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"Selfish old brute!" mentally ejaculated Frank Waldron. Then he said aloud, "You will never consent to our marriage ever taking place?"

"Certainly not. My niece shall never be a poor man's drudge, if I can help it. Good morning, sir," and old Meredith abruptly left the room.

Hattie Meredith, a fine, handsome girl of twenty years, was standing at the garden gate waiting for her lover, but the gloomy look on his face, as he left the house and came toward her, told plainly enough that her uncle had refused to allow her to become Frank's wife.

"Hattie, he said bitterly, "I am too poor to be the nephew of Miser Meredith; and he says he will never consent to our marrying."

Hattie smoothed Frank by telling him that she would try to change her uncle's decision, and try she did but it was in vain. He told her what he had told Frank—that he would never consent to her becoming a poor man's wife, nor any mans while he lived.

The following week, much to the digust and anger of old Meredith, Frank and Hattie were wedded, and they left Millville.

John Meredith told her never again to darken the doors with her presence, and that he would at once make a new will bequeathing his whole fortune to charitable institutions.

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The commercial panic of 1857 told heavily on Frank and his wife, who were reduced by it from comparative ease to dire distress. In this extremity they resolved to seek John Meredith, though for years they had not communicated with him.

It was twenty minutes, from Millville to Middleton, and when Frank got back, his wife and a Mrs. Jameson were awaiting his return. He looked ghastly and Mrs. Jameson retired to rest; but as she did so she heard him say that they were saved, but at a fearful cost. Before daylight Mrs. Waldron was delirious.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock there was a knock at the door, and Frank, on opening it, was confronted by a constable.

"Frank Waldron," he said' "you are my prisoner. I arrest you for burglary and for the murder of John Meredith."

He seemed paralyzed by the fearful charge and neither spoke nor moved; but with a dazed look upon his face, and deadly pale, he gazed at the constable.

A moment passed before he awoke from the stupor into which the dreadful accusation had thrown him, and he then said, "I am innocent."

"I hope so," responded the constable, who had known Frank for many years; "but nevertheless, you must accompany me immediately."

Frank, without uttering another word, went to the room where his unconscious, suffering wife and her sick child were lying, kissed them tenderly, and then told Mrs. Jameson the unfounded charge upon which he was arrested; but that he was guiltless of both crimes, as he surely would be able to prove.

"Mrs. Jameson," he said tearfully, "my wife and children will need a friend now more than they ever did before, and will you be the friend to them! It may be weeks before I shall have been tried and proved my innocence, and if it should be so will you care for them till I shall have regained my liberty?"

"Though you were the greatest wretch on the face of the earth, Mr. Waldron, I would be but a poor uncharitable Christian if I refused to aid and care for them now, when they need aid and care the most. Whether you are guilty or innocent, I will do all in my power for them."

"Heaven bless and reward you," he said, fervently; and, then, in company with the constable, he left his home for Millville, where he was placed in prison to await his examination.

That morning Mr. Meredith had been found in his bedroom, cruelly stabbed to death, and lying in one corner of the apartment was his plundered strong-box, where he always kept a considerable sum of money and some valuable jewelry.

For two or three hours on the preceding night, Frank Waldron had been seen prowling around the residence of Mr. Meredith, but nobody had perceived him enter the house. On being searched after arriving at Millville prison, a bag of gold was found on his person, and his hat had also been found lying on the floor of the room which opened out of Mr. Meredith's, and through which any person would have to pass to get out of the house on leaving the murdered man's sleeping apartment.

Such, including Mrs. Sameson's account of Frank's startled and peculiar appearance on his arrival home, and the words she heard him utter to his wife, with which the reader is already acquainted, constituted the chief evidence against him; but circumstantially, it could hardly have been more damaging.

Most people believed—even those who knew him well—that he was guilty of the horrible crime. The theory was, that driven to desperation by his poverty, he had resolved to only rob his wife's uncle; but that the gentleman had been aroused from his slumbers by the noise made by the robber, and the latter fearing arrest for his attempt at burglary, had rashly killed Mr. Meredith. It was well known that Mr. Meredith had been on bad terms with his niece and her husband since their marriage, and many persons had often heard Frank say that he hated the miserly, selfish old man.

Well, three weeks after Frank's arrest and commital, his trial took place. His testimony on his behalf was as follows:

Having but little faith in Mr. Meredith's assisting him and his family, and being depressed and low-spirited, he, on the evening in question, lounged about the former's house for two or three hours before he gained sufficient courage to enter. He at last went in by the front door, and found Mr. Meredith in the library. The old man received him coldly; and when he stated his errand, Mr. Meredith said he would furnish the aid he solicited, but only on certain conditions. He must leave his wife and children, go to Australia, and stay while his loved ones must live with Mr. Meredith. He had no choice, his family being put on the verge of extreme destitution; so he pledged his word of honor that he would comply with Mr. Meredith's heartless conditions. The latter gave him the bag of gold found on his person to pay expenses to Australia, and to enable him to live there until he found employment.—He had then hurriedly left the house; so it was not surprising that, being confused by what he had just done, he should forget his hat and walk home bareheaded; though it was a mystery to him how it had got into the room where it was found, for he had not been in the room at all.—Was it not natural under the circumstances that he should arrive home looking startled and pale, and that he should use just such expressions in speaking to his wife as Mrs. Jameson had overheard? Yes, it was indeed a fearful cost at which he had procured bread for his starving family—at the cost of exiling himself for years, perhaps forever, from the ones he loved the best in all the world.

John Noble, Mr. Meredith's only servant, except an old charwoman, who came in the morning to do the housework and cooking, and then departed in the evening, stated that, about 8 o'clock he had seen Frank walking up and down in front of the house. At 10 o'clock he (John Noble), after going to his master to see if he required anything, retired to rest; but before so doing, on looking out of his bedroom window, he saw that Frank was still pacing backward and forward in front of the house. The following morning on entering Mr. Meredith's apartment to assist him to dress, he found him lying dead upon the floor.

The jury, after a few minutes' private discussion of the case, returned to their seats in the court, and the foreman said that they had found a verdict of "willful murder" against the prisoner.

When asked by the Judge if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him he only replied, "I am innocent."

Two or three days after Frank's conviction John Noble was arrested for intoxication. He was found lying beastly intoxicated in the street; and when the officer tried to arrest him a struggle ensued between them during which John Noble's coat was torn a'most to threads.

There rolled out of the lining of the coat a watch and chain, some jewelry, and several bank notes. The watch and chain and jewelry were recognized as belonging to the late Mr. Meredith; and when questioned as to how he came to have such valuables, he said Mr. Meredith had given them to him. This was not believed as Mr. Meredith, was known to have been a very niggardly man, and the officials began to think that perhaps, Frank Waldron's story might be true. Well at last, a confession that he had willfully killed Mr. Meredith was forced from John Noble.

It was he, of course, that had placed Frank's hat in the apartment where it was found.

Frank was at once released, and shortly afterward John Noble paid the penalty of his crime upon the scaffold.

Mr. Meredith had made no will, so Mrs. Waldron, being his only relative, inherited all his property.

Though they had suffered much for the sake of the love they entertained for each other, the future of Frank and his wife, from the day she became an heiress, was bright and happy.

Earth from Borneo.

In the last century a merchant vessel came into London Docks with yellow fever, and the captain was suffering severely from it, and no one would go near the sufferers. Dr. Fothergil, however, went on board, partly out of compassion and from his desire to study a disease which was new to him, and he removed the captain to his own house, and finally succeeded in getting him through the fever. When the captain recovered he inquired from the doctor what he was in his debt but Fothergil, refused to received any payment. The captain then wished to know how he could compensate him for such kindness, upon which the doctor replied there was one thing he could do for him, if he were making a voyage to the east and would pass through the Straits of Macassar by Borneo he should be glad if he would bring him back two barrels full of the earth of Borneo, which the captain promised to do. However, when he reached the spot on his voyage out, he thought of the ridicule he must experience from his crew in so strange an undertaking and his heart failed him, and he sailed through the straits without fulfilling his intention. On his return by the same route the same thing happened again through his fear of the scoffs of his crew. However, after he had left the straits 200 or possibly 300 miles behind him, his conscience smote him with his ingraditude and nonfulfillment of his promise, and he put the ship's head about, returned to the spot, and filled the barrels with earth. On his return he sent it to Dr. Fothergil, who had the surface of a piece of ground thoroughly burned, and he then sprinkled the Borneo earth on it, when it is a known fact that there came up all kinds of new and curious plants said to be 100 different sorts, some geraniums, and new flowers which have subsequently spread throughout the gardens of England.

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The story is told of an intelligent man who many years had sat under the preaching of an eminent minister. This man's sickness at last brought him under the minister's personal care, when the man was found entirely ignorant of the way of salvation. Seeking the cause of this ignorance, the minister was told, "For years I have not heard a sermon." "Why," exclaimed the other, "I have always regarded you as one of my most atteutive listeners." "But," said the man, "while I sat respectfully, and appeared to listen, the fact is, my thoughts were far away, for my habit was to spend the preaching time each Sunday in planning out my next week's work.

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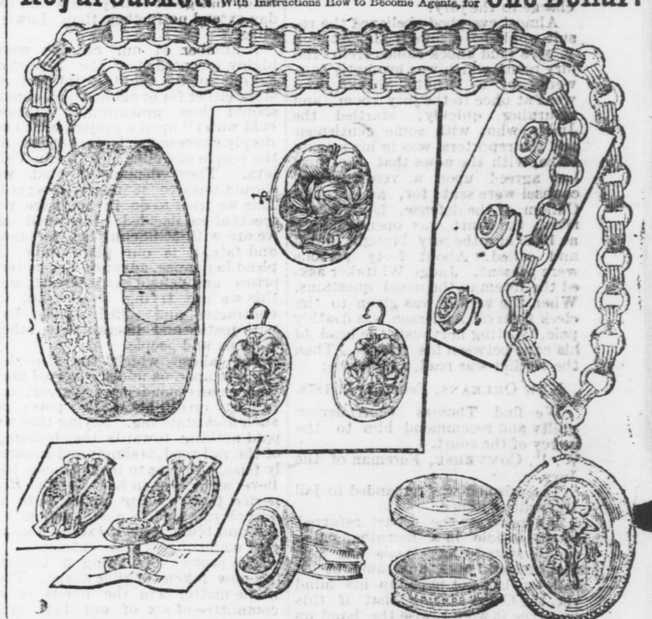

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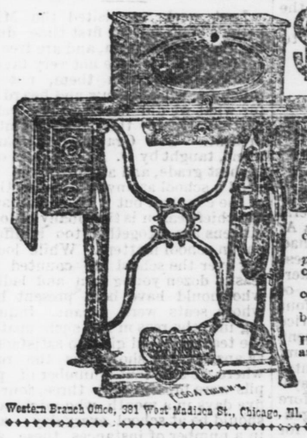

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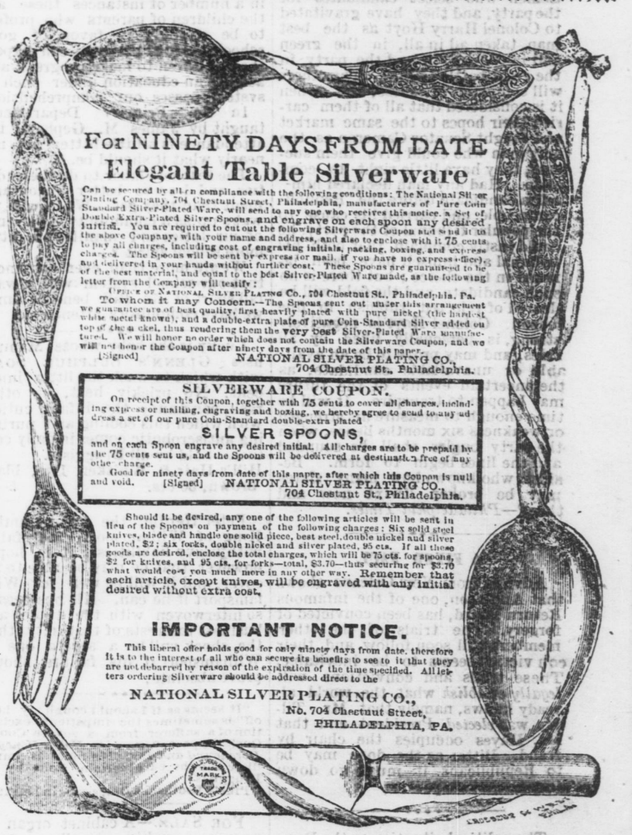

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