A SHREWD WOMAN

URING a trial held in the town of Merrivale the court was crowded to its utmost capacity, while an impatient mass of swaying humanity case of phenomenal interest. Two young fellows of good family, comthemselves to earn fame and fortune, or the latter at least, in their naist, Herbert Carlston as a physician. Their love for each other was brotherly; yet love proved the gulf which separated them. Both had been fascinated with the charms of a sunny-Her admirers were legion; but her favors were equaly bestowed between | find me a scent like it. I shot an arthese two.

One morning people were horrified with the report of murder. Meyrick | think?" and been shot in his studio. A revolter was found on the table a few mehes from the dead body. The bullet, which, after passing through his head, had lodged in the wall opposite, exactly fitting the chamber, and was precisely similar to the others which be revolver contained. Both revolvers and cartridges were proved to Lave been bought by Carlston within \$4 hours previous to the crime. He was known to have been at the house at about the time of the crime. All one fact he denied; but this was the evidence that chiefly condemned him.

Edna Dalton, the girl through jealousy of whom he was supposed to have committed the murder, swore to seeing him close to the house. Indeed, she had spoken to him; but he strangely passed her, refusing to The general evidence against m was so overwhelming that there could be no doubt of the issue. The prisoner had condemned himself by his own admissions; yet he emphat-

kaly asserted his innocence. The eventful day of the trial came. him. The judge had summed up; the jury retired to consider. The breath-Presently a door opened. Twelve men colemnly took their seats.

"Guilty or not guilty?" "Guilty!"

A piercing shriek, awful from its Surden of agony, rang through the fourt. Edna's unconscious form was prisoner quailed. Throughout the trial he had behaved with almost indifferent coolness. Her voice unmanned him. He buried his face in is hands, groaning aloud and tremgained his manly bearing.

Asked if he had any reason to state why sentence should not be passed, he drew himself up, and in a firm, dear voice, said:

"To-day my words are an empty ound; one day they will have great wer, though they will come back m innocent. No man will believe me. speak for the future, because I beo remember my words."

The sentence of death was passed. the voice of the judge being scarcely udible amidst the sobs of some of the women present.

One person alone seemed unaffected. With the quiet demeanor of a hero, Herbert folded his arms to re-Leive his doom without a quiver.

To the last momentous words: "May the Lord have mercy on your noul!" he responded with a firm but reverent "Amen!"

Mr. Dickinson, Herbert's lawyer, was disturbed in his office by a young ady, whom he failed at first to recognize as Edna Dalton.

What a marvelous change! Her haggard face, large eys, looking larger om their sunken sockets, the fierce, etermined expression of her face, de the experienced lawyer betray surprise in spite of himself. Was this the airy, smiling creature of a w weeks ago? She had aged years. to placed a seat for her, and inquired the object of her visit.

"To free Herbert Carlston! He is inmocent, and I have discovered the cul-

The lawyer looked at her, but did not speak.

"Perhaps, you think me mad? Well, I have not been far from it. While you men have pitied him and won-Bered, I, a weak woman, have worked." "Have you any evidence of your ktatement?"

"Ample. The murderer has a foot two inches longer than Herbert. He wore a pair of old overshoes with a out across the left sole. Herbert ever possessed such things. On that right he wore a right suit, the suspeeted man wors a dark tweed suit. with a red thread-rather a peculiar kind of material, lighter in weight and cheaper."

"How in the name of all that is ra-

tional, did you learn al this?" "Thereby hangs my tale. I believe Herbert to be innocent. Common sense told me. Crime always leaves a trace for those who have eyes to see. No one ever sought. They were atisfied with superficial appearances. Inowing the landlord. I obtained permission to see the house. I searched the building without success. I was yielding to despair, and wandered into the back garden. Suddenly Fido capered about me with something in his mouth. It was a handkerchief. I took it. A glance made my heart stop; I beheld bloodstains!

lorn miner would inspect gold-dust. POWER IN POLITICS. It was a woman's, marked 'B. H., No. 4.' I recognized it, and knew the owner. I smelt it; a very peculiar odor

"I renewed my search with vigor. It was evident the criminal had escaped by the rear. Reviving hope fired me, and inch by inch I scrutinized doors, walls, windows, everything and anything, large and small.

For three days I hunted unceasingly. "My total discoveries were some waited the verdict outside. It was threads of cloth torn off while squeezing through a small window, blocalstains on the sash arising from a cut with a rusty nail in the wood, footprints on the ground beneath the window. The ground was soft enough tive place; Albert Meyrick as an art- to reveal an impression. Very close examination disclosed a peculiar imprint with a cut across. An inspiration dawned on me-the overshoes. From these links, how should I form a chain? First, the handkerchief, and haired, brighteyed, laughing beauty. I went to Whitton's, the druggist. He ransacked his store, but could not row at a venture.

"'You sold some to Miss Harvey, I

"'Oh, yes; I know now. I got that especially for her. I am sorry I have none left.'

"I reeled out of the shop. I was on the track. 'B. H.' were Bertha Harvey's initials; this was her handkerchief. I went straight to her home. During my stay I pretended to have lost my handkerchief. She lent me the exact counterpart of the one I had found, save it was marked 'No. 7.' I twitted her that I knew she was in the habit of lending her handkerthese things he fully admitted. Only | chiefs to gentlemen. She laughed and blushed, and I bantered her into confession. She had never lent but one, and she told me to whom. I involuntarily jumped from my chair, but had enough self-control to recover myself, pretending I had assumed aston-

"Now I had almost run down my game. How should I get into his house? Providence aided me. You are an elderly man, and have known me from infancy, so I can speak freely to you, Mr. Dickinson. At one time he paid me such attention that I had to ignore him. I knew his landlady well-Counsel had labored for and against a regular old gossip. My plan was formed immediately: Entice him with softest words and all your resources of less hush of suspense was oppressive. | fascination; from him and the old woman you will glean the evidence you

"I succeeded beyond my wildest hopes. I need not weary you with details. By dint of coaxing and presents I induced the old dame to let me do as pleased. Then I made her my confidante. I wanted to make her boarder a pair of slippers without his know !edge. She offered me a pair to measure. No; I knew he had an old pair of overshoes somewhere. Could I have them for a day or two? We searched together. Buried in a corner of the wardrobe we found a pair. I turned them up; there was a cut across the sole of the left foot. I trembled so violently I nearly let them fall. I took them to poor Mr. Meyrick's house; they fitted the footprints exactly.

"I have traced the suit of clothes, and can prove the purchaser and the om the cold depths of the grave. I date of purchase. But one thing remains undone. I swore I saw Herbert three minutes after the murder eve an avenging justice will surely to the back of the house. As Herbert Fing truth to light. Then I wish you is dark, and the culprit is light, he must have disguised himself, which proves design. A local hairdresser says he lent the same man some wigs, whiskers, etc., for private theatricals. Certainly no private theatricals have taken place, while he had them before and returned them after the date of the murder, so they were in his possession then. Concerning the deed itself, you know Herbert swore he left his revolver with Mr. Meyrick an hour

"You astound me," said the old lawver. "A girl like you with such astuteness! It passes my comprehension!" "Don't you think there are good grounds for arrest?"

"Certainly. Who is he?"

"Mr. Vernon Stanton, a clerk in Halliwell's dry goods store!"

Mr. Dickinson fairly leaped from his chair with an irreverent expression of surprise. It took him some little time to subside into his usual calm.

Then he sent for the captain of police, putting all details into his possession. Two hours after the officer returned to Mr. Dickinson's office with a somewhat gloomy face.

"It is all over, Mr. Dickinson," "What! has he confessed?"

"Yes, in words and action. I was going up to Mr. Stanton's rooms, when I saw him coming. He was in a great hurry, carrying a traveling bag. This, with his face, made me think he knew we were after him. Miss Dalton was very smart; but she should have consulted us before she took those overshoes. Women are so impulsive. Well, I followed him. As I expected, he went to the railroad station. I touched him, and advised him not to buy a ticket, as he would waste his money. He turned paler than Hamlet's ghost.

"'Heaven help me. I was mad! It was all for her,' he said, in a quavering voice. 'Please do not handcuff me,' he implored.

"'Very well, Mr. Stanton,' I replied. "Just then the shrick of an express whistle made me start. He dropped his bag and rushed across the platform. He won the race-I lost a prisoner. He jumped clean onto the buffers, which hurled him off like a football, over and over. His body is lying at the policestation now."

Every cloud has its silver lining. The sunshine of this story is seen in two faces which reflect the joy of love united, so nearly destroyed by shame and death.—N. Y. Weekly.

The Way to Be a Favorite. If you would remain a favorite never I examined the handkerchief as a for- ask a favor.—Chicago Daily News.

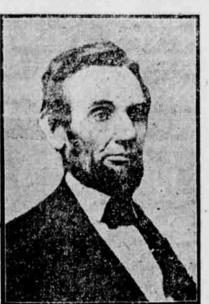
A Popular Delusion About Abraham Lincoln Corrected.

He Was Neither a Dark Horse Nor an Accident When Nominated by the Republicans for President in 1860.

An lowa writer who is telling about the number of great men which his state has produced in the past few years says that although Secretary Leslie M. Shaw has been only four or five years in politics, yet he is far better known to the nation than Lincoln was when he was nominated for president." The notion that Lincoln was unknown outside of his own state until his nomination for president has been expressed by better informed writers than the Iowa man here referred to, but it is a delusion just the same, says the St. Louis Globe-Demo-

Lincoln served a term in congress in the latter part of the Mexican war, and though he did not make a national reputation then, he was sufficiently party's first national convention was held, to get 110 votes in that convention have his salary mised.

When the weather man predicts a storm and it turns up he feels that he ought to have his salary mised. Fremont, as compared with 46 for Banks, who had just been elected speaker of the house in the longest and most exciting contest for that office which has taken place in the history of the country, and 43 for Wilmot, the author of the celebrated anti-slavery proviso. Dayton, however, was nominafed. That was four years before Lincoln's nomination for president. In 1858, when he canvassed Illinois against Douglas in the contest for the senate, he won a reputation which extended all over the country, and which brought his name up in connection with the republican national leader-



ABRAHAM LINCOLN. (Reproduced from an Authentic Photograph of the President.)

ship. That was nearly two years before the convention met which nominated him for president.

The person who asserts that Lincoln was suddenly sprung upon the country as a presidential quantity knows nothing about the politics of 1856-60. When Lincoln, by invitation of a New York Republican club, made his historic address at Cooper institute, in New York city, on February 27, 1860, the Tribune declared next morning that "since the days of Clay and Webster no man has spoken to a larger assemblage of the intellect and culture of our city." He had powerful friends among the republican statesmen and newspapers of every state in the union at that time, and that was nearly three months before the convention met which nominated him. On the first of the three ballots in the convention in which he was nominated he had votes from New England and the middle states, as well as from his own quarter of the country. Careless or ignorant persons, in pointing morals or making antitheses, are in the habit of insinuating that Lincoln, at the time of his nomination in 1860, was a sort of a dark horse or an accident, but such assertions make a wide divergence from the facts.

The Country's Death Rate.

A recent bulletin of the United States census compares the mortality of 1890 and that of 1900, and shows that there has been a diminution of something like ten per cent. in the death rate. In 1890 the average longevity in the United States was 31.1 years; in 1900 it is 35.2 years. The increase is 13 per cent. This is the conclusion, at least, so far as cities of over 8,000 inhabitants are concerned, and it represents the facts for the whole country approximately. In 1894 245 persons died of consumption in every 10,000; in 1900 only 190. The case is similar, though not so marked, for other diseases-diphtheria, bronchitis, typhoid, cholera infantum and the like. The main causes are a perfected hygiene of towns and the progress of medicine. Pneumonia, however, claimed 192 victims per 10,000 in 1900 to 187 in 1890.

Oldest Man in America. The claim of Martin Head, of Napoleon, O., to being the oldest man in the United States is not well founded. Noah Raby, of New Jersey, who is at the Piscataway poor farm, located near New Brunswick, claims to be

between 129 and 130 years old. Race of Spotted People. A tribe of peculiar people dwell or the banks of the Purus, in South America. Men, women and children are spotted, with brown spots on a white skin. Their chief article of diet

industrial Consumption of Gold. The industrial consumption of gold in the United States in the calendar year is estimated to have been \$16 .-667,500, and in the world approximately \$75,000,000. Although the United, States led the world last year in the production of gold, our imports of the metal exceeded our exports by the sum of \$12,866,101. The stock of gold coin in the country, including bullion in the mints, at the close of the fiscal year was estimated at \$1,124,652,-818, and the stock of silver coin at

Fox Hant in a Church

Religious services were in progress in a schoolhouse in Cushing, Me., on a recent Sabbath when a startling disturbance occurred. A fox darted in through the open door pursued by a couple of hounds, and in a few moments the animals and the clothing of the frightened ladies became alarmingly mixed. The women's screams at last terrified the four-footed interlopers and they bounded off toward

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