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CHAPTER XXV.

HELENA'S DIARY.

THEY all notice at home that I am looking worn and haggard. That hideous old maid, Miss Jillgall, had her malicious welcome ready for me when we met at breakfast this morning : ' Dear Helena, what has become of your beauty ? One would think you had left it in your room ! ' Poor deluded Eunice showed her sisterly sympathy : ' Don't joke about it, Selina : can't you see that Helena is ill ? '

I *have* been ill ; ill of my own wickedness.

But the recovery of my tranquillity will bring with it the recovery of my good looks. My fatal passion for Philip promises to be