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Or dubbing him king of the land. And many a one did he save from getting A fever, or a cold, or cough, And many a foot did he save from wetting, When, whether in water or snow !twas selting,

When he had done with his making and mending With hope and a peaceful breast, Resigning his awl, as his thread was ending. He passed from his bench to the grave descending As high as the king to rest.

His shoeing would keep them off.

THE DOUBLE TRIAL.

A TALE OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

CHERRILY shone the bright sun, one morning in the nonth of March 18-. The roof of every building in the county town of ____, and the country for miles around, was lit up by its welcome beams. For weeks previously the weather had been cold, dark and tempestuous; and the exhilarating change to a placid, mild, cloudless day, was of itself sufficient to create feelings of grateful joy in every bosom. But few, indeed, in the town to which we allude, gave a moment's thought to the weather. Men, women and children-rich and poor, old and soungwere alike filled with emotions so powerful and absorbing, that ordinary business of all kinds was that morning at an absolute stand-still. The streets leading to the courtiouse had been thronged from day break by masses of people, and at every few doors throughout the town, groups were eagerly talking together, with grave anxious countenances; and even the ragged street urchins uspended their usual occupations, to thrust their shaggy neads among the adults, in order to listen, open-eyed nd mouthed, to the observations which fell from the lips f the speakers.

Meantime vehicles of all descriptions, from springcarts to noblemen's carriages, came rattling into the town from nearly every burgh and village within many miles; in some instances parties came expressly for the occasion from places a hundred or more miles distant. Numerous edestrians also came hurrying in along with them.

Evidently some event of a nature sufficiently powerful o enlist the interests of the entire population of the disrict was about to take place. That it was not an election was obvious, from the entire absence of all party and this was their third day. Assuredly this mere fact and her right hand uplifted with a small drawn dagger, the last lingering thought they might have entertained distinguishing between right and wrong. They had in itself could not account for a tithe of the commotion which was apparently about to be plunged into his misexhibited in the public mind; but, in a word, a certain tress's body. Both the dagger and the haud that held it they argued that it was positively tantamount to a con-which had induced her to commit the alleged deed was trial at them, which was that morning to commonce, were dripping with blood. was the bona fule and sole cause which enlisted the sympathies of every one. A powerful posse of officers of justice and special constables was drawn up in front of the county hall, and at eight o'clock the great doors were opened and the public admitted. A tremendous rush ensued and in ton minutes the immense building was crammed to suffocation. Previously to this, above three hundred of the respectable inhabitants had been privately admitted from the back entrance, by tickets issued for the express purpose. The galleries were thickly thronged with elegantly dressed ladics, and numbers of the no bility and gentry. In fact, nearly all the ranks and fashon of the county were present. The people in the street. and fully anticipated that the accused would be brought to the court-house by the front entrance, and therefore they should have at least a chance of obtaining a glimpse of her person: but in this they were disappointed, as she had been quietly introduced into the back part of the building some hours previously, in consequence of a prudent arrangement of the authorities.

In another hour, the judge was seated, the accused placed at the bar, the jury sworn, and all formul prelimnaries preparatory to the opening of the trial duly got through. When the prisoner was brought into court, all noise merged into one deep-drawn murmuring aspiration which seemed involuntarily to break from the immense sremblage, as though from one single breast. Every frame was raised on tiptoe-every neck stretched forward to the utmost-every thought absorbed in the one desire to obtain a position insuring a full view of the "observed of all observers." Many a manly tongue faltered an ejaculation of sincere pity; many a gentle heart quickly palpitated; many a lovely evo filled with the tear of sweet humanity, when the pisoner stood fully revealed to public view. In not a few instances the spectators turned to ach other to express in a few pithy words their individual expression of the moment.

While perfect order is being restored, we cannot d better than speak of the personal appearance of the prisoner. She was a young Irish lady, simply attired in the deepest mourning, and her age about twenty-certainly not more. She was tall, and not withstanding the sitnation in which she was placed, the elegance and grace of her form and demeaner were conspicuous. Her auburn hair, upon which, as if in mockery of woe, the golden sunbeams played with mellowed radiance, was partly gathered in massive folds upon the top of her head, and partly hung down in rich tresses. Her features were not what, in the parlance of the world, would be designated beautiful, for they were by no means regular; vet her eyes were those large, dark, all-expressive blue orbe, and her forehead was one of the lofty, ample proportions which we so often find characteristic of her. inellectual countrywomen. It was very easy to conceive that in her happier days she was a fine type of Erin's daughter's-a warm-hearted, open souled, merry, happy, bewitching, loveable young creature, who irresistibly stracted you by her transparent goodness, and who would. were you at all a kindred spirit, become your familiar friend ere you had sat an hour by her side from your first ntroduction. But alas! we have only to describe her as she now is. Her features are deadly pale, her eyes unnaturally luminous and enlarged, her lips quivering, and er hands tightly pressed before her. On her entrance, ier features were composed, and she walked with a steady step to the dock, and when placed there, lifted her head and gave a rapid glance round at the agitated sea of human countenances; but almost instantly shrank, as it together, and uttered a prayer to God, while a flush of scarlet shame marked her flesh. This passed away knees; but that on their entrance she sprang to her feet; states he thought indicating that it was about to be plungquickly us it came, and in its stead a marble whiteness and, clasping her hands, vented wild ejaculations of tere of into the victim's body answ. Nothing could be more

successful pleader. He was anxiously poring over his brief and glancing at his notes.

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What was the crime with which this interesting young creature stood charged? MUNDER !-committed under the most mysterious and inexplicable circumstance.

The jury having been empanuelled, the judiciment read, &c., the trial opened by the counsel for the prosecution, Sergeant Drake, making a circumstantial relation of the whole affair-detailed, of course, to suit his position. We will very briefly give the substance as follows:

For many yours, Sir James Fanshawe, a baronot of ancient family and large estates, had resided at -Abbey, about seven miles from the county town. He was a widower, and had but one child, a beautiful and accomplished daughter, who upon his decease, (she being just twenty-one years of age,) became sole possessor of his property, and also continued to dwell at the same place. Shortly after ber father's death, Miss Faushawe benevolently adopted as her companion a distant relative -a high-born young Irish lady, named Eveleen O'Neil, who had just been left, not merely fortuneless, but a totally friendless orphan. Well, this orphan cousin, this dependant, this prisoner at the bar, how did she evinco her gratitude? Why, after the expiration of eighteen self should die unmarried-sho murdered her benefactress!

A thrill of horror, at this part of the narrative, passed through the hearers, and when it subsided, Sergeant Drake resumed by saying that, revolting and incredible as the act might seem, he should bring forward such witnesses and such a mass of circumstantial evidence as would prove, beyond a shadow of doubt, that the prisoner committed the awful deed-doubtless principally instigated by knowing of the existence of the will in her favor. In pursuance of his painful duty, he should now call his first witness.

Thomas Cooper, being sworn, deposed that for twentytwo years he was butler and confidential house steward to the late Sir James Fanshawe and his daughter, Knew the latter from an infant in arms. Knew the prisoner at the bar perfectly well. She resided, in the quality of intimate companion, with his late mistress. The last time he saw the latter alive was about ten o'clock of the .27th day of July. She was then at supper, and appeared vory cheerful

Sergeant Drake-"How did the prisoner appear?" Witness-"Very remarkably melancholy."

Here Mr. Collins, the counsel for the prisoner, hastily ose, and observing that he could not permit his learned prother to mislead the jury by laving stress on a matter which he could youch was not at all an unusual one proceeded to cross-examine the witness. He wished to snow whether the latter had nover before seen the prisoner exhibit as depressed a manner?

Witness-"Cortainly, soveral times; although geneally she was of a merry, cheerful disposition."

Witness resumed his deposition by saying that a few ninutes after four o'clock, on the morning of the 28th of July, he was aroused from his sleep by repeated violent his mistress. In great alarm, he partially dressed, and The door slightly ajar, and pushing it slightly open, he crossed the threshold, and was horrified by what he immediately saw. On the carpet, by the side of the bed, lay the body of his mistress, in her night dress, bathed in blood. Kueeling close by her was the prisoner at the wrangling or display. The assizes was then holding bar, with her left hand resting on his mistress's bosom,

> A shudder of horror agitated the whole court at this part of the deposition, and the accused sank her head between her hands, grouning heavily.

Mr. Collins-"Will you here describe the exact posi tion in which your mistress lay when you first saw her?" Witness .- "She was stretched out upon her back, her knees drawn up some height from the carpet, which, being a leose one, was ruffled in a heap under and around ier, as though a great struggle had taken place. Her head lay on one side, with the right check resting on the arpet, and her hair was torn from underneath her cap, and hung backward over her head."

Mr. Collins .- "You say that the prisoner was kneet ing by her side, and holding a dagger, which you thought the was about plunging in your mistress's breast?" Witness-"Yes."

Mr. Collins-"Now sir, on your oath, was the point of hat dagger directed downwards?** With considerable hesitation, the witness con

that he could not speak positively in this respect. Mr. Collins-"What sir, do you acknowledge that you

of the so-called dagger which pointed downwards?" Witness-"I do." "Gentlemen of the jury!" warmly exclaimed the counel, "you will now begin to form an idea of what depen

dance can be placed on the evidence of this man!" Then turning round to the agitated and confused butler, he a dagger, and lifted it up by the end of the blade, hardly cried, in tones of the profoundest contempt and indignation-"Go on, eir! go on!" After a pause, the witness proceeded to relate that on

upon her knees, clasped her hands, and up to him, said. attempt, nor did he make a single effort to avail himself and she repeated them once or twice."

Mr Collins-"When you heard the screams which uttered?" ttered?"
Witness-"By my mistress."

Mr. Collins-"Why so?"

er bed-room."

Mr. Collins-"Oh, that is all! Very well. Now, vour own-toom?!"

"On your solemn oath, sir, answer me?" Witness-"I could not."

oner only?" Witness-"1 do."

Mr. Colling-"Gentlemen of the jury, you have beard, and will not forget this, Proceed, sir."

Witness stated in continuation, that "immediately afapparently, had been extinct only a few minutes.!!

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dle-aged gentleman, well known as a gifted and most innocence, which, however, so far from being believed, | ness had clearly admitted that he could not gainsay that | ness of innocence, filling her breast, she avowed her preonly induced the parties present to express their still fir- fact. Moreover, Miss Paushawe was already quite dead, mer conviction that she had murdered her benefactrem, and probably had been so for ten minutes. On beholdand was thus detected in the act. Eventually, avercome ling the Butler, Eveleen rose to her feet, let the dagger by the damning nature of appearances against her, the fall, attered a scream, sank on her knees again, and wretched girl fell down on her knees once more, and, clasping her hands, twice exclaimed "Have mercy on with sobs and screams, incoherently prayed for mercy, alternately addressing God and them -yot still protesting her with the guilt, sho, of course, vehemontly denied it, her innoconce with frantic gesticulations: Nobody be- and fell on her knees, imploring mercy from God and lieved her.

No time was lost in making a strict and well-conduct what he could not help designating as remarkable an inted examination of the appartment, and the result was, stance of general stupidity and obstinate perversion of the that several most extraordinary matters were brought to obvious nature of a simple fact, that he ever knew-had light. The bed in which the ill-fated lady had slept was been construed into undoubted proofs that she was the completely saturated with blood, and the sheets tumbled guilty party. What astonishing stolidity! What narrow and twisted in a way that clearly ovinced that ship must minded, shameful argument! What wilful, cruel, wickhave fought bard with the murderer. By pushing the od blindness! Why, surely he need not tell jutelligen curtains aside, Miss Fanshawe could reach the pull of a men like those he had the honor to address, that what bell, hanging in her own maid's room, and so summon Eveloon did and said throughout was nothing but what her at any moment she required. This bell-pull was was perfectly natural, and rightly appreciable by the dulfound carefully ded round the adjoining bed-post, com- lest intellect that viewed it in a right light. When the pletely out of the sleeper's reach. This apparently indi- Butler entered, the thought that he would, scoing her in cated two important facts;-first, that the murder must the position she was in, entertain the false opinion of have been a deliberately planned affair; secondly, that it her which subsequent events proved he actually flid-this must have been committed by some one intimately ac- awful thought shot like lightning through her brain; and mouths—in which interval Miss Fanshave had made a quainted with the apartment. On the victim's body she rose, dropped the weapon, acreamed, and, in the will, leaving her vast property to Eccleen, in case she her- being examined, it was found that she was stabled in stunning, bewildering agitation of the moment, terrified nine different parts, and her hands and arms were also and beside herself with dizzy dread, even fell on her gasted in many places, in a way that showed how des- knows, crying for morey from him whom she had never perately she must have fought for life. On the bed was harmed. This was construed, by the stellid being she found a very large lock of hair, torn up by the roots .- addressed, into proof positive of conscious guilt. Others This hair was at first thought to be Miss Fanshawe's entered, and joined him in the same opinion own, but, on examination, none was torn from her head, was the result? Distracted beyond measure, the poor neither did the lock correspond in the least with hers, girl protested her entire innocence, and fervoitly apeither in color or length. This was also the case with pealed to the great God who knew it. Only the more Eveleen, and, after a most patient investigation at the did those around harden their hearts-only the more inquest, all concerned unanimously admitted the inexpli- savagely did they tax her with the crime. In an agony cable fact that this lock of woman's hair was neither the amounting to delirium, she then franticly called altermurdered lady's nor that of the accused. Consequently, and no less evidently, there must have been an accomplice in the crime, and this female accomplice, it was conjectured, had been deprived of the lock of hair from her head by Miss Fanshawe grasping it in the agony of the death struggle, for great violence must have been exerted to tear it up by the roots.

The dagger by which the deed had been committed possession of Evelenn. This, indeed, was not a great and nobudy been the wiser. But the single circumstance fect this deed. Who was that other? Not a vestige of her presence, beyond that mentioned, could be discovered, and no stranger, neither woman nor man, had been seen, for days previously to the murder, about the Abbey apprehension of the public generally, tended the further to fix the guilt of Eveleen, for Miss Fanshawe's will was found, bequeathing the whole of her property to Eveleen, who frankly avowed that she knew of its existence, Misa Fanshawe baying shown it to her some time previously. This declaration, in the minds of most people, removed the motive which induced her to perpetrate the deed, which, but for the providential circumstance of the vicceeded in doing in a manner sufficiently secret to have avoided auspicion.

On the inquest, Evelon herself gave the following was reported to have committed it? voluntary explanation of the position in which she was

"I was aroused," said she, "from my sleep, by hearsmothered scroams, going on in the sleeping apartment of Miss Fanshawe, I listened, and hearing a scream still more distinctly, and also what I thought to be a cry for help, I hesitated not a moment in hurrying towards the room. As I approached the door, which was at the end of a long corridor, and at a considerable distance from the sleeping-room of any one else, my own chamber being the nearest to it, I heard what I thought to be the voices of individuals hurrically concersing; but when I reached the door, which Miss Fanshawe never locked, I found it slightly open; and on entering discovered her cally are uncertain whether it was the haft of the point lifeless body on the floor, in a pool of blood. There were no persons visible in the room. I screamed repeatedly at the sight, and, in dreadful agitation, sank on my knees, and then fell across the body, by which I became besmeared with the blood of my dear, murdered friend, whom I loved as myself. On arising, I happened to see knowing what I did. At this moment the Butler enterod the room."

The whole of the above and additional evidence was is advancing nearer, the prisoner, who before seemed fully sustained and gone through; and then, amidst a maware of his presence, started on her feet, dropped the breathless silence, the counsel for the defence arose. In lagger on the carpet, and uttered a scream. Then, ere a most lucid and masterly manner did he address the to had time to speak, she stepped nearcr, and falling jury in a speech of three hours. Not a quibble did he 'Have mercy on me!' Those were the exact words of any legal mystification. He suberly addressed the jury as men of common sense. He told them he scorned to work upon their feelings, when he well knew that first alarmed you, by whom did you suppose them to be an unvarnished appeal to their reason would not and could not fail to open their eyes to the monstrous injustice of trying his client on a charge which the very evidence for the presecution clearly proved she was, inuoearly on a certain morning, inhumanly murder Miss when the prisoner at the bar uttered a scream in your Fanshawe in her bed-room. Eveleen O'Neill, the perpresence, could you distinguish the slightest difference in son who slept nearest to her, was aroused from sleep by the sleeping-room of Miss Fanshawe. On this, Eveleen The witness continuing ellent, the counsel reiterated instantly hurried towards it. She found the door, which Miss Fanshawe was in the habit of simply latching, slightly sjar, and, pushing it open, walked in, and was horri-Mr. Collins . Then you distinctly admit that, for fied by beholding her beloved friend extended on the caraught you know, the screams you heard from first to last | pet a mangled corpse. The terrible shock of the sight and after vainly looking round for the murderer or murderers, she sank, in an agony of grief, on her knees, by to bring the employer to justice, or wring from her a mopened to fall across the body, and so became dabbled with visitor at the Abbey.) came in, having also been alarmed, ment, picked it up by the extremity or the blade, and un- on false reasoning. One of the strongest moral proofs it

me!" And when the other witnesses came in and taxed man. Now these actions and these words, which by What nately on God and man for mercy. The Lord heard the voice of her supplication, and in His own good time, will answer it; but as to her fellow-beings, their scornful incredulity only waxed stronger; and better had she appealed to the beasts of the forest than to them!*

[At this part of the powerful address of the counsel. murmur of admiration and assent heaved the body of the court; and men looked at each other, as if their eyes no witness even pretended to have previously seen in the were apened for the first time to the construction which they had heard him put upon the action and words of stumblingblock, as she might have had fifty daggers, the accused. As to the prisoner herself, she furtively lifted up her head, and sighing deeply, let it fall again. of the existence of the lock of hair, which could not, by Mr. Collins was not slow to perceive the favorable turn any stretch of conscience, be affirmed to be either the he had already succeeded in giving the defence; and be murdered lady's or that of the accused, was admitted to resumed, with a warmth and enthusiasm which for once be a signal proof that another had aided the latter to ef- was perfectly unfeigned, and with an indignation he really felt.].

He solemnly avowed before the whole court that, o his sacred honor, he, from the bottom of his soul, firmly believed his injured client to be as innecent of the foul or it's neighborhood. In fact, up to the time of the trial, | deed with which she was churged as the venerable and not an atom of intelligence, pointing out the unknown, upright judge presiding over the trial. He had told the was obtained. The examination of the Abbey had prov- plain unvarnished truth, in describing-as delivered ed that the object of the murdetor could not have been from her own lips the explanation of the situation in screams, issuing apparently from the sleeping room of that of ordinary robbery or plunder, for no article, from which she was found. Yes, he had told them the truth, the most valuable to the most trivial, was missing or had the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; and he venhurried, as quickly as he possibly could, towards the room. been removed from its place. This circumstance, to the tured to affirm that whoever, after hearing it, still harbored any opinion of Eveleen O'Neill other than that she was one of the most injured and innocent of her sex. that ever was placed at the bar of justice-whoever believed, or pretended to believe (for he did not think the reality of such belief possible) that she was guilly of the crime laid to ber charge -: nust be utterly incapable of ceed, by the death of Miss Fonshaw, to that lady's estates. Now, supposing that such an informal desire as that of tim's screams being heard, she would probably have suc- murdering her benefactress on that account had ontored her head, would any one of common sense be hardy enough to assort that she could do it in the manner she Would she have litteratly butchered Miss Fanshay

in her own own bedroom an hour after sunrise? Would she have risen to do this in her night dress? Preposter ing what I conceived to be a struggle, mingled with ous! No: had she resolved on murder, it would rather have been by secret poison, or by violence in some remote place. A lock of long black hair, which everyboby admitted had been freahly plucked from the head of a woman, was discovered in the fatal bedroom, and it was proved to be neither Miss Faushawe's or the prisoner's Beyond a shadow of a doubt it was from the head of the real murderess; but an impendrable mystery at present shrouded the latter from human ken. God only know who she was, or where she was, or what her motives were, or how she escaped; but it was fair to presume that, when she heard the approaching footsteps of the accused, she fled by some egress, or slid out unperceived while the latter was transfixed with horror by what she beheld, and, in the alarm which ensued, succeeded in leaving the abbey without leaving a trace of her presence. Perhaps, added he, with impressive emphasis, perhaps at this very moment she may be listening to the feeble voice which I am lifting up-perhaps she, the real murderess. is within a few yards of the martyred one in whose place she ought to stand. If so-and it was by no means an improbable or baseless fancy, for such things had been, and were, and would be-he fervently hoped and prayed that the arrow of conscience might so pierce her callons heart that she would at once confess her guilt, and not add a moral murder to the sum of her inquiries.

[The court was here powerfully agitated, and as the dense mass of human heads swayed to and fro like the heave of ocean's waves-women sobing hysterically, men ejaculating and protesting. Order being restored, Mr. Collins continued.]

He would allude to the circumstence that the accused had mentioned that she had heard, as she approached the chamber of Miss Fanshawe, what she conceived to be Witness-"Because they appeared to proceed from cont of. What were the simple facts of the case? They the voices of persons therein. This was very important were these:-Some person or persons unknown, did, as it would seem to indicate there must have been two engaged in the murder; but at any rate, one of them was a woman with long black hair, and it was of her he had just particularly spoken. His learned brother, who sound between it and the screams you sheard when in hearing what she conceived to both struggle going on in had addressed them on behalf of the presecution; had obscurely hinted the possibility that the accused had a fomale accomplice. The idea that a person meditating the commission of such a great crime as murder, for the sake of obtaining undisputed possession of vast wealth, would engage another to assist her, was one that almost refuted itself; for was it credible that the principle party would might be, and most probably were, attered by the pri- so overcame Eveleon that she gave several loud screams; be so infatuated as to the place herself at the mercy of a Above all, the doubts and anxiety of Mr. Collins began hireling, who at any moment would have it in her power the side of her whom she had, in her own emphatic lety, of or all the property, as the price of silence and tal was by no means so surely based as it had been duwords, sloved as her own life." In doing this she hap-fidelity. Again, they had been told that the simple fact of ring the warmth of his delivery. As to Eveleeu, she the prisoner frankly admitting that she know of the exis. gazed piercingly at the jurymen, one after the other; and, tor the prisoner had spoken the words he had repeated blood; and seeing the fatal instrument of death lying in tence of the will in her favor did much towards convinseveral of his fellow-servants, and also Lord G. (a. a pool of blood, she, in the dreadful agitation of the mo- cing people of her guilt, and its motive. False reasoning verdict, a deep shade of bifter anguish passed over her by the screams. The body was quite warm, and life, consciously held it raised with her right hand. It was favor of the prisoner's innecence was this very act of here. at this moment that the Butler, alarmed by the screams She voluntarily, and with childlike simplicity, informed It is sufficient if we present the more important parts vented by Eveleen when she first discovered the atro- these who were thirsting to rake up evidence to consign of the entire evidence which followed, in a consecutive cloud deed, came in, and, as he had deposed, beheld her her to the gibbles, this. Would she have done so had seemed. within herself, clasped her hands convulsively form. It appeared, then, that when the butler was joined knowling with the dagger uplifted in a manner which, she been guilty? No she would above everything, have by the parties above mentioned, Eveleen was still on her either from wilful perversion, or confusion of memory, he been anxious to canceal the fact that she knew of the will's a word which made the warm blood rebound in the existence. But, instead of this, with the strong conclous-

vious knowledge of the will the instant it was alluded to. After alluding to the evidence of some witness he had called, who proved how deep an attachment Eveleen had ever manifested towards Miss Fanshaws, he concluded with a grand percention. When he looked, said he. at the amiable young lady whom it was alike his pride and duty that day to defend, he could hardly contain the indignation which he felt. Let all who heard him oudeavor to conceive a thousandth parts of agony she had endured for many dreary past mouths. He could not in his heart but cry shame, burning shame, on those who had caused her—a friendless orphan in a strange laud—to be mercilessly immured in a dungeon, acquised of the blackest crime of which human nature was capable—her name was branded and blazmed forth from end to end of the kingdom-her guilt openly, publicly insisted on by those who, had they possessed a grain of common sense, an atom of proper feeling, or a spark of sweet humanity in their breasts, would have revolted from such disgusting conduct. Well did he know that the of an honorable jury would in a few hours proclaim her injured innocence to the world, and restore her to the freedom of society: but let him tell thom that no jury, no society, no earthly power whatever could ever compensate her for the montal martyrdom she had suffered. Could the coming verdict of "innocent" restore the radiant, the pure, the blessed happiness which has erowhile hem? Could it heal the deadly wounds of a crushed spirit, and yent up the fices of a broken heart? Could it make her oblivious to the degrafting ignomy she had been subjected to-could she over appear in public without the whispered inuendo. the curious gaze, the unfeeling laugh, the coarse remark or question being perpetually passed in relation to the ordeal she had undergone? Even did she withdraw hersely entirely from the world, where could she find a place withor the story of her trial had not proceeded her, exaggerated, perchance, and distorted far beyond the bounds of truth? Or did she, indeed, find a place where no one know her former history, could she over taste of human felicity? could she ever enjoy a single hour of untained happiness more! Would not the thought of the past fiery ordeal intrade itself in the brightest scenes, turning her joy into gloom, her pleasures into sorrows, her mirth into signs, and casting a mournful pall over all the future?-Yes, 'twas too true, that, come what might, they beheld one who was lately a very accomplished, fascinating, lovely young creature of life and gladness, but whose expanding happiness was now withered in the bud-whose oung soul had been eterped" in the blackest woe, long before it ought to have known more than what transitory adness was-whose sparkling visions of the golden future were all o'ercast with the solemn gloom of the awful past -whose leftiest aspirations would, henceforward, never dare to look beyond the present hour-whose hope, that once had painted earth in the glorious hues of heaven, was fied to return no more-and whose every thought. whose every wish, whose every longing desire would henceforth centre in the silent tomb, her only place of perfect refuge from the piercing stings of a pittless world: And yet, she on whom this inconceivable misery and penalty was chaged, had never done the least thing in the sight of man to deserve it-had never heedlessly trodden on even the poor earthworn crawling beneath her feet; but had, in her brief span of life, existed a pure, bright spirit, sheding a halo of goodness, love, and joy on all around her. He talked not of vengence for her mighty wrongs: God himself would avenge her as he decemed it best. To the jury he had but one word more to say, ere he sat down, fairly overpowered with the feelings which chok-

soul-"We proclaim to the world that she is Innocest!" At the conclusion of Mr. Collins' speech, a buzz of admiration, and a partial clapping of hands, and applauding cries, proceeded from every part of the court .-It had wrought a mighty change in the sentiments of the greatest bulk of the auditory, for certainly a majority of them came into court more than half convinced of the prisoner's guilt: but these were now converted, by the defence they had heard, into a through conviction of her nnocence.

ed his utterance. Reparation for the the past, and happi-

ness for the future, were not in their power to bestow on

her; but they could arrest the further infliction of legal

justice by doing that which he knew they would haston

to do-by saying alond, with one voice, one heart, one

Sergeaut Drake briefly replied, in the succeing, canstic manner habitual to him. He spoke of the defence as an ingenious one enough-in fact, a very fair specimen of legal acumen and eloquence-a sample of what a clever man could do toward making black white. But as to an intelligent jury being misled by such subtle causisiry, such transparent artifice, such simulated indignation, and pretended reliance on the truth of a cause which the speakor himself well knew was emphatically a bad one, was an idea no man of sense would indulge in. Metaphorical argument and rhodomontade disquisitions would not alter stubborn facts. As to what the prisoner had been -as to her former amiability-that was a matter entirely beyond their consideration. All the jury had to do in the matter was to be guided by the evidence before them: and that evidence proved Eveleen O'Neill to be guilty of the crime of which she was charged, as clearly as it was possible for human evidence to do. Therefore, however patuful it might be to their feelings as men, the jury, to perform their duty to God, their country, and themselves, had no alternative but to return a verdict of

guilty, The venerable judge ably summed up. He dwelt particuliarly upon the danger of convicting on merely circumstantial evidence; and also observed that he did not cansider that the counsel for the defence had at all gone beyoud the bounds of atrict truth in what he had mentioned in respect to the same. It was generally considered that his charge to the jury, on the whole, manifested a decided leaning toward the prisoner. More than ever was her acquittal reckoning upon many. But it obviously mattered little what everybody's apinion might be, if the jury themselves thought differently, and they had manifested little emotion throughout the trial. Life and death were in their hands; and not in the breath of the public. As they filed-from the box to consider their verdict, poor Eveleen raised her head, and threw towards them

agined it would have moved hearts of stone. Coldly and composedly did the twelve men leave the court, and still more coldly and composedly did they deliberately re-enter, after an absence of one hour and fortrafive minutes-a time of suspense and incertitude distressing in the extreme, even to the least interested spectator. to be painfully apparent at the longthened absence of the ury; and it was evident that his confidence in an acquitas though she read enough to enable her to anticipate the features; and, with a heart-bursting group, she dropped her face between her hands once more.

an appealing look of such concentrated anguish-so

pathetic, so wildly imploring-that one would have im-

Hushed was the faintest whisper or rustle-suspended was overy breath-strained was every ear-as the foreman prepared to deliver the verdict. Amid a boding sileuce, his deep, but somewhat tremulous voice uttered voins of every hearer. The word was -"Guilly!"

For a few fleeting moments the people seemed hardly able to realize what they heard; and then exclamations of disantiafaction with the verdict, and of sympathy with the prisoner, were freely baudied. Order, with some diffi-