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Preface

SHORTLY before the death of the Doctor Caccavelli at Samaná, his manuscripts relating to the Señora de Curzoñ were, at his request, sent to California, to the parties who naturally would wish to care for and preserve them. They, together with the letters which I here reproduce in part, have been stored for a number of years in a safe-deposit building in San Francisco.

The story which I present from these manuscripts contains the true account of the experience and adventures of a New England girl as the wife of a gentleman of fortune on the Island of San Domingo.

It illustrates some of the intricacies that entangle the fate of an American woman who marries a foreigner, especially one of

rank and fortune ; and introduces to public approbation several persons from actual life, whose noble qualities I have in no way overstated.

L. H. S.

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“FRIAR. Bound by my charity and my blessed
order,
I come to visit the afflicted spirits
Here in the prison : do me the common right
To let me see them ; and to make me know
The nature of their crimes, that I may minister
To them accordingly.”

SHAKESPERE.

“ Ah, Richard ! with the eyes of heavy mind
I see thy glory, like a shooting star,
Fall to the base earth from the firmament.
The sun sets weeping in the lowly west,
Witnessing storms to come, woes and unrest :
Thy friends are fled to wait upon thy foes ;
And crossly to thy good all fortune goes.”

SHAKESPERE.

“ For charity itself fulfils the law :
And who can sever love from charity ? ”

SHAKESPERE.