

HE NEVER TOLD A LIE.

I saw him standing in the crowd— A comely youth and fair! There was a brightness in his eye, A glory in his hair!

THE FIRST CLOUD.

BY GEORGE MANVILLE FENN.

It was to meet such difficulties as this that tontines— "Bother!" I wrote the first sitting at my desk, and said the last aloud, impatiently— well, there, angrily—for Mattie had bounced into the room, run to the back of my chair, and clapped her hands over my eyes, exclaiming:

"Only to wait for you, Dick, dear," she replied. "You need not wait. Go on. I shan't come. Say I've a headache—say any thing."

There was no engine, but a crowd of excited people, talking eagerly; and just then the fire-escape came trundling along the road. It was quite time, for the house as I reached it was blazing furiously, the flames darted out in long fiery tongues from half the upper windows, while at several there were people crying piteously for help.

rose from where it nestled in her hair and placed it in my pocket-book; while, in answer to the enquiring eyes that were bent on mine, I merely said: "For a memento of a dreadful dream." By the way, I never finished that pamphlet.

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