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BY FLORENCE WARDEN AUTHOR OF 'THE HOUSE ON THE MARSH'

ALEXANDER AUCTION, a Scottish baronet, is returning from Aberdeen to Baltimore, near which his country seat is situated.

There was a sharp rap at the door, and Lady Auchlean sprang to her feet. Then the door opened, and pushing away the screen, a handsome young fellow of five or six-and-twenty burst into the room.

He was an upright, honest man himself, and he respected her for respecting the truth, respected her at the bottom of his heart, far more than that.

Her reply was very prompt, very cutting. "No, if you had cared about me, you would have seen what was coming. Everyone else did."

"What was coming?" Sir Alexander spun around again toward her. Why, then, have you, have you—

"I haven't done anything. But I meant to."

"Then," stammered her husband, in an unsteady voice, "let us look upon my coming as a punishment for the intervention of Providence, to save you from—"

"From being happy with a man who would have been kind to me!" burst out Lady Auchlean, as she gave way at last to hysterical sobbing.

"Oh, yes, I know I am shaming you," she thought, "but I've got to live out my life, my wretched, miserable, lonely life with you—for I shall never have the courage to try and get away again, and I suppose you will shut me up altogether now—and so, for once, I'll speak out my thoughts."

"Answer me at once without lies," said he. "How often have you met my wife here?"

the cottage and her husband followed in a state of great bewilderment. He was struck again by the change in her manner which had characterized it before the appearance of Captain Tenderden.

"Well," he said sharply, as soon as the door was shut, "let me hear your explanation."

He did not attempt to disguise the fact apparent in his tone and manner, that he was prepared to disbelieve every word.

Lady Auchlean looked up. She had taken off her hat again, and the golden hair was again framing a cloud about her head. In her eyes there burned a steady light.

"I was going to run away with him," said she, quietly.

Sir Alexander was struck dumb. None of his wildest suspicions had prepared him for such an avowal as this. He gazed, stared at her and finally turned away to the fire.

"It's very terrible, isn't it? Very shocking? That with all the money I have to spend, and the bills I'm allowed to run up, I should not be satisfied?"

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