Denise and Michael.

She had just returned from the crowded concert hall, where she had enjoyed a veritible triumph. Her face was flushed and smiling, and she still held in her hands the great bouquet of roses—her favorite flower—which had been given her as she left the platform. She was recalled to her surroundings by the voice of her maid Fanchoin.

"There is a telegram for madam on the table," she said. Denise picked it up; it was addressed to Mrs. Fielding, which was unusual. She was known to the London world and her friends as "Madam Elena." She opened it sharply. It was brief and to the point.

I think it is right to let you know that the boy is seriously ill.

MICHAEL.

Unconsciously she crushed the message in her hands, and her thoughts flew to the Linconshire village where it had been written.

"Bring me an 'A, B, C,' and pack a bag. I am going to the country."

"I wonder if he is really very ill?" she pondered, as she sat in the train.

"I think Michael would scarcely have sent for me unless he were. The meeting will be awkward and uncomfortable for him as for me. Poor little Michael—what a name to give a child—I wonder what he is like now? He was not a pretty or interesting child. I remember he was always crying."

After a drive of nearly an hour she recognized a familiar gateway; she remembered the old coat of arms cut in the stone work, though she could not see it now, with the motto "I live I die."

"Master is upstairs," old Hannah said distantly, in reply to Denise's greeting.

"I will go at once, if I may," and before Hannah could raise any objection she was half way upstairs.

What a great room it was! And how solitary those two figures looked in it.

"I am sorry to trouble you," the man said getting up as she moved. "I am afraid you have had a long tired journey, but I thought you ought to know."

"Oh, you poor little soul!" she cried, a sob in her voice, and the next moment her armes were over the bed, and the little figure was gathered to her breast, where she crooned over it, calling him her baby, her little Michael whom she had treated so badly, reproaching herself and showering soft kisses on the wan face in the same breath.

"He is very weak; you must not excite him," a warning voice said.

"I shall not hurt him," she said, holding the boy close to her breast.

"See, he is already more content." The little face certainly looked less tired and troubled, and one wasted arm had gone up around her neck, while he made himself at home as a matter of course in those unknown armes.

"Has he been long like this?" she asked. "You ought to have told me before."

"He was never strong, as you may remember," he said coldly. "He pines for warmth and sunshine, as you did. I must remind you that you have never given me reason to think you took any particular interest in him. I was not at all certain you would come now."

"Not come," she exclaimed. Then she remembered. "I beg your pardon," she said humbly; "you are quiet right. It is I who am to blame—I who am wrong. But—but," her voice grew huskey, "I did not know he wanted me so badly. I was so young when I went away—I am not very old now—and I did not understand many things. Perhaps if you had reasoned with me—if you had pointed out—"

"Do you think I wanted a captive instead of a wife?" He asked harshly. "I saw you fretted and pined like a caged creature; I saw the hunted look in your eyes; I knew you would wear yous life out in a little while if it went on."

"It was so dull—so dreary," she mumured "and nobody wanted me, not even you I think, after a while. I ought not to haye married."

"No doubt it was a mistake, but in justice I must say that that was more my fault than yours. I was years older than you and I took advantage of your youth and ignorance to fasten a bond on you of which you did not understand the import. No doubt you knew yourself best. You have the life that suits you; you were free to go your own way."

"As for yours."

"As I mine." Something in the voice made Denise move uneasly. For six years the man and the child had lived here together; her husband, her child. For six years she had nearly forgotten both; not quite, though she had tried to do so. The man and the child had been growing old together—without love or happiness—while she had laughed and sung. There was nothing young in the house—not even the little form she held in her armes.

Denise was sitting alone one evening in the faded drawing room when her husband came. As a rule she saw very litle of him; they seemed to avoid each other by tactic consent.

"I here is something I wish to say to you if you are at leasure," he began.

"I am quite at your service," she answered. "Little Michael is in bed and asleep, and I have nothing to do."

"It is about him I wish to speak," he began as he sat down. "He is almost well now."

"He is very delicate still," she said quickly. "He needs a great deal of care—he could not stand much." Could he mean that they wanted her no longer? she asked herself, with a thrill of fear.

"As you say he needs a great deal of care," he answered slowly. "He also needs more comfort and different surroundings to what I can give him. I have wondered—I have wondered," he repeated, "if you would like to take him with you when you go."

"Like to take him?" she echoed, her face lighting up with joy. "Need you ask me?"

"No, perhaps not. I thought that you seemed attached to him."

"Attached?" she repeated again with a laugh. "I love him with all my heart. I couldn't bear to be parted from him now. But don't you mind?" looking at him with inward resentment at his indifference. "Won't you be very lonely without him?"

"It will be best for the child to be with you for a time at least, I think, as you say, he is not strong enough to stand any shock, and he would miss you. I suppose your engagements will necessitate your returning to town soon?"

"Yes. I ought to have gone before," flushing at his evident anxiety to get rid of her. "We will go as soon as the doctor says he can travel." Then as he was leaving the room, "I should like to thank you very much for trusting me—for letting me have him."

"There is no need. I have been thinking it over and it seemed best for the boy," he answered, as he closed the door.

"Of course, there would be no thought of me in it," she said to herself bitterly. "I wonder why he hates me so much now? Once upon a time, the rose color in her cheeks growing deeper, "I am sure he cared for me more than a little in his curious restrained way."

It was still early when she went upstairs to bed, but she was tired of her own company. And as she lit the candle the boy opened his eyes—he slept in a little bed in her room now—and he called to her.

"I am not a bit sleepy. Come and talk to me, mother," he said. She sat down in the low chair and laid her head on his pillow, as he liked to have her.

"I've got something to tell you, sweetheart," she said, tucking one of his hands under her cheek. "What do you think has happened? You are to come with me to mother's home. How will you like that?"

A wiser and more prudent mother would have hesitated to excite the child at that hour, but Denise was a creature of impulse.

"Go away with you and see all the beautiful things you have told me about? Do you really mean it, mother? How lovely!" springing up in bed with shining eyes. "And is father coming, too?"

"Father does not want to come, darling." The childish face grew grave.

"It will be dull for father all alone here," he said seriously." "You ask him to come mother; he'll come for you."

"Not for me—for me perhaps least of all," she mumbered, forgetting that she was talking to a child; but little Michael was wiser then his years.

"Go, now mother," he said coaxingly. "Try * * *Wait, I'll tell you a secret. It can't be wrong to tell you. Father keeps a picture of you locked up, and I saw him looking at it one night, and—and," in awed whisper, "he kissed it before he put it away. People must love a person very much to kiss their picture, mustn't they, mother?" Kisses had been rare luxuries in his life.

"Kissed my picture? Are you sure, little Michael?" The child nodded, watching her intensely. Denise thought how she was going to make the desolate home more desolate, and the tears rushed to her eyes.

"I'll try, my sonny—I'll try for your sake," she cried, and she went from the room. Her heart was beating fast with fear and excitement as she hurried down the stairs before her courage failed her. What if he shodld be angry; what if he should repulse her? She shivered at the thought.

She softly opened the library door, where he was in the habit of sitting at eight. A light was burning dimly on the table in the center of the room, and its light fell on the bowed head of a man; some books and papers had overturned as he threw out his armes and mutely emphasized that aspect of despire. Denise forgot her fears.

"Michael!" she cried in a sobbing vioce, her armes around his neck, her cheeks to his—"Michael! I've been a bad wife, but I want to be a better one. Will you take me back?"

He looked up, and she saw that his eyes were wet.

"Is that you," he said heavily. "What is it?—what has happened?"

"Nothing," softly, "except that I have found out that I want you. We both want you, little Michael and I. You won't send us away—or you will come, too?"

"Want me—you?" he said in a husky whisper. "Is it really true, Denise?" He held her in his arms as one holds something very precious that one is afraid to touch, "I had almost given up praying and hoping."

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3.15	4.00	2.00		7.00	Lv. Baltimore Ar.	11.40	11.40	10.20	9.00	9.00	9.30
5.05	6.20	3.50		8.55	Ar. Love Point Lv.	9.45	9.45	8.30	7.10	7.10	7.10
6.05	....	4.50		....	Ar. Queenstown Lv.	....	....	7.00	6.10	6.10	....
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9.30	7.45	4.00	4.05	9.10	9.00	Lv. Love Point Ar.	9.35	9.45	8.20	8.25	7.00	11.34
9.38	7.53	.....	e 4.13	9.17	.....	Stevensville	9.26	.....	8.12	.....	6.52	11.26
9.42	7.57	.....	e 4.17	9.22	.....	Chester	9.22	.....	8.08	.....	6.47	11.22
f 9.45	f 8.02	.....	e 4.20	f 9.25	.....	Narrows	f 9.19	.....	f 8.05	.....	f 6.44	f11.19
9.50	8.07	.....	e 4.25	9.29	.....	Winchester	f 9.14	.....	8.00	.....	6.38	11.14
f 9.53	f 8.09	.....	e 4.27	f 9.31	.....	Walsey	f 9.08	.....	f 7.57	.....	f 6.35	f11.11
9.57	8.15	x 4.22	4.31	9.36	x 9.20	Queen town	9.03	x 9.23	7.52	x 8.04	6.30	11.07
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f10.02	f 8.20	.....	f 4.36	f 9.41	.....	Bloomingdale	f 8.58	.....	f 7.47	.....	f 6.23	f11.02
f10.08	f 8.27	.....	f 4.42	f 9.46	.....	Wye Mills	f 8.52	.....	f 7.41	.....	f 6.18	f10.56
f10.14	f 8.33	.....	f 4.48	f 9.51	.....	Willoughby	f 8.46	.....	f 7.35	.....	f 6.12	f10.50
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10.22	8.43	x 4.42	4.56	9.58	x 9.39	Queen Anne	8.38	x 9.01	7.37	x 7.42	6.03	10.42
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f10.31	f 8.53	.....	5.05	f10.07	.....	Tuckahoe	f 8.30	.....	f 7.17	.....	f 5.54	f10.33
10.37	9.00	x 4.55	5.11	10.13	x 9.50	Denton	8.24	x 8.50	7.12	x 7.30	5.48	10.27
10.43	9.07	.....	5.17	10.18	.....	Hobbs	8.15	.....	7.05	.....	5.43	10.21
10.52	9.11	.....	5.24	10.25	.....	Hickman	8.11	.....	6.58	.....	5.33	10.12
f10.55	f 9.18	.....	f 5.28	f10.29	.....	Adamsville	f 8.07	.....	f 6.54	.....	5.28	f10.09
f11.00	f 9.24	.....	f 5.33	f10.33	.....	Blanchard	f 8.03	.....	f 6.50	.....	f 5.22	f10.04
11.07	9.32	x 5.15	5.39	10.39	x 10.11	Green wood	7.57	x 8.28	6.45	x 7.08	5.15	9.57
f11.13	f 9.40	.....	f 5.46	f10.46	.....	Owens	f 7.49	.....	f 6.35	.....	f 5.06	f 9.51
f11.18	f 9.45	.....	f 5.50	f10.50	.....	Oakley	f 7.44	.....	f 6.31	.....	f 5.01	f 9.46
11.25	9.53	x 5.30	5.58	10.57	x 10.25	Ellendale	7.37	x 8.14	6.24	x 6.54	4.53	9.39
f11.32	f10.02	.....	f 6.05	f11.04	.....	Wolfe	f 7.30	.....	f 6.16	.....	f 4.45	f 9.32
11.38	10.08	x 5.40	6.11	11.10	x 10.35	Milton	7.23	x 8.05	6.11	x 6.44	4.39	9.26
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f11.48	f10.20	.....	f 6.21	f11.21	.....	Overbrook	f 7.11	.....	f 5.59	.....	f 4.27	f 9.16
11.57	10.29	.....	6.28	11.28	.....	Lewes	7.03	.....	5.52	.....	4.18	9.07
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12.15	10.47	6.19	6.54	11.51	11.14	Ar. Rehoboth Lv.	6.45	7.20	5.30	6.00	4.00	8.40
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.....Queenstown ... Lv.	38.07	6.35	9.28	4.33	8.06	7.03	4.48	9.38
.....Centreville Jct.	38.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....Briston	40.60	f 6.42	f 9.45	f 4.40	f 8.13	f 7.10	f 4.55	f 9.45
.....Perlee	42.32	f 6.47	f 9.50	f 4.45	f 8.18	f 7.15	f 5.00	f 9.50
.....Centreville... Ar.	44.36	6.52	9.55	4.50	8.23	7.20	5.05	9.55
		P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.

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	Miles	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
		8.53	2.48	5.29	7.54	4.17	7.50	6.30	7.49
.....Queenstown ... Ar.		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....Centreville Jct.	0.83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....Briston	1.70	f 8.45	f 2.40	f 5.23	f 7.43	f 4.10	f 7.53	f 6.13	f 7.42
.....Perlee	1.72	f 8.40	f 2.35	f 5.19	f 7.38	f 4.05	f 7.49	f 6.08	f 7.37
.....Centreville... Lv.	1.94	8.35	2.30	5.15	7.33	4.00	7.45	6.03	7.32
		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

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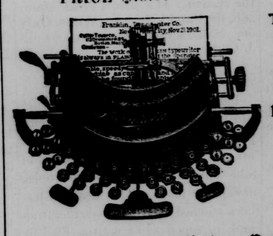

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