dropped in the scuffle with the priest. Aside from being dressed in a magnificent trish poplin, she was not much changed from what Life fith remembered her. Ryder had not pulled all her golden hair out, and she was still a passable-looking woman.

mere that night. The theory that it was only ing without even a suit for damages. Under the about the whereabours of Liflith suggested likely to Mrs. Lank, and George Neverly was despatched to find that dove-eyed angel. But

ooking woman. She threw herself on Liffish's neck, panted on his shoulder, and asked him what was the

"You are but a woman," said he-as though that were news to her-and put her roughly "I came not to make love, but to make

Mrs. Lank was a proud woman. "An that be the case," said she, "we will go into the house and talk it over." Scated in the house: "My jewels, that you did me the honor to take, would not last you lorg, I feared," said she, "so I expected something of this visit."

"A man cannot five on hearing of sermons and smelling two rose-buds," replied Liffith. N. B .- That was spoke sarcasticul, as Sylva-

The upshot of it all was that Mrs. Lank advanced him five dollars on his personal recognizance. It being nightfall before the necessary negotiations were concluded, Liffith generously consented to stay to dinner, and, as a matter of course, got drunk. A separate apartment had been aired and placed at his disposal, but by an effort of "organic memory" he managed to mistake the room, nor did he discover the mistake until it was too late to remedy it. little mistakes will occur in the best regulated families—especially when one man

maintains two, living in separate counties, Early the next morning he mounted his horse and rode away to the dove-eyed angel, carrying five dollars in his pocket.
"There," said he, flinging the postal currency
down on the table, "I come not to thee empty-

"Nor I to thee. While thou wast saying, Stand and deliver,' see what I did," said Mercy, with a heavenly smile, pointing to a cradle which Liffith had not before observed. It con-

tained a boy three years old.
On the whole, he thought he'd go back to Kate; and Mercy, on hearing the whole story, coincided with him in the opinion that it was the best thing he could do under the circumstances. Liffith proposed Utah, if his other wife could be brought to consent; but the doveeyed was not willing to dovetail into any such an arrangement.

So back rode he to Cucumberland. But here ound he himself in a sad pickle. For Mrs. Lank had heard of his goings on. Company was in



THE "CRADLE SONG," A CLEAR CASE OF "WHO'S BEEN HERE?" ETC.

the house, and all sat at dinner when Liffith entered the room. "Is there place for one more?" said he inquiringly. "No." replied Mrs. Lank decisively, as she

helped Father Francis to fish. Such a meeting of man and wife never I nor else saw. At this moment one idea suddenly and simul-

taneously occurred to all the well-bred guests; and that idea was, that they were, perhaps, de trop.
Liffith saw them leave with a sinking heart,

for well knew he what was coming.

Mrs. Lank called him a Skulking Skeesicks, and threatened to collar him and drag him before a jury of his countrymen. "The constables shall come for you in the morning," said she, and with that bade Ryder show him to a room

in the attic.

Little liking the accommodations, and still less the idea of constables in the morning, Liffith waited until Ryder had left the room, and then, opening the window, let himself down to the ground by the tin water-pipe that ran along the eaves. The next morning Liffith was non est inventus. And the morning after the next, Mrs.

Lank was arrested on suspicion of having murdered him.

Before hanging her, however, it was necessary to find the body. Now a little distance from the house was a mere, filled with carp and sels and

pike and other fish, always fresh and fit for the table from the fact that they were fed princi-pally upon parsons and peddlers. It was a mere suspicion that the body was here, but they determined to drag the merc.

For some time they dragged nothing to the surface but parsons and peddlers and tin pots and broken jugs, but at length they clawed

hold of something else.

"Draw slowly," said the contractor, "and if it is, be men, and hold fast."

The men drew slowly, slowly, and presently there rose to the surface a Thing to strike terror and loathing to the stoutest soul.



A THING TO STRIKE TERROR TO THE STOU TEST SOUL. It was not an editor, nor an anonymous correspondent, nor a Prurient Prude. It was the pair of hobnailed shoes before alluded to in capital letters. They were identified by a ground-mole, found in one of them.

With this evidence against her, Mrs. Lank's

she knew no more about it all than the other A notice appearing in one of the leading dailies of the period, that a gentlemen of refinement, education, and wealth, and good-looking withal, would like to correspond with a large number of young ladies, with a view to matrimony, George suggested that this must be Liffith. But Mercy said no. She did not think he was marrying no wadays so much as formerly, What shall we do?" cried Neverill in de-

"Consult the spirits," replied Mercy; and a circle was immediately formed, but with no satisfactory result. One spirit, on being consulted, rapped out.
A-D-V-E-R-T-I-S-E, but being the ghost of a

newspaper proprietor—whose widow continued the business—the advice was attributed to interested motives. Nevertheless, she and George laid their heads together, and concocted the following, which

appeared among the "Personals" in all the city and country papers soon after;-"If Liffith Lank, who is suspected of having been murdered, will send his address to either of his wives, or apply to the Sheriff of this county, he will hear of something to his advantage. cod2p&wif.

The day before the trial Neverill telegraphed Mercy to know if any answer had come to the advertisement. She replied, "No."

this telegram there were two postscripts. First postscript, in a tremulous hand:—
"Consult the spirits," Second postscript, in a spiritual hand:-

drain the mere

"Nonsense!" said the matter-of-fact Mr. Chouseman, "we have enow to do with pumping the witnesses, let alone draining the mere. We want no more parsons and peddlers."

CHAPTER IX.

Court was in session. "Katrive Lank," said the Judge, "look me

in the face." The prisoner turned her eyes slowly upon him. He saw in an instant that she was not tooking at him, and was about to commit her tor contempt, when an old friend of the family stepped up, and explained the peculiarity of the grand and beautiful orbs.

Mr. Whitworth, the junior counsel for the Crown, then rose to open the case; but the prisoner, with a pale face, but a most courteous de-meanor, begged his leave to ask a previous question of the court. Mr. Whitworth bowed,

and sat down.
"My lord," said she, looking the Judge freamily in the face, "what think you of the octrine of the Immaculate Conception?" At this the crier shouted, "O yez! O yez! O

yez!" and the trial went on.

But I will not weary the reader with a detail
of the tedious process of an English court of

Various witnesses gave their testimony, and Mrs. Lank subjected each to a severe cross-examination upon the dogmas of the Church.

At the conclusion of the case for the prosecuon, the prisoner stated that she should only all one witness for the defense. "Mercy Vintner!" cried she.
And Mercy Vintner, who had been consulting

the spirits in a side room, stepped forward.
"State to the court what you know about the

"State to the court what you show to case," said Mrs. Lank.
"Nothing, an please your lordship," said Mercy, with a courtesy, "but that Liffith Lank an't dead yet."
"But twenty witnesses declare that he is,"
"But twenty witnesses declare that he is,"

remarked the Judge. "The balance of evidence is against you." And despite an appealing look from the dove-eyed angel, he was about to put on his black cap and pass sentence, for it was already past his dinner hour. But Mercy quietly took a note from her reticule and handed

to him. The note was from Liffith, and was addressed to the Judge. It briefly stated that he was alive; but that he did not like to present himself for a family reason—or rather for a two-family reason. He had read about jails in a work by a popular author, entitled "Never Too Late to End," and did not wish to make close acquaintance with the punishment-jacket, and cranks, cold douches, and visiting justices. He concluded by asking the Judge to dine with him when he happened to drop down his way; paid a score of compliments to both his wive; and threatened to whip anybody who hanged

either of them. The court was at once dismissed, and Mrs. Lank apologized to a jury of her countrymen for the trouble she had given them. She entered no legal proceedings against her husband, fearful that, even if found guilty the jury would recommend him to Mercy.

CHAPTER X.

A change came over Mrs. Lank from that day forward. She had learned that the law will not allow even a woman to threaten to collar any-

body with impunity. In the meantime, Liffith Lank, Esq., who had succeeded to an immense and independent for-tune in his own right, reappeared in public. It was said that he had compromised matters with the Vintners, but whether he had or not, no suit at law was brought against him, and he set about building a fine house, with large grounds and conservatories, but no meres and fish-ponds about the premises.

about the premises.

Mrs. Lank heard of the new place, and riding past there one day, thought how much finer it was than Hernshaw Castle. One day she received a note in a well-known band of write. She had been expecting some-thing of the kind, and it caused her no surprise.

it contained but these words:-"Madam:-I do not ask you to forgive me. But I have built a fine new house of Milwaukee brack, furnished with all the modern improvements—gas, water, bells, and speaking tubes, and only five minutes' walk from the depot. I have also abandoned all idea of going into the hotel business in another county. Your apartments are ready for you.

"With renewed assurances of my most distinguished consideration, I remain, your husband, "Lippith Lank,"

The messenger awaited a reply.
"I will consult my child," said Mrs. Lank.
And calling to her little girl, atat eighteen
months, who was playing in the parlor, she
asked would it have some sugar-plums?

"Es," lisped little Rose.
"As you please," said Mrs. Lank, and sat down and wrote as follows:-

"SIR:—I have consuited my child, and we both agree to submit to your judgment. Please send a carriage. Yours respectfully, KATRINE LANK.

"P. S. I have no objection to going a short dis-The thing was done. In the meanwhile, Providence having kindly killed off the offspring of her affair with Liffith

the little fellow clearly had no right to stand in the way of his mother's making a good match—George Neverill had married the dove-eyed angel. The two families exchanged cards, but did not visit each other. So my task is ended. I have aimed to show that bigamy is against

case was regarded as hopeless; but nevertheless it was determined to make an effort in her defense. Prominent in this movement was George Neverill. He hoped two things: first, that Liffith was indeed eaten up by the fish in the mere; secondly, that Kate would be acquitted.

CHAPTER VIII.

Things looked serious.

Ryder had heard Mrs. Lank threaten her kusbane, and a splash had been heard in the



SHOWING WHAT A MAN CAN ACHIEVE BY HONEST INDUSTRY. circumstances, an action for breach of promise could scarcely have been made to He. On the whole, our hero cannot be held up as an example to young men. But these are the facts, and I simply tell them. Que coulez-vous? Is not virtue its own reward!

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