

BOIL IT DOWN.

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO ALL WHO WRITE FOR THE PAPER. Whatever you have to say, my friend, Whether witty, or grave, or gay, Condense as much as ever you can, And say it in the readiest way, And whether you write on rural affairs, Or particular things in town, Just take a word of friendly advice-- Boil it down.

For when you go to uttering over a page When you ought to be writing, your pen, Your butter is spread so much, you see, That the bread loaves plainly through, So when you have a story to tell, And would like a little renown, To make quite sure of your wish, my friend, Boil it down.

When writing an article for the press, Whether prose or verse, just try To utter your thoughts in the fewest words, And let them be crisp and dry, And when it is finished, and you suppose, It is done exactly brown, Just look over it again, and then Boil it down.

For editors do not like to print An article lazily long; And the general readers do not care For a couple of yards of song. So gather your wits in the smallest space If you'd win the author's crown, And every time you write, my friend, Boil it down.

A STRANGE STORY.

Our readers must remember what a thrill of horror pervaded the community one bright morning in the autumn of 1862. The night previous a storm had swept over the country, making houses shake to their foundations, and deluging the earth until roads became rivers and hills expanded into torrents. In the early part of the night the evening train from the city had then arrived at Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, and out again, leaving among others, one passenger, who, without word or sign, struck off into a pathway leading up among the hills.

This person was a young man of fine appearance, not more than twenty-six years of age, dressed with scrupulous elegance. His elastic step betokened vigorous health, and his half-smiling face indicated both a mind and a heart at ease. And why should they not be at ease, when one was waiting for him by the parlor window of the mansion on the hill, whose love it was worth a dukedom to possess? She, a beautiful, noble woman, was his affianced; and that night, so threatening in its elemental war, was one of sweet contentment of soul--was to name the moment of their marriage.

Ere the young man had fairly disappeared under the deep shadows of the trees which overhung the hillside path, the storm burst. The wind lashed the trees with demoniac fury, and the leaves flew in blinding clouds, filling all the air. Then the rain came down, falling up all the pauses of the storm with a roar like the howling of the sea. The young man staggered before the blast, but kept on--on, up the path now become a rivulet's bed--on, beneath the swaying branches of the elms and past the evergreens, which in the dense darkness, served to indicate the way--

A second form glides from the evergreen just passed, a glitter of steel, a quick, single stroke in the darkness, and the young man falls forward on his face, his dead heart pierced and the pulses stilled in an instant. Not a word, look, or groan; it was death instantaneous, unannounced, catching on the lips the sweet smile that stayed there as if to tell her what was his last thought.

Oh, it was pitiful--the form so full of life and grace destined at a stroke! And there all through the dismal night, the beautiful face pressed to the wet earth, all that was mortal of young Mr. Embury lay, while she watched from the window looking down the road for the coming of one who was never more to come.

What a night--what it was! Where was he? Surely, neither tempest or rain could have stayed her feet, winged with love, nor could they have stayed his. What could have happened? The demons in the air shrieked and moaned at the threshold; the lights, one by one, went out, and the sad wacher went sobbing to a couch to which sleep would not come.

dividual. Soon all classes were reading and talking about THE DEAD LETTER--a strange, a mysterious, a wonderful story, which, penetrating to the furthest part of our country, excited, everywhere alike, a deep, abiding, touching interest. To those who knew, personally, many of the persons introduced in the romance, it became a history. There was a tale of blood, but it was something more; it was a tale of love so strong, so true--of hates and passions so baleful and tetracious--of devoted friendship so disinterested--of human sagacity in following up the almost invisible trail of wrong and crime, so enticing--that few minds could resist the fascinations of the story as a story, (which it professedly was,) nor resist the conviction that it indeed lifted the veil, and, in the guise of fiction, made known the truth.

The community was still further excited by the rumor that efforts were being made for the suppression of the work by members of the family interested. It was stated that the revelations of the professed romance were so astounding to the parties concerned--that the minuteness of the detail of what was thought, said, and done in the privacy of the family circles was so marvellous as to challenge the belief that the dead had come to life. Astonished, alarmed, mortified, and pained, the friends, alike of the murdered man and of his affianced, sought to suppress the publication coming from a source so mysterious and incomprehensible.

The suppression, however, was impossible; but, in deference to the demands of the parties, the publishers let the work fall into as much obscurity as possible, and time that leads the wounds, it was hoped would allay the interest which the living would have forgotten.

But it was not a ghost that an order or a wish could suppress, and time, that weighs everything in its balance, has confirmed the first impression made by the Dead Letter that it is not only a startling illumination of a sad, singular story, but is one of the most powerful love romances known to American fiction. The Dead Letter was originally published in a New York magazine of limited circulation, and subsequently in book form. Its re-publication now, in some enterprising weekly, would be a good investment for the publisher. [Newburg Journal.]

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