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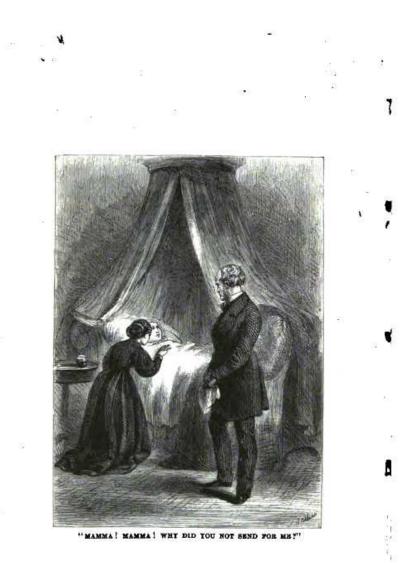
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DEATH IN THE HOUSE.

O, no, husband," said Madame Rambert, in a feeble voice; "I do not wish you to send for Louise; she is so well amused, poor child, and I need nobody."

"Nevertheless, it seems to me that Louise's place is beside her sick mother," replied M. Rambert.

"Not at all; she will have plenty of sorrow in her life. I would rather keep her happy as long as is possible."

M. Rambert stifled a sigh, and consented to his wife's wish. It did not occur to him to consider whether it was well thus to hide completely from children the dark side of life. He was a busy man; he had never interfered in the education of his girls, and his only boy, Arthur, was at college. Louise, therefore, was left in the country, where she had been