

· · · · · Ä

COLLECTION
OF
BRITISH AUTHORS
TAUCHNITZ EDITION.

VOL. 1072.

ONLY HERSELF BY ANNIE THOMAS.

IN TWO VOLUMES.

VOL. II.

· · · · · Ä

Ä

44 3. 99

ONLY HERSELF.

A NOVEL.

BY

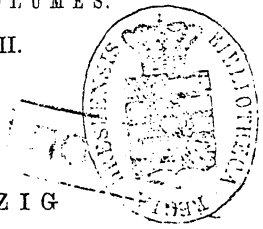
ANNIE THOMAS,
(MRS. PENDER CUDLIP,)

AUTHOR OF "DENIS DONNE," "ON GUARD," ETC.

COPYRIGHT EDITION.

IN TWO VOLUMES.

VOL. II.



LEIPZIG

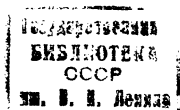
BERNHARD TAUCHNITZ

1870.

The Right of Translation is reserved.

8569.6.537

Ä



и 22874-68

CONTENTS

OF VOLUME II.

	Page
CHAPTER I. Dora's Triumph	7
— II. Helen's Triumph	22
— III. The Day before the Wedding	37
— IV. Married—and Marred	54
— V. Plans and Counter-plans	70
— VI. The Berringers	86
— VII. Mother and Daughter	101
— VIII. Friendly Sympathy	112
— IX. Mother and Son	126
— X. Husband and Wife	140
— XI. Changed!	155
— XII. Mr. Falconer's Views	172
— XIII. A Thorn among the Roses	187
— XIV. Attempted Explanations	202
— XV. "What is to become of me?"	217
— XVI. Miss Berringer victorious	231
— XVII. Six Months after	245
— XVIII. "Indebted to Mr. Carlyon".	259
— XIX. To-day	273
— XX. Nemesis	287
— XXI. "Alone"	300

ONLY HERSELF.

CHAPTER I.

Dora's Triumph.

DORA felt very nervous again as the moment for going down to luncheon approached.

"Helen," she said, going into her sister's room, "try my heart."

This was not by any means meant as a fervent appeal for Helen to test the enduring or devotional powers of the organ mentioned, but was merely a request that Helen would place her hand on the side of Dora's silk bodice, and feel a fluttering beneath.

"It's beating quickly," Helen said.

"Beating quickly," Dora repeated, with a supreme air; "but I suppose you don't know the symptoms? My poor mother died of heart complaint from agitation, and I'm liable to the same thing. Well," (this she added brightly), "it's to be hoped if any one wishes me to live that they won't agitate me much. Oh Helen, if you play me false through any fear, don't fret too much about the consequences, dear; just remember that I told you what they would be beforehand."

"I don't think that that remembrance would help