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SHE GASPED.

See page 102.

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The great King of Kings
Hath in the table of his law commanded
That thou shalt do no murder: and wilt thou, then,
Spurn at his edict and fulfill a man's?

SHAKESPEARE.

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