

The Watcher.

The sheep are smothered in the snow; The child-eyed stars are cleaving keen The frozen air; and, sailing slow, The white moon stares across the scene.

TRIED BY FIRE.

"Marry Mr. Dysart? That old man? Mamma, you are jesting!" She stood at the open window of the shabby little sitting-room—a tall, straight young figure in a clinging black gown.

softly, I have spoken to the mother. I wished to prepare her for your intended interview to-morrow; but, Stuart, it is quite useless—quite. She will never consent to our marriage; and—

Ninon; or The Surgeon's Story

What I am about to say I want you to keep an eternal secret. Never breathe it to a living soul. I married young. My wife was a beautiful woman, and I loved her madly.

to have her once more so near my heart, even in that hour of agony and remorse. All was still as death in the room. You could hear every laboring breath she drew as plainly as if it had been a groan.

FASHION NOTES.

—Bedford cord is a handsome woolen material, resembling corduroy without the velvet finish. —Scotch plaid plush is a novelty in dress fabrics, destined to have a certain popularity with dressy young women.

HORSE NOTES.

—Robert Steel will trot Effie next season. —There are two pool-rooms in operation in New Orleans. —Jay-Eye-See is wintering at Mr. Case's farm in Wisconsin.