

A BITTER BIRTHRIGHT.

LADY GILMORE'S TEMPTATION BY DORA RUSSELL.

CHAPTER XXXIX.—WAITING FOR GERARD.

The next morning, the 30th of April, was a fine day. That is, the sun shone out in fitful gleams between the broken, fast drifting clouds, and as its rays stole through the blinds of May's room at the Rookery, near Maidenhead, she rose, went to the window, drew up the blind and tried to shake off the depressing effects of her bad dreams of the night before.

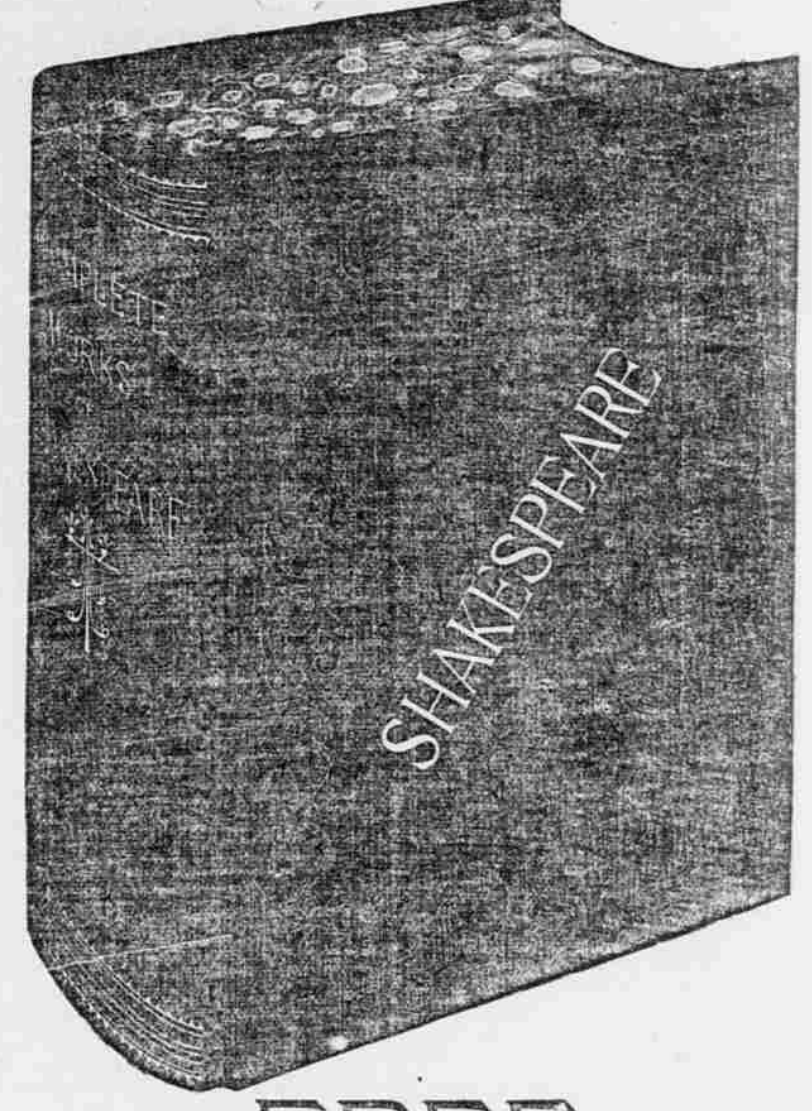
30th of April on the 9 o'clock train?" now inquired Whitmore. The stationmaster smiled.

linz still—suppose we row in and ask him if he knows the hunchback lord by sight?"

news she sprang to her feet and listened. And she heard a familiar voice—the voice of her father—and the next moment had rushed into the hall and clasped him tightly in her arms.

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