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## SLLPPERY PLACES.

## BY. MISS M. T. SHELHAMER, <br> Author of "Outaddo the Gates," "Afier Many Days," "Orovded Out," Etc.


#### Abstract

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with a Mith a oooling tonon that Boothed the barni
imant. I did not move, though I heard the
dootor say to the attendant-' To-ng git- th
 butdo not distarb her II she aleeps." Gradu
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the illlowi wreme made ap of rosess -rich sen since I was a ablld, when my mother
grew them. In her litile earden. Where did
they come from ? and how dellolous they

content. S Ifdidy found mybelf In another placo;
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"Show them up at onoe." was the reply, and
the man withdrew. Inattly arose and gilded a darkening corner of the room. James
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knom his wifo ; he was unmarrled when I left home, but muoh may happen in slx - years,
Agaln the door opened, and a couple entered. ames Eastham I reoognized at onee, but who
was this woman whom he broungt in his his wrep
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malned in the shadow. As my husband arose to greet them, something in his groplng mannor
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and Se nor hear nor feel. I was benumbed. Thls,
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truth is, the por ohll was loft too muob to
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vaxed. You ancouragedo ur plane, had aotod
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ond "Ah I yes, 1 t was all a mistake-a a ad mistiak; past,", sighed the blind man In a low tone.
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## Letter from Dr. Aifred R. In Re Birs. Rosis.










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