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SYNOPSIS.

Howard Jeffries, banker's son, under the evil influence of Robert Underwood, marries the daughter of a gambler who dies, leaving him a fortune...

CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

He helped himself to another drink, his hand shaking so that he could hardly hold the decanter. He was just approaching the door of complete intoxication...

"No, Howard," he said; "you never make a recent mistake. You are drunk."

"Take a brick," she said, "through the head, if you don't stop drinking."

"Two thousand dollars!" laughed Underwood. "Why, man, I'm in debt up to my eyes."

"What do you expect to gain by this?" she asked. "What do you expect to gain by this?"

"Don't call me by that name," she snapped. Underwood made no answer. He turned slightly paler and, folding his hands, just looked at her, in silence.

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"That you must," persisted Alicia. "I won't stir from here until I have your promise."

"If my life has no interest for you, why should you care?" he asked. "There was a note of scorn in his voice which aroused his visitor's wrath."

"Shall I tell you why I care?" she cried. "Because you accuse me in this letter of being the cause of your death."

"You know how I feel about it," Alicia's eyes flashed as she answered. "Yes, I wished to spare myself this indignity, the shame of being associated in any way with a suicide."

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221 Lot 1 in Block 7, Campbell's Subdivision. 400 feet front. Good soil, well equipped. Price \$1,000.

231 Lot 2 and 3, Block 1, Addition. One of the best lots in the city. Good soil, well equipped. Price \$1,000.

241 Without exception, the finest farm for stock raising in the city. Good soil, well equipped. Price \$1,000.

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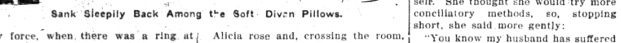
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Sank Sleepily Back Among the Soft Divan Pillows.

by force, when there was a ring at the front door. Bending quickly over his companion, Underwood saw that he was fast asleep. There was no time to awaken him and get him out of the way, so quickly he took a big screen and arranged it around the divan so that he could not be seen. Then he hurried to the front door and opened it.

Alicia rose and, crossing the room, carelessly inspected one of the pictures on the wall, a study of the nude. "How could you do this to me?" she said. "I am a friend to you like you are."

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Came as Pleasant Change

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