom ; but might he not, by and the music you copied for me, to look at ; some unlucky chance, have found that out? and one day, who should come in but Elliott, And might not an explanation have ensued! who was staying with his governor at West Could Major Elliott have distinctly discov- Cliff, where the old gentleman has taken a house. Well, you know, I told you what a

perplexity that kept her sileut; but the light | do, but tell Elliott that I was going stark mad then he showed him the music that was lying on the table with your name on it. So you tinent-and then we shall come to a general And it is all right, my darling ; for he says for the world, or marry a woman whose affections were not all his own. And he'll speak to your aunt for us, and get it all settled as soon as she comes back." &c., &c.

The paper dropped from poor Frances Seymour's hands. She comprehended enough of Major Elliott's character to see that all was over. But for the nufortunate jest they had practiced on him, an explanation would necessarily have ensued the moment he mentioned Vincent's name to her : but that unlucky de ception had complicated the mischief beyond repair. It was now too late to tell him that she did not love Vincent ; he would only think her false or fickle. A woman who could act said Frances, "I'm going to my room; tell as she had done, or as she appeared to have done, was no wife for Henry Elliott.

There is no saving, but it is just possible, that an entire confidence placed in Mr. Gaskoin might have led to a happier issue ; but her own conviction that her position was irrecoverable, her hopelessness and her pride closed her lips. Her friends saw that there was something wrong; and when a few lines from Major Elliott announced his immediate departure for Paris, they concluded that some strange mystery had divided the lovers, and clouded the hopeful future that for a short period had promised so brightly. ing, she darted out of door that led to the

Vincent Dunbar was not a man to break his hearth at the disappoinment, which it is needless to say awaited him. Long years afterwards, when Sir Henry Elliott was not only married, but had daughters coming out in world, he, one day at a dinner party, sat next to a pale faced middle-aged lady, whose still beantiful features, combined with the quiet, almost grave elegance of her toilet, had already attracted his attention in the drawingroom. It was a countenance of perfect serenety; but no observing eye could look at it with-out feeling that that was a serenity not born of jox, but of sadness-a calm that had succeeded a storm-a peace won by a great battle. Sir Henry felt pleased when he saw that the fortunes of the dinner table had placed him beside this lady, and they had not been long seated before he took an opportuniturned to answer him ; but there was a sweet mournful smile on her lip-a smile that awoke strange recollection, and made his heart for a said Mr. Gaskoin, scarcely repressing his laugh- stand still. For some minutes he did not speak again, nor she either; when he did it was to ask her, in a low gentle voice, to take wine with him. The lady's hand shook visibly as she raised her glass; but, after a short interval, the surprise and the pang passed away and they conversed calmly on general subjects like other people in society.

When Sir Heary returned to the drawing room, the pale-faced lady was gone; and a

The thoughtless and impatient shat their eves to danger, rather than labor to avert it.