HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A Drunken Husband Shoots His Wife and Then Attempts to Take His Own Life in the Same Manner—Probable Death of both Victims.

Murders and suicides are not of very common occurrence in the quiet villages of New England, and when one such does occur it is generally accompanied by circumstances of such a singular nature as to render it of more than common interest. Littleton, Massachusetts, twenty-six miles north of Boston, on the Fitchburg Railroad, was the scene Tuesday afternoon of a fearful slaughter, combining murder with suicide, and attended by such accessories and such fiendish brutality in its conception and execution as to curdle the blood with horror. News of the dreadful occurrence was brought to Boston by passengers over the Fitchburg Road Wednesday morning, and from their statements the following description of the fearful tragedy and its circumstances are obtained:

Patrick Keating has resided for some years in the southern portion of Littleton, long enough to be the parent of four children and to have earned a very fair reputation for good behavior among his friends and associates. Patrick was a day laborer in the town, working steadily at his business and providing, as well as his limited means would allow, for the comfort of his family.

Until within a few months, too, he has been a man of steady habits, seldom, if ever, indulging in the use of intoxicating liquors, and generally behaving himself like a good husband and father. Lately, however, his conduct has changed. He became more and more addicted to strong drink, and irritable in his treatment of his children and his wife. There were

HARD WORDS ON BOTH SIDES,

frequent criminations and recriminations, until the social condition of the family had become degraded to a very low ebb. Every day increased the sum of their unhappiness, until the mother, who was in a delicate situation, felt that it would be impossible for her to longer remain in the house. She broached the subject of separation to her husband a week ago, but was met in such a contrite manner that she did not press the matter to an issue. Patrick pledged himself immediately to commence the work of reformation in his habits, and spoke pathetically of the sad condition of the children, who would thus be left to grow up without a mother's care. Mrs. Keating finally yielded to his entreaties, and promised to remain. For a day or two Patrick was true to his pledge to reform; but the temptations of a dissolute course of life were too strong for him to make a successful resistance, and he soon returned to his old habits. The poor wife was finally forced, in spite of herself, to obey the instincts of self-preservation and declare her intention to repair to her father's house. This occurred Tuesday morning. Mrs. Keating, after frankly stating the nature of the case to her husband, said she could live with him no longer and that

THEY MUST SEPARATE,

at once. The declaration was met with a torrent of reproaches and abuse. Patrick denied her right to leave him without a warrant from the Court, and asserted that he would use force, if it were necessary, to prevent her departure. They indulged in a wordy quarrel for a few moments, until, very much incensed, Keating rushed out of the house. Thence he repaired to the house of a friend in the village, where he procured some liquor and drank deeply, with the vain intention of quieting his passions. But, as is usual in such cases, the liquor which he poured down his throat only served to intestify his rage, and caused to be all the more firm in his determination that his wife should not live away from his home. Here it is thought that he determined on the commission of the crime for which he is now in custody. In the excited state of his feelings, with the recollection of his past misconduct crowding upon his mind, and the dismal forebodings of the future which he must have inevitably experienced, murder and suicide lost all their terrors to his mind, and were looked upon only as the speediest relief from his present troubles. He was literally half-crazed with rum, and grew more and more desperate as he thought over the calamities which he had brought upon himself by a continued course of vicious conduct. At noon he returned to his house, only to find that his wife had packed up some of her clothes, and was only waiting to bid him farewell before going away.

THE MURDER.

He asked her if she was still determined to leave him and the children to take care of themselves. She replied that she had no other alternative, whereupon Patrick drew a revolver from his pocket, and, with the exclamation, "God forgive me!" he discharged it at her breast. The murdered woman fell unconscious to the floor while a copious stream of blood rushed from the wound. Patrick gazed a moment at the dreadful sight, and then turning the muzzle of the pistol towards his own body, discharged it again. An hour afterwards a neighbor entered the house and found both upon the floor, weltering in gore. The floor was covered with pools of blood, and the dying ones, although still breathing heavily, were in an unconscious state. About the bodies stood the afflicted children of the family, struck almost dumb by the calamity, and scarcely realizing the extent of their loss. The body of Mrs. Keating was placed upon a bed in an adjoining room, and her husband was placed under arrest and removed to the Poor House in the town for safe keeping. It is scarcely possible that either of them will recover.

There is a great deal of excitement in the village concerning the tragedy, it being an event altogether without precedent in that locality, and the comments are many and various. Although the parties connected therewith belonged to the lower classes of society, still there is a general feeling of sympathy with the children thus left without a natural protector, which will probably assume a substantial form. The tragedy forms the sole subject of conversation in Littleton.

STATEMENT OF THE DYING WOMAN.

The *Journal* reporter learning that there were stories circulating that Keating had previously threatened to kill his wife, visited the house to obtain if possible a correct account of the affair from the lips of the victim. Dr. Robinson was just leaving his patient, and readily turned back to accommodate the writer. Mrs. Keating was found perfectly conscious, and suffering but little pain, altho' very weak, which rendered it quite difficult for her to converse. Her statement, avoiding what has already been given above, is substantially as follows: She has been married to Keating about six years. Of late years he has been very quarrelsome, and their home has been very unhappy. He had never threatened her life, but had, on various occasions, beaten and kicked her; and last March was required to give bonds to keep the peace towards her. Last Monday forenoon she made arrangements to go to Groton, some 4 miles distant, to visit her father's family, to which Keating consented. After she had dressed herself and child, Keating informed her that he would rather she would stop at home; but having made her plans, and as she was expecting soon to be confined, she persisted in going. Her husband drove her to the depot, and met her on her return, as above stated, midway between the depot and the house. When he came into the room after she had entered the house, he asked her if she had brought home anything for him, at the same time putting his hand into her pocket.—Her reply was that she had not, and intimated that she would not allow him to search her pockets. He then stripped her, and when he told her that he would shoot her she thought he was only using threats to frighten her. After the shots, and while on the floor she retained her sensiblity, but did not hear the report of a pistol while her husband was absent from the house.

Although quite comfortable yesterday reaction must soon take place, and in her present condition the wounds must result fataly, although she may live some days. Her ante-mortem statement was taken yesterday afternoon. The neighbors give her an excellent reputation as to peacefulness, a disposition to help in support of the family. She is about thirty years of age.

THE MURDER AND WOULD-BE SUICIDE.

Keating, the author of this terrible tragedy, has borne a bad reputation in the town for years. He is of extremely ugly disposition, and much averse to work, so that his wife has been obliged to work both in-doors and out to obtain food for the family. When questioned by those who arrived at the house first as to what he had been doing, he said, "We had a little shooting," and afterward, in the presence of Dr. Robinson and others, stated that he meant to kill his wife and himself too. The only motive he gave was that she was "all the time wanting to go home and see her folks." He was perfectly sober at the time he committed the deed, and is not in the habit of becoming intoxicated. The little farm of seven or eight acres which the couple worked, it is stated, is heavily mortgaged. To-day Keating will be taken to Groton, there to await the result of his wife's injuries.

WHERE THE GOLD GOES.

It is Gobbled up and Hoarded by the People of the Orient.

In the reign of Darius gold was thirteen times more valuable, weight for weight, than silver. In the time of Plato it was twelve times more valuable. In that of Julius Cæsar, gold was only nine times more valuable, owing perhaps to the enormous quantities of gold seized by him in his wars. It is a natural question to ask—what becomes of the gold and silver? A paper read before the Polytechnic Association, by Dr. Stephens, recently, is calculated to meet this inquiry. He says of our annual gold product fully fifteen per cent. is melted down for manufacture; thirty five per cent. goes to Europe; twenty-five per cent. to Cuba; fifteen per cent. to Brazil; five per cent. goes direct to Japan, China and the Indies; leaving but five per cent. for circulation in this country. Of that which goes to Cuba, the West Indies and Brazil, fully fifty per cent. finds its way to Europe where, after deducting a large percentage used in manufacturing, four-fifths of the remainder

IS EXPORTED TO INDIA.

Here the transit of the precious metal is at an end. Here the supply, however vast, is absorbed, and never returns to the civilized world.

The Orientals consume but little, while their productions have ever been in demand among the Western nations. As mere recipients, therefore, these nations have acquired the desire of accumulation and hoarding, a fashion common alike to all classes among the Egyptians, Indians, Chinese and Persians. A French economist states that in his opinion the former nation alone can hide away $20,000,000 of gold and silver annually, and the present Emperor of Morocco is reported as so addicted to this avaricious mania, that he has filled seventeen large chambers with the precious metals. The passion of princes, it is not surprising that the same spirit is shared by their subjects, and it is in this predilection that we discover the solution of the problem as to the ultimate disposition of the precious metals. This absorption by the eastern nations has been uninterruptedly going on since the most remote historical period. According to Pliny, as much as $100,000,000 in gold was, in his day, annually exported to the east. The balance of trade in favor of these nations is now given as $80,000,000.

What Made Her Do It?

"What made her do it?" She was young, she had not lived in the sunshine of a father's smiles always. She could scarcely remember when she sat on his knee, and she had no recollection of a father's kiss. He was a kind man, there were home comforts in his family; but the girlish heart yearned for caresses and tones of love; so, when they were whispered to her from other lips, she drank the proffered words and called them nectar. She married, but he who had known no restraint or law could not be expected to keep the marriage vow inviolate. In time, when the tenderness turned to harshness, and the look of love was one of scorn, she passed out of the court room, down the cold stone steps, into a like world, and they called her free. Aye she was free—free from every hope to be happy again.

Oh, fathers, will you thus drive the tender household ones into such arms as those, when all they ask is to be encircled by your own?

What made her do it? She was fashionably reared, and Guy Closefist owned the largest block in the city. Her father had hard work to keep the machinery of his household in running order, and to get his three daughters settled was the chief stimulus to keep him above board. So Mr. Closefist was encouraged, for the daughter thought after she had got him in her power she could draw the money out of him, and the owner of the largest block, knowing the straits of his intended's family thought she was just the one to make a little go a great ways. So they were married, and she lived studying ever device to deceive and obtain money from him, and he trying to thwart every plan that wrenched from him one of his precious dollars. The girl lived to envy the toiling girl that passed his window with her bundle of plain sewing, and thought she could be happier in an attic than the wife of the millionaire.

"What made her do it?" She was tired of toiling early and late, and the house over yonder looked warm and cosey, and its owner had asked her to make it her home always. Home! there was a melody in that word that sounded like sweet, far off music.—What matter if he was twice or thrice her age? What did she care if they did say she married him for a home? She knew they had only guessed half the truth, and thought she could be happy in such a home without one shred of that mysterious cord that binds so many hearts together. But the work grew irksome in that pleasant house, and the host that had passed the meridian of life did not care to go backward to enjoy the brightness of which he had grown so weary. The life of the young wife was chilled by the restraints and limits of her own home, and she looked backward to the little freedom she snatched from labor, to enjoy some of the like amusements and pleasures that were denied her now.

There are hundreds of unhappy marriages, but the woman who dares not walk the road that earns her a living, and having no heart to give, takes anybody's hand, must learn that she has made, at least, one great mistake; and the scheming one, that she may wear purple and fine linen, smiles on the crusty moneyed man, must not be disappointed if the gilded chains indent her very heart-strings.

But the parent who fails to give his daughter that attention which he calls trivial, but is prized by her so much, must not be surprised if she knows not the genuine from the false, and comes back to the parent nest like a wounded bird. Not till the loved one is beyond our touch of tenderness, do we feel what was once in our power, and no remorse is greater than when we say of such, "It might have been."

Catarrhal Bronchitis.

Catarrh, in which the lining of the nose and passages which lead into the lungs is a common infirmity, and by most persons is readily understood, at least so far as to be able to distinguish the nature and character of the disease.

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Body Snatching in Quebec.

The Quebec *Mercury* of December 7th, says: *Le Journal de Quebec* announces that two individuals visited the Belmont Cemetery, on Monday evening, and took away two bodies from their graves, and conveyed them to a house at St. Sauveur, where they passed the remainder of the night in drinking and singing in presence of the dead bodies, which they had placed standing up in a corner of the room. Their conduct, it is said, was so disgusting that a woman living in the house was terrified almost to death; they were arrested yesterday morning. *B. Evenement* says that the two bodies were taken from St. Sauveur Cemetery, and were sold to a medical man of this city for the sum of sixteen dollars. Body-snatching in this city and around has, it is long notorious, been going on every winter since the American war by parties who sell them to the Montreal schools of medicine, and five or six years ago two parties were convicted at the Queen's Bench here for that offense.

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—Happy are families when the government of parents is the reign of affection, and the obedience of the children the submission of love.

—Preserve your conscience always soft and sensitive. If but one sin force its way into that tender part of the soul and dwell there, the road is paved for a thousand iniquities.

—However many friends you have do not neglect yourself; though you have a thousand not one of them loves you so much as you ought to love yourself.

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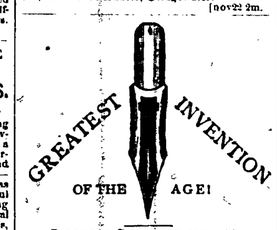

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