She gives one kiss-and trips away

But old Dame Sorrow pours her bless-

With pious fervor on your head; She says her business is not pressing, Sits down and knits beside your bed. -Transatlantic Tales.

PAULINE'S PENDANT มารรรรรรรรรรรรรรรรร

"Father, it has disappeared!" Sir Nevil Masterton and I were sitting in his study at Masterton Priory after breakfast when his only daughter, Pauline, rushed in with a white

"My dear little girl, what has disappeared?" inquired her father in a soothing tone.

"My pearl and diamond pendant; The one you gave me just before the wedding! Oh, father, who can have taken it?"

Sir Nevil smiled. "You have mislaid it, that's all! We don't have anything so exciting as buglaries here." "But, father, here is the empty case,

which I found in the drawer where I

locked it up yesterday morning with the pendant safe inside." Sir Nevil looked grave. "That sounds odd," he said slowly. "Tell us

all about it, little girl." The "little girl" was a fine, tail young woman of two and twenty. Her mother had died when she was a chid, and Sir Nevil's eldest sister, Miss Priscilla Masterton, had played hostess at the priory while Pauline was growing up. She adored her niece, and Pauline could always get her own way so far

as Aunt Prissy was concerned. A few months ago the household had received a shock-the announcement of Sir Nevil Masterton's second marriage. Every one had come to look upon him as a confirmed widower.

The new Lady Masterton was the famous stage beauty, Miss Lydia Beaugarde. She was principal show girl at the Majestic Theater, where her lovely face and matchless figure brought her admiration and a handsome salary: while her strong commonsense and excellent capacity for looking after herself had kept all admirers at a respectful distance until Nevil Masterton placed his baronetcy and his rent roll at her feet.

Pauline tearfully explained to her father the exact circumstances of her loss. She was in the habit of locking her jewelry in a certain drawer, and then hiding the keys in the corner of another drawer. The fact that the keys and the case of the pendant were both in their proper places seemed evidence that the pendant had been removed by some one intimately ac-

quainted with its owner's habits. Her father tried to comfort her, and added: "Leave me to talk it over with Mr. Carter, here. If your pendant has really been stolen he is more likely to get it back for you than any one else!"

I realized that to possess a reputation as a sort of amateur Sherlock Holmes involves one occasionally in awkward responsibilities; but I hastened to reassure her as far as possible

"You are in for it now, Carter!" said Sir Nevil, grimly.

"That's all right," I said. "Just tell me a little about the history of the pendant before we go any further.'

"Well, you see," he began, "we have a good many family jewels, which Pauline had come to look upon as her own particular property. So that when I brought my wife here, a month or two ago, Pauline did not altogether like parting with what she considered her treasures.

"It was to make up for this," continued Sir Nevil, "that I bought her a pendant, a diamond crown with two fine pear shaped pearls hanging down on little platinum chains. And it is this pendant that has now disappeared.

"I see," I said, thoughtfully. "What about your servants, Masterton?" "They have all been with me for

years," he said warmly. "I should never suspect any of them!" "What about Lady Masterton's

"Oh, yes-Rayner! I forgot about her. She is a girl whom my wife has known for a long time and in whom she has every confidence."

I began to perceive that I was going to have a rather unpleasant time. At lunch every one was talking about the pendant, and Lady Masterton in particular seemed much concerned at her stepdaughter's loss.

It was difficult to see what possible motive Lady Masterton could have had for being concerned in the mysterious disappearance of ner stepdaughter's ornaments.

I found myself wondering whether this brilliant beauty might not have some poor relation in desperate need of money, for whom she might have committed the theft, not daring to part with any of her own jewelry for fear of being discovered. Personally, however, I was much prepossessed in Lady Masterton's favor.

Then another wild conjecture came into my mind. Had Pauline herself simply hidden the jewel to bring dismother?

orised to see Miss Priscilla, or "Aunt | edge and consent."

Prissy," as she was always called.

"Mr. Carter," she began, in a mysterious whisper, "I want to speak to you about the loss of Pauline's penam afraid, Mr. Carter, that the in- Pauline's diamonds?" formation I have to give you is of a distressing character!"

"Nothing can be more distressing than the present uncertainty," I declared.

"I-I felt it was my duty to tell you," she said, awkwardly.

"Pauline's room is in the left wing of the priory, next door to my own room. Yesterday afternoon I was surprised to see Lady Masterton coming out of Pauline's room when Pauline herself was out riding with her father. An hour later my sister-in-law went out into the shrubbery with a little packet in her hand, which she handed to a rough looking man waiting there, after which she returned quickly to the house."

"Did any one else witness either of these incidents?" I inquired. "No," she said, quickly. "It was evident that Lady Masterton had chosen her time carefully."

"But what possible motive could Lady Masterton have for taking her stepdaughter's pendant?" I asked.

"You must be aware, Mr. Carter," she said, "that my sister-in-law is a person of very obscure origin. What more likely than that she may have poor relations in pecuniary difficulties whom she has chosen to relieve in this dishonest fashion?"

I was startled to find my informant furnishing evidence of the correctness of a theory that I had already formulated, and then dismissed. Meanwhile I answered:

"I should be very sorry to think that Lady Masterton was capable of stooping to a crime of this kind; but the case certainly looks suspicious. May I ask you, however, not to say a word of this to any one else?"

you may be quite sure I shall not breathe a word to a soul. Meanwhile, to prove Lady Masterton innocent, af-

Old maids are often charming peo ple, and Miss Priscilla was described by her niece as "a dear;" but I could not help feeling that she had not yet forgiven her brother for marrying again; while her views of ladies connected with the stage were old-fashioned and out of date.

At dinner that evening Pauline was anxious to know whether I had made any discoveries.

"Like Scotland Yard," I replied, lightly, "I have a clew. But I propose to preserve the strictest secrecy until I put my hand on the culprit and produce the pendant!" "And when will that be?" asked

Pauline, eagerly. "Probably tomorrow morning," I an-

swered. "Possibly tonight." Then you know who took th monds?" exclaimed Pauline, excitedly. "Yes." I said. "I know who took the diamonds."

I did not look at Miss Priscilla, but I could not fail to be conscious of the triumph in her eye.

"There is nothing Carter loves like a mystery," said Sir Nevil, sarcastically. "Carter, if you really know who took the pendant, tell us, and have done with it!"

"I can't quite do that," I said. "But if you will all be in the drawing room at ten o'clock this evening, I shall probably elucidate the mystery."

Immediately after dinner I returned to my room; but at ten o'clock punctually I entered the drawing room, where I found Masterton, with his wife, sister and daughter playing bridge.

"Do come in, Mr. Carter!" said Lady Masterton. "We are all simply dying

"Very well, Lady Masterton. But first I want an absolute promise that I shall not be interrupted until I have finished my story, however startling or outrageous my statements may seem. Do you all give me that prom-

They all answered lightly in the affirmative. Whereupon I added: "I warn you, Masterton, that you

will find it very hard to keep your word as soon as I have begun." "Go ahead, Carter! If I want to greater expenditure." break your head, I promise you I'll save it up till you've finished your yarn!

"All right," I said. "The day before yesterday, in the middle of the afternoon, some one was seen coming out of Miss Pauline's bedroom; and the same person was afterward seen to hand a small packet to a mysterious looking man in the shrubbery. The person in question was Lady Mas- prospects-any of these or a thousand

terton! Sir Nevil started from his chair.

shrubbery was a ne'er-do-well brother have just the same result as a neof Lady Masterton's who is leaving for Australia in a few days to make

a fresh start in life." Here Lady Masterton was on the point of interrupting.

"Appearances all pointed to the fact that the packet handed by Lady Masterton to her brother contained the missing diamonds."

Miss Priscilla looked discreetly triumphant.

"But," I added, "appearances were entirely misleading. The purpose that took Lady Masterton to Miss credit upon her newly acquired step- Pauline's bedroom was to get a book she had lent her the day before, and I was sitting alone in Sid Nevil's the packet she handed to her brother study after lunch, when the door was | was a sum of money she had arranged pftly opened. I was a good deal our to give him, with her husband's knowl-

Sir Nevil sprang from his chair once "Look here, Carter," he said. "Fortunately, you have removed my desire to punch your head! But what dant!" Miss Masterton sighed. "I the deuce has all this got to do with

"Ask Miss Priscilla," I said quietly. "What on earth do you mean?" he inquired, blankly.

"The pendant is locked up in the op left-hand drawer of her wardrobe," I answered. "And, if you ask her, she will go and fetch it." "Is this true?" demanded Sir Nevil,

flercely. "Yes," she answered meekly, as she went to the door. And in a few minutes she came back carrying the diamond ornament wrapped up in a piece of tissue paper.

Poor Aunt Prissy's tearful explanation of how she took the pendant, in sudden jealously, to bring disgrace upon her new sister-in-law, who, she considered, was robbing her beloved niece of her proper rights, was extremely pathetic; but Sir Nevil's chief thought was naturally for his wife.

"Can you ever forgive her, dearest?" he asked, tenderly, taking her hand in his.

And Sir Nevil always declares that the deep affection that now exists between his sister and his wife dates from the loss and recovery of Pauline's pendant.-Modern Society.

PEARY'S VOYAGE.

And What It Has Accomplished. In his article in Harper's Commander Peary gives an interesting summary of just what his expedition has accomplished and states his belief that the reaching of the Pole is now comparatively simple.

"It seems proper, also, to note that the result of the last expedition of the Peary Arctic Club has been to simplify the attainment of the Pole 50 per cent.; to accentuate the fact that Aunt Prissy rose. "The subject is man and the Eskimo dog are the only so extremely painful, Mr. Carter, that two mechanisms capable of meeting all the various contingencies of serious Arctic work, and that the Ameri-I sincerely hope that you will be able can route to the Pole and the methods and equipment used remain the most practical for attaining that object.

"Had the winter of 1905-6 been a normal season in the Arctic regions, and not, as it was, a particularly open one throughout the Northern Hemissphere, there is not a member of the expedition who doubts that we would have attained the Pole. And had I known before leaving the land what actual conditions were to the northward, as I know now, I could have so modified my route and my disposition of sledges that we could have reached the Pole even in spite of the open sea-

"The main results of the expedition may be summarized as follows:

"First-The attainment of the 'highest North,' leaving a distance of but 174 nautical miles yet to be conquered this side of the Pole, narrowing the unknown area between my highest and Cagni's to less than 374 nautical miles, and throwing the major remaining unknown Arctic area into the region between the Pole and Bering Strait.

"Second-The determination of the existence of a distant new land northwest of the northwestern part of Grant Land, probably an island in the westerly extension of the North American archipelago.

"Third-The distinct widening of our horizon as regards ice and other conditions in the western half of the central polar sea.

"Fourth-The traversing and delineation of the unknown gap in the coast line between Aldrich's furthest west in 1876 and Sverdrup's furthest north in 1902.

"Fifth-The determination of the unique glacial fringe and floeberg nursery of the Grant Land coast.

"Another expedition following my steps and profiting by my experience not only can attain the Pole, but can secure the other remaining principal desiderata in the central Arctic Sea. namely, a line of deep-sea soundings from the north shore of Grant Land to the Pole and the delineation of the unknown gap in the northeast coast line of Greenland from Cape Morris Jesup southwart to Cape Bismarck. This can be accomplished by an expedition absent for the same length of time as the last one, and without a

Thinking One's Self to Death. Thousands of persons actually think themselves to death every year by allowing their minds to dwell on morbid

The idea that one has some incipient disease in one's system, the thought of financial ruin, that one is getting on in life without improving similar thoughts may carry a healthy man to a premature grave. A melan-But I reminded him of his promise, choly thought that fixes itself upon and he sat down again, glaring flerce- one's mind needs as much doctoring as physical disease. It needs to be "The mysterious looking man in the eradicated from the mind or it will

glected disease would have. Every melancholy thought, every morbid action and every nagging worry should be resisted to the utmost, and the patient should be protected by cheerful thoughts, of which there is a bountiful store in every one's possession. Bright companions

are cheaper than drugs and plasters. The morbid condition of mind produces a morbid condition of body, and if the disease does happen to be in the system it receives every encouragement to develop. We need more mental therapy.-Suggestions.

The rate of speed across the Siberian Railway rarely exceeds twentyare miles an hour.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Latest News Gleaned From Various Parts.

The teachers of the Chester public schools have framed a resolution asking that the Board of Educatin give them more salary.

Less than one-half of the municipal candidates in Schuylkill County complied with the law requiring the filing of their expense account, and the time for filing has now expired. A trial of 883 candidates obeyed the

The home of Joseph Stevenson, of Lewistown, was robbed by sneak thieves, of seveal hundred dollars' worth of diamonds and jewelry. The thieves gained entrance by placing a ladder to a window in the second story at the rear of the house, while the family were entertaining company on the first floor.

Frank Leffler was shooting rats on a farm at Irish Valley, near Shamokin, when his gun accidently exploded, forty grains of shot entering his hand, almost tearing it off.

The employees at the Reading's car shop have been notified to work thirteen hous a day. They have been working ten hours a day.

Eight miles of the State road, the portion leading from Hamburg to Shartlesville, will be made this season under the new road bill. It is estimated to cost about \$60,000 to \$70,000. The explosion of a compound with

which Prof. William Davies, of Yardley, was experimenting, wrecked the dwelling occupied by James Husted and started a fire which completely destroyed a large barn and farm implement house, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars. Members the Husted family and Prof. Davies had narrow escapes from being buried beneath the debris.

Many prominent Hungaians are interested in the establishment of a Magyar colony for which land has been purchased just outside Dunmore, near Scranton. The tract which is extensive, will be occupied solely by Magyars. The town will be laid out with care and with an eye to the aesthetic as well as the material welfare of the residents. Good dwellings will be erected, and it is expected that a good class of people will take up their residence therein.

The dam in the Susquehanna in Lock Haven is rapidly disintegrating since the timber sheathing has been removed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The company no longer has any use for the dam.

Mrs. Julian McCleary fell down a flight of stairs at her home near Stewartstown, and died from the effects of her injuries the next day. Henry G. Risser, yard master of

the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at Catawissa, died at his home after a brief illness, aged 54 years. Charles Haman, a well-known resident of Catawissa, di ed at his

home after an illness of two days, with neuralgia of the heat, aged 65. years. A wife, one son and two daughters survives him. The Tioga County Commis have invited the seventy-one road

supervisors of the county to meet at Wellsboro on April 13 to form a permanent organization for furthering goods roads. Dr. Joseph Hunter. State Commissioner of Highways, has promised to deliver a practical

John Schafer died at the Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton, from blood poisoning, following an injury to his ankle, on which a prop fell while he was at work in the Belle-

Allowing a stick of dynamite to come in contact with his naked lamp in a Mahanoy City mine, caused an explosion which shattered George Miller's right arm and destroyed the sight of one eye.

Sampel Richard has given up blacksmithing at Tylersport, after working at the forge exactly fifty years. He spent forty-seven years in the same shop at Tylersport.

Charles Donnelly, aged 70 years and mentally unsound, committed suicide by hanging in the attic of his home at Mt. Holly Springs. He had been ill for some months. While playing on the street, the

eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Austin, of Oil City, was run over and instantly killed by a street

At Shermansville, near Conneaut Lake, during an electric storm, lightning struck a party of four on the front porch of the house of Joseph Chosis, instantly killing his mother, stunning his daughter and affecting the others. In the same neighborhood Charles Sherman's barn was struck and burned and his

horses creamated. Terribly crushed by a fall of 100 feet and believed to be dead, John Brady was carried to an undertaking establishment at Monessen, to be prepared for burial. On the cooling board where he had been placed, however, life returned to him and his next ride was in the ambulance, not the dead wagon, as had been expect-He was taken to the hospital ed.

and will recover. Samuel Manin, of Shamokin, had Mrs. Mary Aleska arrested, charging her with stealing a chicken. The litigants were neighbors. The woman said the fowl belonged to her. Justice J. P. McCormick decided that the chicken be placed between the two houses and if it flew to the woman's home it would prove she was the owner of the fowl. It went to Manin's gard, and the woman was placed under bail for court.

While walking toward his country home in the suburbs of Greenwood, George Given, manager of the Altoona Manufacturing Company, was assaulted by two thugs in the darkness a few minutes after stepping from the street car, knocked down and robbed of about \$1,500 which he was carrying from the office to his home. Given was beater into insensibility and is under a physiclan's care. The thugs made good their escape and are thought to be located in the mountains near Al-

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Triumph of Heredity. The other college boys were hazing the new freshman, who was the son

of a clergyman. "You will be required," they said, as they stood him on a table, "to

preach a sermon." "I'll do it, gentlemen," he answered, "on condition that you do not interrupt me until I have

finished." "We promise." "Will you kindly furnish me a

"You will preach a sermon," they said, after consulting together a moment, "on Cerberus."

"On Cerberus, gentlemen? Great "That's text enough, sir, Go

ahead. You are wasting time." "All right. Cerberus it is. My hearers, the subject of this discourse naturally divides itself into three heads. As you have been kind enough to promise not to interrupt me I shall occupy your attention only half an hour on each. I remark,

firstly," etc. They stood it patiently for fifteen minutes. Then they sneaked out, one by

one, and the hazing came to an end.

-Chicago Tribune. Trees a Buried Treasure. Piratic hoards of Spanish doubloons are not the only buried wealth one may seek with spade and pick. A wonderful relic of the past has just been brought to light in Peterborough, England, in the discovery of a

buried forest. At a depth of seven feet have been found a number of oak trees which have been covered for some 2000 years. Most of the trees are almost perfect in condition, and are being sold to furniture manufacturers and

others. Altogether about eighty trees have been raised, and hundreds more are left in the ground untouched at a depth of five or six feet. In nearly all the trees the roots are found attached. The wood is extremely hard, and can be worked only by machinery, as it turns the edge of an axe .--London Chronicle.

Birds All Valuable But Sparrow. Professor Forbes, the State Entomologist of Illinois, has estimated that the meadow lark as an insect destroyer is worth ninety cents a year to the farmer, and that of all birds common to that State the only one which has nothing to be said in its favor is the English sparrow. This is pretty hard on the sparrow; he is the only bird we have that has no redeeming trait. Recently we read a statement to the effect that the poor Italians, that are now coming to be so numerous in all our large cities, are glad to get these birds to eat, in pies, soups, etc. Let them have all they want, and we'll help them catch

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