

FIRST AND LAST.

"But tell me, dear," she said— And coaxingly the soft eyes shone, And shyly drooped the modest head Beside his own— "But tell me, have you loved before? Or one, or more?"

WAITING FOR AN ANSWER.

My story? My life? Oh, it has been too uneventful, too simple in its incidents. I could tell you the sorrows of others, but my own—well, well! as you will. You shall hear. The wound has never healed, and if I put my hand above it the place still throbs, even as it will beat and ache till kindly nature says to me—"Sleep, poor weary one, and rest."

It was a hard blow for us both, for he had been one of the kindest, and truest of men, but while poor mother pined and wilted, I had my hopeful days in view, and from time to time letters from dear Jack, all so true and honest and full of trust in the future, that I felt as if I could not repine even when greater troubles fell upon us.

neck, a tender cheek laid to mine, and I found my poor tear-dewed face drawn down upon the bosom of Mary Sanders, who had stolen out of the workroom, and come up to try and comfort me.

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