Little did Rosaltha Hawthorn dream what was in store for her, when it was proposed that the bridal trip, should be modified so that Elleray might call in the morning at the school which Dick was attending, and learn the reason of his delay. If she had known, would she have consented? We will not stop to answer a question which, after all, is foolish and futile, and involves a contradiction from the very nature of things. [CONTINUED.]

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The wedding was over, the congratulations were said, the breakfast was eaten, the speeches were made, the goodbys were bidden, and the new Mr. and Mrs. Trafford, getting into their carriage, commenced that life the first year of which is said to be so tantalizing and of which is said to be so tantalizing and rugged. They took their places in the train, accomplished their journey in safety, and in due time arrived in the quiet, eid-fashioned city of P——, where Dick's tourding-school was established. They took possession of the room which had been engaged for them at the hotel, and the next morning Elleray set off to his young brother, leaving Rosaltha alone.

If he had the dimmest suspicion, the blindest foreboding of what was to take places. I hardly think he would have left Rosaitha's side for one moment. Just as they were setting out for P——, Lucy had laughingly warned him not to go there, and had reminded him of a certain former attachment of his—a Miss Dorothea Dilworth—who still resided there, and who might be disposed to be revengeful, and Medea like toward Creusa—meaning, of course, Rosaitha—now that she had lost her Jason. Elleray had colored violently, remembering, indeed, when he had fancied himself in love with ane of the prettiest little Quakeresses that P——could beast; but he laughed it off, ond apparently the whole affair was forgotton. ing Rosaitha alone.

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But could be have guessed who would have entered the private parlor where his wife was sitting, a few moments after his back was turned, I hardly think he would have risked that walk to Dick's boarding-school, and the anxious inquiries he made after him.

Dr. St dman, the head-master, a pompously commonplace man, explained that. Dick had left the school two days before, and appeared as much perplexed as Elleray at the fact of his not having been heard from. He was an intensely garrulous man, and Elleray found it impossible to escape from him. He impossible to escape from him. He inanely gabbled on, until finally Elleray tore himself away in the middle of a sentence. Arriving at the hotel, he found that he had been absent two hours. He also found a letter awaiting him. Opening it, he found it dated from his recent home. It was written by Dick, was a hasty sprawl, and ran

"I'll fix you off-you see if I don'tfor not waiting for me. I got too late for the train, and had to wait for the next one, and I think you all behaved "Your affectionate brother, Dick."

Smiling at the boyish terms in which this note was couched, he put it in his pocket, and preferred to go up stairs to Bossitha.

Meanwhile, how had Rosaltha spent the time? Listen.
Elleray had been gone about five minutes, when, without tap or knock, or any other intimation, the door of the private parior opened, and a lady entering, stood hesitating just inside the threshold.

Resaitha looked up. Hat visitor was what is called a gay Quaker. Her toilet was expensive, but extramely neat, and was pervaded, through all its tasteful interchange of color, with one quiet, natural hue, which blent it into a rich, yet simple whole. Her face was so sweet, so modest, so candid, that it put you in mind of a magnetia bioseom. She was apparently about twenty years of age, well formed, and decidedly stylleb.

atylish.

"Is this Mrs. Trafford?" she saked.

Rosaltha looked more steadily at the new comer, and an unquiet feeling took possession of her bosom.

"Yes," she said, "won't you be seated?" and rising, she offered her relater a chair.

The pretty Quakeress sat down, and gased with undisguised carically at Bonaltha.

"rio," abe said, "you are Elleray Trafford's wife?" "Yes, amented Rosaltha, once more, hardly knowing how to accept her visliur's manner. There was a moment's embarrassed

"May I sek," said Rosaltha, then, "to what I owe the pleasure of this "Oh, yee, certainly," replied the Quakeress, with emphasis. "My name — my maiden name that is—is Dorothea Dilworth."

Rosaitha half rose from her chair, the blood starting to her cheek. Then she checked the impulse, with a half smile at her jealous credulity, and reseating herself quickly, said:

"I have heard that name before."

"From Eileray, perhapel"
"From Mr. Trafford" maked Bosal tha, with spirit. "No; from his sister,

The next moment she regretted flaving spoken in a harsh tone, for her visitor began to show very evident marks
of agitation. Her fine blue eyes filled
with tears, her exquisite red lips trembled, and pulling forth her pocket handherchief, she hid her face therein for a
few moments.

A wild, indefinite suspicion sprang into Rosalths's heart, and she trembted with the violence of her feelings. She constrained herself to rise, however, to hend over her weeping visitor, and inquired, with some appearance of sympathy, what was the matter. For some time the young girl refused to be com-

Anything is better than this suspense.
What is there, Miss Dilworth, that you have got to tell me that I ought to a ought to know that this is

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