DISCOVERED TOO LATE.

It is a pleasant summer afternoon. Groups of At is a pleasant summer afternoon. Groups of citizens are standing together in the market-piace of the cld Beignan town of Antwerp, and around a large building, which appears to possess for them some extraordinary attraction. The building is the town-hall, and the day is the day of the trial of Leopold Winster and Charlot Lutzen, for the marder of Maria, Countess Es-

sevan, by poison.
"It will go hard with the miscreants, I war rant me," says a stout burgher, in the centre of the group, by whom he seems reckoned a personage of vast importance; "and rightly enough too, I say, for we want no poisoning conjurors in this fair city, neighbors."

"You are in the right of it, Master Van Noorden," replied another wiseacre, and the mob.

easily swayed, murmured their assent.
'I would I had the basting of that old witch,' shrilly exclaimed a stout, rosy-cneeked dame

with a pair of large ear-rings saucily displayed.
"I would not let the roast jack basting, I know." A sally of laughter greeted this pretty display of woman's spite, and a large hearty voice cried

"Ay, trust a woman to run a woman down it she be in trouble. They say wolves will eat a wounded comrade; but, for my own part, I think the spite of wild beasts is nothing to the spite of

woman against woman."

The dame who had spoken turned angrily towards the last bold speaker, and he would may hap have come off with a scratched face but for a loud shout from that part of the crowd nearest the ball, which signified that the trial was over. "The sentence! the sentence! are they guil-

cried a thousand voices. 'Yes, yes, guilty !" "And the sentence ?"

"The man to be burnt alive; the woman to be confined for life," "Hurrah! hurrah!" And the air rang with a

cher from the whole of the vast multitude, which speedily turned to a storm of hisses and grosss as the unfortunate condemned issued from the door of the judgment hall, strongly

guarded.
The trial had been short, but the evidence was supposed conclusive. This is what had passed

The respected Doctor Früchen had testified that he had been called in suddenly on the last day of July to attend a lady who had been taken ill, and was at the nouse of the male prisoner. He had inquired for a suitable nurse for her, and was exceedingly struck with the readiness with which the temale prisoner volunteered to fill that situation. He had sent in two draughts, being simply anodynes, but quite harmless; after taking one of which the unfortunate lady was found dead. That she had taken the dose there was no doubt, as the almost empty bottle was found with but a few drops left in it, which, when tested by himself (Herr Fauchen), were found to contain aquafortis. The second bottle, with its contents untouched, was also found to contain the same po'son. From this it was inferred that, had the first not taken effect, the murderers intended to administer a second dose 'Perhaps," added the doctor, "as there could be tittle doubt that the first draught would prove fatal, the second might have been intended for Don Estevan.'

It was distinctly proved that the sole inhabi-tants of the house where the alleged murder took place, beside the luckless couple, were Leopold Wintzer and Charlot Lutzen; and the quantity or gold contained in the values of both the unfortunate lady and gentleman supplied ample motive for their murder by a man so well known to be avaricious and miserly as

The latter was a singular character, but one common enough in the age in which these events happened. He was half a scientific investigator and half an impostor. He studied nature and imposed upon man, fancying that his superior knowledge gave him the right to deceive his fellow-creatures. By those who lived near him or came into contact with him, he was looked upon with some respect and a good deal more dread. He was known every-where as a necromancer—as one who dealt with awful mysteries for awful purposes. His man-ners, his dress, his gloomy house, his laboratory, the curious animals from far-off countries with which he surrounded nimself, his cultivation of strange plants, were, in the minds of the vulgar. only so man," proofs of his dealings with the powers of darkness.

On the pight of the murder the nec had, by his own admission, aquafortis in his possession. Further, he confessed that, contrary to his usual habit, he sat up all the night. In the morning the aquafortis was missing, and both the bottles destined for the unfortunate lady were proved to have contained it. Then the female prisoner admitted that twice during the night she went to the laboratory to her master (although she averred that the last time he was fast asleep), and she also admits that her hand placed the first bottle on the deceased's table, and it was inferred that the master consulted with the servant, prepared the poison, and then left it to the old woman to administer it for a consideration of part of the gold to be acquired. Thus she became an accomplice. This evidence was deemed conclusive, and the judges were united in condemning the prisoners. Thus the old man was sentenced to be burned alive in the market-place, and his ashes to be scattered to the four winds, and the old woman, in consideration for her age and sex, besides having been, it was supposed, to some extent, made a tool of, was awarded the mitigated punishment of imprisonment for life.

Within a week the horrible sentence on the poor old man was carried out in all its awful details, he to the last protesting his innocence Indeed, from the time of the murder until he was actually tied to the stake, he spoke and acted like one under the influence of a dream. But the populace were under another impression. They fully believed him guilty, and when he was brought out to death, behaved in a savage manner, that moved the aged victim to tears. He died confessing that he had been guilty of many wicked, impious impostures, but solemnly called Heaven to witness that he was guiltless of the foul crime of murder.

Dame Charlot, as soon as she heard that her poor old master was actually dead, fell into a swoon which lasted eight-and-twenty hours, and upon her recovery from it, it was found that the poor creature's mind had given way. Her sentence was then partially revoked, and as the old necromancer had leit no will, and his money was confiscated to the State, the town council allowed the poor old woman (who was harmless) to occupy her late master's house, under the care of a middle-aged female named Gretchen as her attendant. To this house then about three months from the beginning of our story, the two women repaired.

On the very first night of their occupation of the old dwelling, the old dame and her atten-dant sat in the kitchen, where three months back the worthy housekeeper had consequentially tended the basting of the fowl which was to be Donna Estevan's last meal on earth. Per-haps even across her weakened intellect there dawned some faint recollection of this, for she sat sorrowful in her chair, looking vacantly at the wood fire, and watching the smoke curl slowly up the broad old-fashioned chimney. Her triendly attendant was busy preparing cups and saucers for the early tea, and stole now and then a glance at the poor soulless sufferer. At lest Dame Charlot broke the silence:— "Gretchen, was I ever here before?"

Willing to soothe her, Gretchen replied "No, no, dame; why should you think that? This is the house given you by your good council, you know."
"Council, council!" repeated Charlot, va-

'Ay, dame ! but come, draw and drink this "Ay, dame? But come, daw and drive the bot cup of coffee; it will cheer you finely, I warrant me." And worthy Gretchen commenced cutting bread and butter. They had nearly finished their meal, when a sudden noise caused both to look up, and Gretechen screamed aloud. Not so the elder woman; she looked on as if body and soul were about to part. with all her faculties (such as they were) fixed on an object in an obscure corner of the old

It was a large black ape, intently engaged in pouring the contents of one phial into another,

During this occupation he grinned and cib-bered with a devilah satisfaction quite appalling. A flood of light barst in on the clouded brain of the unfortunate Dame Charlot. She

sprang from her feet as if electrified.

"Berfram! Oh, the monkey! the monkey!
My poor murdered master! There! The monkey—the murderer!" and pouring out incoherent sentence after sentence, she fell senseless on the floor. The true murderer was found.

In the hurry and tumult on the night of Donna Estevan's death, nobody had thought of the ape, who had for three months since that tragical event held entire possession of the premises, living how and where he could. This ape was one of the animals which Wintzer had in his little menagerie, and from his half human propensities and his tameness, had been allowed to rove through the house and garden at will. rove through the house and garden at will,

It is well known toat monkeys will most faithfully and accurately imitate the transactions of human beings. On the night of the sup-posed murder, the black ape had been watching old Wintzer in the laboratory until sleep overcame the latter.

If will be recollected that the phial of aquafortis had been unfortunately left by the necro-mancer on the table. The ape, eager to imitate the motions of his master, had seized the phial. But there was no other phial at hand into which to empty it, for the remainder were locked up. Suddenly a thought flashed on the monkey's

mind. There were phials outside the door on the bracket, and he would use those. As the charlatan had left open the door on account of the heat, this was easy, and the ape accom-plished his design.

This performed, the ape Bertram, with the saggesty which distinguishes his tribe when they have been perpetrating mischief, left the bottles he had tampered with in the place where he had found them, and secreted the unlucky phial which had been the cause of all the mistortune. Dame Charlot at midnight found the bottles precisely as she had placed them, and uncon-

sciously was the agent of destruction to the poor Spanish lady. That was the first act of this tragedy.
But, unfortunately, the second act of the tragedy, in which poor old Wintzer had played

the chief part, could not be recalled. The curtain had fallen on it forever. Happily the third act was never performed. Gretchen speedily gave the alarm, and the house was soon full of sympathizing townspeople. The ape was secured, and it was found that one of the two phials which he held when

the woman first observed him was the identical

one which had held the aquafortis.

For the second time Antwerp was in an uproar, and the upshot may be readily guessed. Our old friend Dame Charlot received her reason (which the shock had brought back-such cases are not rare) and she lived to see a hundred years. The repentant townspeople would have erected a statue to the memory of the poor necromancer, who was the victim of a monkey's freak, but they changed their minds and did still better. They raised a competence for the now happy Charlot. As her master had left no beirs, the State made over his wealth to the old lady in part compensation for her many trials, and she resided till her death in the old

The tide of ill-luck turned. The house became fortunate, "Madame Charlot," as she was then called, sent to Venice for her great nephew, a famous jeweller, to come and set up his trade in Antwerp. Probably with the old lady's guilders and florins in view, he did so; lived with her nearly twenty years, till she died in her hundredth year, when it was found that she had left all to him. The goldsmith amassed an enormous fortune, became ultimately enno-bled and a member of the State Council, and his heirs in Antwerp have, to this day, for their arms, 'a monkey grasping an empty paial, with the motto, "Out of mischief rose fortune." Thus was a monkey the cause of the deaths of three innocent people, and the founder of a

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A V Y D E P A R T M E N T,
AUGUST 25, 1868.

A Board of Naval Officers, of which Commodore
S P. Lee is President, will meet at Harrford. Connecticut, on the 5th of September next, for the examination of Volunteer Officers who have served
to the then two years in the Navy for admission ammation of Volunteer Officers who have served not less than two years in the Navy for admission into the Regular Service in accordance with the provisions of the "Act to define and regulate the appointment of Officers in the Navy, and for other purposes," approved July 25, 1665.

All persons who are captured to examination and who wish to avail themselves of its privileges, will at once noticy the President of the Board, by letter addressed to Hartford, Conn. g. ving their own Post Office address. In due time they will receive from him, in reply, a notification when to present themselves for examination. Those who fail to report at selves for examination. Those who fail to report at the time specified for them to do so, will forfeit all claim to precedence for examination. GIDEON WELLES,

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