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"It's our bounden duty," said Mrs. Gleun. "Oh dear," said Mrs. Bright, "I can't see why we should bother ourselves .-People never get any thanks for interfering between man and wife."

"I don't want thanks, said Mrs. Gleun ; "I think of myself. If Mr. Glenn should conduct himself so while I was away I should think any one my very best friend who let me know about it. To have a creature like that stealing one's husband's affections and other women keeping their mouths shut, why it's awful-perfectly

"It would be winking at sin," said Mrs. Martin.

"Assuredly," said Mrs. Glenn. "I've often thought all that show of affection didn't amount to anything," said Mrs. Martin. "Mr. Martin never kisses me when he comes home to tea. I've seen Mrs. Willis do it right on the front doorstep, and then call her dear so often. All hypocrisy. And to see her set up by it .-And my dear busband thinks this, and my dear husband thinks that, and my dear husband likes me to wear pink, and all that was made much of in the world .-

"And I've often said to myself there'll be a waking up for you, Mrs. Willis," said Mrs. Gleun. "And now you see it has come."

"And very glad you seem to be of it," said Mrs. Bright. "The poor soul has been too happy. For my part it always pleases me to see domestic happiness, and my advice is, don't tell her. It may be some mistake you know. If it isn't you'll only make her suffer-"

"Pride goes before a fall," said Mrs. Glenn.

"I'm only an instrument. I'm obliged to do the work set before me, even if it humbles her."

"Aud you'll go with us, Mrs. Bright?" said Mrs. Martin.

"Not I," said Mrs. Bright. "Firstly, I think in the face of all your evidence, that Mr. Willis is too good a man, and too fond of his wife to deceive her so; secondly, if it is all true, I wash my hands of helping to break that sweet little heart. And if I thought I could talk you out of going I would. Just wait a week or so; think about it a little while, do."

Mrs. Martin shook ber head.

Mrs. Glenn smiled sarcastically. "You always shirk anything disagree able," she said. "You have a nature that impels you to take life easily. I have been forced to put my shoulder to the wheel too often, not to do it willingly."

"And I've often said," said Mrs. Martin, "that I revere Mrs. Glenn for that

very thing." They walked out of the room. Mrs. Bright shrugged her fat shoulders.

"A couple of old slander-mongers," she said; "and now they must try to make little Eva Willis uncomfortable."

Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Glenn boarded with their husbands at the fashionable establishment of Mrs. Roger Black. Mr. and Mrs. Willis lived next door, and all of them attended the same church. Either the latter pair were peculiarly fond of each other or were more disposed to show their fondness than most people are; but certainly they were known as a model couple. He was a tall, handsome, black whiskered man of forty. She was a petite blonde of twenty-two or twenty-three. Evidently, no man was so wise, so great, so perfect in her eyes as her husband. Evidently, no woman so charming to him as his wife.

"Now, there are a great many women to whom this sort of thing is gall and wormwood. They cannot bear to see it, and break it up if possible. All the flirts in the congregation had tried to do this and had failed. All the sour matrons whose married lives were spent in spats and squabbles, sneered at the happy pair, and declared that it won't last long. But it had lasted for five or six years, and not a flaw had been discovered in the conduct of either, until, one bright summer, when Mrs. Willis baving left home on a visit to her sister, a very pretty young lady arrived at a neighboring hotel, and Mr. Willis-yes, Mr. Willis, no other-was seen to devote himself to her in a way that was positively shocking. Yes, positively terrible. For Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Martin, who took to going about in waterproof cloaks and boods after dark, had not only seen Mr. Willis take ice cream with this young lady, but were ready to swear that he kissed her at parting, and on more than one occasion was seen to put his arm about her waist.

This had gone on for three weeks, when Mrs. Willis returned, and now, as the lady was unpacking her trunks in her pretty room next door, the two watchers had determined to inform her of her husband's infidelity and no task could have been more pleasing to them.

Dressing in their best, and armed with parasols and fans, they watched Mr. Willis' departure from the house with eager eyes, and then hastened down stairs, almost ran up the steps of the house next door, auxchange to misery.

soon," she said. "It does seem as though long. I'd been away from home a whole year-Mr. Willis says it seems five to him-and yet I've been enjoying myself ever so much."

"I am glad to hear it," said Mrs. Martin.

"Your happiness is fleeting," said Mrs. Glenn.

They spoke so solemnly that Mrs. Willis thought that something unpleasant must have happened to one of them.

"Every one well, I hope ?" she said more gravely. "Quite," said Mrs. Martin, with a sigh.

"Anything new?" said Mrs. Willis. "No," said Mrs. Glenn. " People are as wicked as ever, and that is as old as Satan."

"Mrs. Black has been overcharging her for extras, or the chambermaid has let the milkman kiss ber," thought Mrs. Willis.

"And what fine weather we are having," she added aloud.

"Yes," said Mrs. Martin, with a little groan, "I often think of those lines in the hymn :

Where every prospect pleases, And only man is vile."

"How vile man is sometimes," said Mrs. Glenn.

"Ah," said Mrs. Martin.

something, Mrs. Willis."

"I shouldn't wonder if Mr. Glenn had been flirting with some one," thought Mrs. "I have the photographs of all sister Sarah's children," said Mrs. Willis. "I'll

show them to you if you like." "Thank you, Mrs. Willis," said Mrs. Glenn ; "but our hearts are full of serious thoughts just now. We are thinking too much of evil hearts to look at innocent children's faces. We have come to tell you

"I knew something was on your mind," said the unsuspicious woman to herself; but she merely gave a little bow and looked with attention.

"You are young, Mrs. Willis," said Mrs. Martin. "Comparatively young," added Mrs.

Glenn. "And you don't know yet how very wicked this world is," said Mrs. Martin.

"Ab, no," said Mrs. Glenn. "Nor what men are," said Mrs. Martin. "You don't often faint, do you?" asked Mrs. Glenn.

"I-never," said Mrs. Willis. "That is well," said Mrs. Martin, "I fear we will agitate you very much." Mrs. Willis began to look grave.

"No accident has happened," she faltered. "Mr. Willis-I saw him leave the house ten minutes ago-nothing has-?" "As far as we know, Mr. Willis is perfectly safe and well," said Mrs. Glenn,

severely. "Mrs. Willis, I feel it my duty as a friend, to warn you that you should not have earthly idols. Your one thought appears to be your husband. There are other people to whom terrible things could hap-

pen." "And idols of clay may easily be shat-

tered," said Mrs. Martin. "One naturally thinks of one's own

first," said Mrs. Willis. "I am sure I shall be distressed to hear that anyone has met with a misfortune," Mrs. Willis also added. "We all meet with misfortunes sooner

or later," said Mrs. Glenn : "and again I say you think too much of one sinful man." "Iam not aware that I requested advice on the subject," said Mrs. Willis "and I scarcely think a woman could love so good

a husband too well, or honor him too much."

"Good!" cried Mrs. Martin. "Mrs. Willis," said Mrs. Glenn, "how do you know he is better than any other man-that he is not even untrue to you?" Mrs. Willis started to her feet in indig-

"How dare you-" she began. "Stop," said Mrs. Glenn. "We have come to speak, and will speak. It is our duty to unmask a hypocrite."

" Mrs. Willis, scarlet with anger, remained standing. Mrs. Martin began to look happy. Mrs.

Glenn even smiled. "My dear friend," she said, "we believe that you ought to know that you are dreadfully deceived. While you have been absent your husband has devoted himself to another lady—a beautiful girl—who arrived immediately after your departure .-We have seen him kiss and embrace herhave we not, Mrs. Martin ?"

"Ob, yes," said Mrs. Martin. "She is perhaps, sixteen years old-a dark beauty. It is quite absurd to think dark men admire light ladies most. She is as dark as he is, and very beautiful."

"Ob, yes," said Mrs. Glenn. "Lovely ontwardly. I think she must be French .-It is quite terrible. We feel it to be so ; but we found it necessary to do our duty and inform you at once."

"Thank you," said Mrs. Willis in a choked voice, as she covered her face with her handkerchief. "I hope," she said, after a moment's silence, "that you will not refuse to repeat this in presence of Mr. ious to meet the happy face they hoped to Willis. Of course you are not afraid to speak the truth before any one. If you then can you claim to be truly Asnest.

"Thank you for coming to see me so will wait I will send for him, I will not be

She still kept her face hidden, but her agitation was evidently great.

"I must insist upon your presence," she said in faltering accents; " and if I separate from Mr. Willis I shall need you for witnesses. Wait a moment. I will send for him.

This was more than the ladies had bargained for, but retreat was impossible .-Mrs. Willis left the room, and returned with her face hidden in her handkerchief. There was some silence in the room, and as the time passed on, Mrs. Martin began to wish herself safely at home, but Mrs. Glenn was of firmer stuff and braved the matter out better.

Half an hour passed; then a latch-key was heard in the hall door. It opened .-Mrs. Willis still concealed her face. A step-nay the steps of two persons crossed the hall. The parlor door opened, and Mr. Willis strode in, followed by a young lady -the very young lady who had been the subject of their communication-a pretty girl, and very like Mr. Willis himself.

And now Mrs. Willis arose with a face as bright as it had ever been in all their remembrance of its brightness, and turned toward them.

"Ladies," said she, "allow me to introduce my step-daughter, Adele Willis .--She has been with grandmother in France until lately. You know, or do not know, that Mr. Willis' first wife was a French lady, and she has just come to us. As I was absent, the hotel was pleasanter to her than the empty house, and so she has stayed there until to-day. She is just fourteen. The ladies thought you quite sixteen, you are so tall, Adele; and I am

very glad to have her with me." Mrs. Glenn arese; and so did Mrs. Mar-

tin. "Yes, to be sure," said Mrs. Martin ; "delightful of course," and hurried out of the room.

"A good motive should atone for a mistake," said the brave Mrs. Glenn. "I hope you will bear no enmity."

"None at all," said Mrs. Willis. "I have been very much amused." But Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Martin were not amused, I fear; and that very night they quarreled so violently about the matter, each blaming the other as instigator,

that neither ever spoke to the other again. Only Half Price.

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"Well, I have now been in New York two months, and seen all I wish with one exception."

"Ah ?" said the other, "what is that ?" "M'Donald Clarke, the great poet," responded No. 1, with a strong emphasis. Clarke raised his eyes slowly from his plate, and seeing the attention of the table

was on him, stood up, placing his hand over his heart, and, bow with gravity to the strangers, said :

"I am M'Donald Clarke, the great poet." The traveller startled in mock surprise, gazed at him in silence for a few moments, then amidst an audible titter of the company drew out a quarter dollary and laying it before Clarke still looked at him without a smile. Clarke raised the quarter in silence and with dignity, bestowed it in his pocket, drew thence a shilling, which he deposited before the traveller with these

works : "Children and fools half price." The titter changed to a roar, and the travellers were missing instanter.

Are You Honest 1

I don't mean by this question, to ask you if you steal money or other well recognized property. There are other ways of being dishonest. If you sell a man six bushels of grain, and give him only five, taking pay for the whole six, you know you are no better than a thief. If you hire a man for a stipulated sum to work for you for a week or a year, and he gives you only a portion of his working time, does he not defraud you of what is of the same value, as the money you pay for that time. Many a young man who would scorn to be thought a thief, is thoughtlessly stealing what belongs to his employer. He is taking time for his own use which he has sold to another, and is therefore no longer his own. So, before answering the above question, if an employee, ask yourself if you do not sometimes use time that belongs to your employer, and resolve in future, that you will not take his time for your individual use, any more freely than you would his money. When you act on this principle, you can answer the above question in the affirmative, and not till