There's goodly catching of cold, I is a filpping and an eager alr.
The gold, white, virgin show upon my heart abates the arder of my liver, and after summer evermore succeeds

Barren winter, with his wrathful nipping This cold brook candled with ice The air bits shrewdy: it is very cold, Very cold; the wind is northerly Cold, cold, my girl! Even like thy

chastify. chastly.

To bathe in flery floods or to reside
In theilling region of thick-ribbed ice,
Hot ice and wondrous strange snow,
Chaste as the leicle That's curded by the frost from purest

snew, And bangs on Diana's temple.

Bring me the fairest creature northward

born pre Phoebus' fire scare thaws the teleles, Sap-consuming, winter's drizzled snow. Cold snow melts with the sun's hot beams,

As a little snow, Tumbled about, anon becomes a moun-

The churish chiding of the winter wind, The ill wind which blows no man good, The human mortals want their winter here, Therefore my age is as a lusty winter,

Frosty, but kindly, You and you are sure together As the winter to foul weather, A sad tale's best for winter,

As humorous as winter, Winter not gone yet, if the wild geese fly that way. Winter tames man, woman and beast, Six frozen winters spent,

Considering the westher, a taller man than I will take cold. Biting cold would never let grass grow. You will eatch cold and curse me

Return with welcome home from banish-

AMONG THE ANARCHISTS.

"Markham," said our chief, one morning, "here is a chance for you at last." I looked up inquiringly from my desk in the Bureau of Public Safety at the government offices in Paris, where I had for some days past been busy with papers concerning the latest anarchist

"We want a man to go over to London to see what is doing there," continued the head of our department. "The risk will be great; so, too, will the reward of

"I thank you for the honor, Monsleur Chaumont," I hastened to reply; for he had stopped, as if to see the effect of his words; "I shall do my best."

"That is right. I was not sure whether, with your want of experience, you would care to undertake such a task-for the risk, as I have said, is by no means a slight one. Still, there are points in your favor that have influenced our choice; you are young, are fairly prepossessing in appearance, and, thanks to your English parentage and French bringing up, you can pass for a native of either country at discretion." "But I have had no detective experi-' I ventured to suggest.

"That does not matter. You are to make your way to London at once, join one or more of the anarchist clubs, and report to me fully by cable cipher, every second day. That is all; your familiarity with the desk work of our bureau will give you some idea of what is expected of you."

I now knew perfectly well what was expected of me, and truth to tell, I did not like it, but it was too late to draw back. Detective work I would not have minded being employed upon, but to have to become the associate of desperate criminals, and all the while to be engaged in betraying them, was something more than I had bargained for.

"It is the first step of the ladder," said Monsieur Chaumont, cheerily, probably having noticed the mingled state of my foelings; "who knows but you may yet rival the famous Vidoeq."

"And when must I set out, monsieur?" "To-morrow at latest. You had better by way of Dieppe, and take these letters to the offices we have there. It will give you a chance of becoming known to each other. Report to us through the embassy at London, but in the event of any coup being likely to off, you had better come straight to us here. Get all photographs you can and don't fall in love with any of the lady conspirators. They might become sples upon you in turn."
"No fear of phat, sir," I said, and

immediately set off to make the few preparations necessary for my solourn in the English capital and for my first trip across the Channel.

My mission to London was completely successful. From November to March of one dreadful winter I was an inhabitant of that cheerless town, an awful infliction to a native of sunny Gascogne, as I myself was. Still, I bore every disagreement, as Londoners spell it, with resignation, and I hope even manfully. Every soldier of la belle France is said to carry a marshal's baton in his haversack. I cheered myself with the thought that in my carpetbag there might lurk the Cross of the Legion of Honor, or even the warrant of appointment as director of public safety, the sole marshalate of our pro-

I had joined a club in Soho, and also another in Tottenham Court Road neighborhood, and soon came to be looked upon as one of the most daring and energetic members of the brotherhood. True, none of our schemes came off; but our want of success was set down to ill-luck, and as one was rendered abortive, my companions would set about conceeting another, undeterred by the fact that several of their num-ber had, one after another, been arrested as soon as they set foot in France, on their way to carry them out. I never ventured near the embassy, of course, but my communications with my of-ficial superiors were carried on without

the slightest hitch. 'Any news yet of Desfargues?" I carelessly asked Rudolf Stahl, one of our leading spirits, as he hurriedly entered the Soho Club one evening late.

"News?" he replied, with a muttered ejaculation which I forbear writing. the very worst; there must be some traitor among us. I can't imagine, otherwise, how the police manage to get every one of our men as soon as they set foot in France. Desfargues and Schmitz have both been seized at Boulogne, Mannoni has been fool enough to be trapped at Havre, and so our precious scheme is blown to the winds. It is now a question of a day or two, per-haps only of hours, if we are to save Contades from the guillotine. They may execute him any morning. We must see about doing something to-night, or hour later, our executive com-

mittee, of which I had been elected a member, met to discuss the gituation. An air of distrust pervaded the meeting, each man apparently suspecting his fel-low, and probably me among the rest. For my part, I suspected nobody. knew too well how all the arrests had een brought about. As a result of our deliberations, it was resolved that still another effort was to be made to strike terror into the official world of Paris, in the hope of saving the condemned man's The Bureau of Public Safety, the headquarters of the detective depart-ment, was to be the object of attack. If an explosion levelled those offices to the ground, the anarchist cause would be in a fair way of triumphing. Further, to guard effectually against the suspected treachery, our committee unanimously agreed to leave all arrangements in the hands of Stahl as to the time and manner of carrying out the scheme, and the men to be intrust-ed with the dangerous task. It was three in the morning before our conclave broke up. By five o'clock I was on my way to Paris.

I had an hour to wait in Newhaven ere the tide permitted the Dieppe boat to sail. It was a raw, cold morning, and the draughty waiting-room anyhowever, with the thought how wonderfully well I had carried out the onerous and dangerous mission that had been intrusted to my hitherto untried hands. And this homeward journey I was now engaged in making was to be seal of my successful work, the one effective countercheck to the last scheme of Stahl and his brother plotwhatever it might prove to be. Henceforth my future was assured, only I felt it would be discreet to keep at a respectful distance from any of my late associates. I was indulging in a daydream of my assured rise in my profession, when I felt a light touch on my arm. I am nothing if not gallant, so when I tell my readers that it was a lady who was invoking my assistance, they will understand that for the moment I forgot all about the anarchists and their wicked plots and conspiracies. And the more so as my fair unknown was young, eighteen or nineteen sum-mers at most, and very beautiful. She was pale, and her large dark eyes showed signs of recent tears.

"Monsieur is going to Paris?" she asked me, in perfect French.

"Yes, mademoiselle. Can I be of any service to you?"

She looked so gratefully at me before replying, that her lustrous eyes made my heart throb, and I felt myself as if failing in love, and at first sight. Well, there was no reason why I shouldn't, for was not my future already assured?

"I am in such trouble," she went on; 'my brother was to come from Brighton to meet me here, and the train has just ome in without him." "Perhaps he will come by the next."

"But it will be too late. We were going to Paris together-" shall be delighted, mademoiselle,

to fill your brother's place, if you will allow me so much happiness." "You are very good, monsieur, I am sure; but I should only be sent back from Dieppe-arrested, perhaps who knows?-for my brother has the passport for us both. And I must be in Paris to-night-my mother is dying. How stupid of Adolphe to miss his train; and all this trouble upon us. Oh, dear! whatever shall I do?"

She hid her face in her campric hand-kerchief, and sobbed convulsively. I had heard that pity was akin to love; now I began to realize how true the adage might be, after all. While I was still hesitating as to what I should say to comfort my fair companion in her manifest grief, the steamer's bell rang loudly-a signal for all intending passengers to get on board at once. Sud-denly, though with an evident effort, the lady rose from her half-crouching position, hurriedly dried her tears, and picked up a small black bag that lay be dde her. My own baggage was booked through to Paris direct.

Allow me, mademoiselle," I said. "It is very heavy, monsieur, for its size," she said, as I took it; "it belongs my brother, and contains some of his etchings on copper. They are very valuable, and I dare not trust them to the baggage car. Perhaps monsteur has

heard of him, Eugene Guerin?"

I had frequented the Parisian studios before definitely coming to a decision on my own career, and Guerin's name was familiar to me as that of a very promising young artist. By the time I had told Mademoiselle Guerin this, we were seated on board of the Greta, and the sailors were already beginning to

the tear Our voyage across was one of the pleasantest it has been my fortune to experience. A balmy morning in early spring, the sea smooth as glass, and a chatty, agreeable companion to while away the time, all that, and the fact that I was returning to my native country after a long absence, and after arduous and dangerous work in her service, contributed to a sum of enjoyment that falls but rarely to one's lot, Mademoiselle was occasionally lost in thought, as was natural considering her mother's illness. We exchanged many confidences with each other, and though I was careful not to inform her exactly as to my profession, she was delighted to learn that I was in the service of the State.
"You will call upon us in Paris, cher

Monsieur Marquin"-it was thus she pronounced my name. "I am sure my brother will be delighted." "And any one else?" I ventured to

"Ah, there you want to know too much. I will tell you when we meet; but, oh, dear, we are close upon Dieppe, and how am I to get past all these horrid detectives? They won't imprison me, will they?"

"I hope not, mademoiselle, but they may send you back to Newhaven. Oh, monsleur, I must get through, I must, indeed!"

By this time the passengers were crowding the narrow gangway leading on to the quay. At its end stood a num-ber of detectives, with most of whom I was acquainted. My rug was thrown over my right arm, the hand attached to it holding mademoiselle's black bag. Gently and timidly she laid her gloved hand on my left arm. Our progress was clow, for the passengers were numerous, and their passports and baggage were being subjected to a rigid scrutiny. At last it came to my turn.

"Halloa, Markham!" sald Chollet, who had been specially detailed there from Paris. "We didn't expect you over. Anything fresh?"
"Yes, much," I whispered. "S's that

has brought me over." "And madam! We never heard of your marriage, you sly dog."

o my arm graciously returned salutation, and said:

I shall be delighted to recet of my husband's friends at our none in Par's. Come Albert, we are delegiter the others,"

Next moment we were hurrying to the s, while mademoiselle was profusely coressing the thanks that I could not or my life make out how I had de-

"How nice it must be to be in the mobile service," she said; "but for your friend knowing you, I should never have ot Through.

We reached Paris without further advecture, where I saw my fair fellow-traveller into a flacre, promising at the same time to call upon her on the morrow. I reported myself at headquarters, where my reception was of a very cordial kind, for my efforts had been approcisted. I returned there again in the evening, provided with a detailed sport in writing of the latest move on the part of the anarchists. I was sitting talking to our chief, when suddenly the room in which we were seemed to rock, there was a crash of breaking glass, and nen a deafening roar burst upon our gars, and I remember no more.

When I came to, I found myself in the hospital, terribly shaken, but fortu-nately without any loss of limb. Others f our men had not been so fortunate learned that a bomb had been exploded on the ground floor of the offices of the Bureau of Public Safety, and that the whole place had been wrecked, and many of the clerical staff wounded. man had been captured immediately after the explosion, and the contents of a black bag found in his possession had ied to further arrests. My own presence was urgently required at the preliminary, or extra judicial, examination of the prisoners, for one, if not more, had been traced as coming from London, and it was thought I might be able to give important evidence as to their

And so, on the first day the doctors judged it cafe for me to leave my room, was taken to the house of the magistrate intrusted with the investigation. In an ante-chamber I found Chollet sitting, but he did not recognize me at all when I nodded to him as I passed. My head was partly enveloped in bandages, and no doubt my appearance was other-wise very greatly altered. But that was not the reason of the blank stare he favored me with. I was unable to identify either of the first two prisoners brought forward, as, in fact, I had never set eyes on them before. They were re-moved, and then a third was brought in, a young woman, followed by Chollet, who carried in his hand a black bag, which I had some dim recollection of having seen before.

"Remove your vell," said the magis-trate to the prisoner. "Do you know this woman?" he then asked, address-"Speak out, Albert, tell them the

truth," said the lady, briskly.

And then I wished the explosion had indeed killed me, it was Mademoiselle Guerin whom I was confronting.

It would have gone hard with me at the trial which followed, and in which I had to take my place in the dock along with the other three, but for maden obselle's confession, in which she described how she got me to carry the fatal bomb, and "frank" her through Parls without being once asked for her

"We had found him out in London." she added, complacently, "and thought it well he should be made to help us." They were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. I got a year, and when I came out found that my occupation was gone. And yet, what else could I have done, or even you, reader, who are no doubt much wiser, in such circumstances as I have narrated?-From the

The Natural Body.

We are told very wisely, says Sir Renjamin Ward Richardson, that there is a natural body, and that there is spiritual body; that the natural body mes first, and afterwards that which spiritual. If this be true, our part in the consists in so building up the physiconstruction as to make it a m that shall form the best type of that which is spiritual. It is by this power given to us of modifying, beautifying, and perfecting the body that the soul shall have given to it qualities as pure and beautiful as the body.

There are dirty bodies and dirty souls; here are ugly bodies and ugly souls; cautiful bodies and beautiful souls pure bodies and pure souls; but in all cares the natural body comes first, fterward the spiritual, and it is our business in the matter of education so o master construction as to make the most perfect acquirable health, both of body and of mind. The first the natural, and afterward, as a sequence, the spirtual. All exercises which tend to the atural development of the body, which tive to it perfection of shape and qualty of tissue, induce that happiness which springs alone from health, and hat mental balance which is least disturbed by the sea of troubles in which we seem to be always, but ought never to be, surrounded.

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