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Selections.

The Guest-Chamber of the Inn at St. Ives.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF A DETECTIVE.

:I received an urgent letter from the subagent of St. Ives, calling me to come and unravel the mystery of many murders committed there, to which no clae could be had. Proceeding on the journey I met the subagent, Berret, in the dilligence which had to carry me to St. Ives.

The excitement consequent upon this alarming state of affairs, had caused the sub-agent to decide upon a personal investigation of the matter, and when I encountered him, he had already started for St. Ives, so that our destination was the same. "You entrapped the rascal, Jacques Guichard, so admirably," M. Berret remarked, that I am led to the hope for your success in the present case, dark and doubtful as the matter now looks."

"At all events," was my reply, "I deem it no more than justice to myself to make a strong effort. I must ask vou. however. Monsieur Rerret, to give me the entire control and management of this matter in every particular."

"I will do so, and with pleasure. Frame whatever plans and use whatever means you please. I will be guided by you in all things pertaining to this business."

"This will be well. But one thing more Monsieur Berret. You must be as secret as the grave. Do not upon any consideration let it be known at St. Ives that there is a detective officer nearer to them than Paris; and above all, do not suffer yourself to make inquiry concerning these murders. Leave me to ask all the questions in my peculiar manner."

The sub-agent promised full compliance with my instructions, and in a few moments we were rolling through the darkness and rain into the village of St. Ives. During these few moments, however, an incident occurred which necessarily has an important bearing upon my narrative.

Our conversation had been held as a matoverheard by the other occupants of the dilligence; in fact I had hardly noticed any of their faces. But now, as I finished speaking for the time with M. Berret, I looked tleman who sat directly behind us, Monsieur Lemare, a wealthy wine seller of Bordeaux, and with whom I was quite intimate. Upon recognizing me, he greeted me cordially, and manners lend me to hope for it." and we conversed together upon passing topics for a moment.

"You stop at the hotel St. Ives, I suppose?" he said, changing the subject somewhat abruptly. I consulted the sub-agent, and earned that this was the only place at St. Ives at which he ever stopped. I answered

the question in the affirmative.
"Well, I shall stay there also, but it is tend to leave St. Ives early to-morrow morning. I am now on my way to England, They are constantly supplied with stock in this branch of his business, and can funish it to customers in large exchange, and have now the sum of five be no question that these murders have been thousand frances with me. Permit me to committed in this town, since we have our large stock.

April 28, 1850. count this over before you, that in case any selves seen one of the victims. unseen misfortune should deprive mo of it before reaching Calais you may certify to I continued:my creditors as to my possession of the

money at this time." quest, became a witness to his possession of

The diligence now came to a stop before the inn, and the passengers hastened to leave the one for the other. After we had taken our supper. I accompanied the sub-agent to his room where for an hour, we talked on the subject of our mission to St. Ives, and the probabilities of success; and then as the hour was quite late, bade him good night, and retired to my chamber and soon after

to sleep.
Nothing unusual occurred during the night, if I may make one exception, which it may be well to mention in this place. had been sleeping for more than two hours and was lying in a half unconscious state, when I was awakened by a heavy, though gate for myself. We had it last night from smothered groan. I was perfectly sure that I had not mistaken the sound, and mentally deciding that it had been occasioned in some manner, in the next room, I sat upright and listened intently. But I heard nothing more, although I placed my car close to the wall. Whatever the strange sound might

have been, it was not repeated. Upon enquiring for the sub-agent the next morning. I was told that he had risen before me, and left the inn

The idea then occurred to me that I might with Monsieur Lamare; and addressing the landlord, a heavy-browed, ill-featured man, asked for him. The man elevated his brow in surprise, and declared that the wine seller had not been in the house for a month. "Perhaps you do not know M. Auguste,"

But I do, Monsieur, perfectly," he replied. "You must be mistaken about see-

ing him here." "He was certainly here-in this town,

last night." "But not in this house, you are doubtless thinking of some other person."

really not seen the wine merchant in the inn. little doubt." True, he had informed me that he had

subject from my thoughts. Passing into the street, I strolled along in search of the sub-agent. I had continued my walk but for a few moments, when upon turning a corner, I was brought abruptly upon a terrible and singular scene. A number of persons were crowded in confusion upon the sidewalk, and among them, as it happened, M. Berret. He quickly forward to the object of common attention. It was, as I had already begun to suspect, another victim of the mysterious assassin of St. Ives; the body of a man lay extended on the parement, face downward, the body penetrated by a deep, ghastly wound. But horror, when upon the face of the corpse and for a moment we both gazed at the body | night in this mysterious chamber." in silence. My habitual caution, however, soon returned, and drawing M. Berret hastily aside, I whispered a few words in his

" Now, Monsieur Berret, if you will fol low my instructione, I think I shall be able veyed as quickly as possible to some place death would occasion." where it can be kept privately and then wait for you there."

I returned immediately to the hotel, and satisfying his scruples. before the expiration of the appointed time, M. Berret entered my ropm.

"There is," he said in a voice laboring ter of course, in so low a tone as not to be money upon the body of this unfortunate cold as poor Lemare! Can it answer you man. It has been plundered of everything any purpose?" valuable."

"Ah, I expected it. Now Monsieur Berret, let us sit down and talk calmly of this that which will surprise you."

have not only obtained a clue, but am able tention. even to lay my finger upon the guilty par ties. Would you like to hear of my discoveries?

"Yes-I am all impatience. Please go

The sub-agent drew his chair close to mine and listened eagerly, while I disclosed the possible I may not see you again, as I in- significant facts which I had gained since my arrival at St. Ives.

"In the first place, then, Monsieur Berret," travelling as my business compels me to, in I said, "the discovery of this morning rena round-about way. Contrary to my usual ders it certain that we have selected the last night-do me the favor to occupy custom, I have neglected to obtain letters of right theatre for our operations. There can long as you please."

that these wounds should all be inflicted in paying no attention to the anxious whispers Producing a plethoric pocket-book, the the back. As to the manner of their inflie- of the sub-agent. wine merchant counted its contents. tion, I am not prepared to explain: but it been a stranger?"

"Now that I think of it, it does, as I live." the sub-agent thoughtfully replied. "But

what do you argue from this fact?" "I will draw my inference in a moment You will remember the circumstances of M. Lemare counting his money in the dilligence in our presence, this morning we have seen his dead body lying in the public street. tion in my mind. Did, or did not, M. Lemare lodge in this hotel last night?" "The landlord told me that he did not."

"So he told me-but I perfer to investi- trap. but the inn keeper or one of the servants .- shall myself live till then."

Now. Monsieur Berret, let me recur to a cirand shrank back out of sight, but not before you may find." had observed his face. "I've seen it again

hostler." "This is truly an important discovery," the sub-agent observed.

fact, rather strained and overstrained; as any event, you can draw your own inferences. apon my mind that M. Lemare had not man retired to rest in this next chamber .-

belief is that M. Lemare was murdered unchanged his mind, and so I dismissed the der this roof?"

"I am positive of it, and not only he but midnight assassinations has been committed in the adjoining chamber."

"I have no doubt that you have arrived a the truth," the sub-agent replied. "And his hostler at once!"

"By no means, M. Berret. I think that that would be an extremely injudicious step. What I have been telling you are only conjectures of my own, which, though probably true in almost every particular, would, I no words can describe my astonishment and greatly fear, avail little as proof to charge the villainous inn-keeper and his servant heing exposed I recognized my aged ac- (who, beyond all question, are the criminals) quaintance, M. Auguste Lemare! The sub- with these crimes. There is now one deciagent too, started back in horrified surprise sive step to be taken; I propose to pass the

Monsieur Berret heard my quietly spoken words, and looked perfectly aghast with astonishment.

"What, Guillot! are you mad?" he exclaimed. "Pass the night in that infernal slaughter house? Why, are you tired of to solve this mystery in the course of the life? Consider the danger of the thing, and next twelve hours. Hove this body con- the great loss to the service which your

The earnest anxiety with which this last search and see whether those five thousand remonstrance was nitered was so perfectly | ed the next movement of the unseen assasfrances can be found upon it. Do this, and ludicrous that I refrained with difficulty rejoin me in half an hour at the inn, I will from laughing outright. But I soon succeeded in silencing his objections, if not in "You have, I believe," I then remarked,

considerable amount of money with you." 'Yes. Mon dieu! had this rascally landunder great excitement, "no vestige of the lord known it last night, I might now be as I gave a low groan, which was answered by a cold; then it turned to a brain fever; at read over him, made my blood run cold.

"A very important one. Lend me your pocket-book."

Still holding it in my hand, I descended around me, I discovered in the clderly gen- affair. I think I may be able to tell you the stairs, the sub agent closely following hanging. Covering him with the muzzle of moted to a station of trust and influence, and get my blessing, besides your half of me. The innkeeper was sitting behind his one of my pistols, I said:-"Is it possible that you have gained a clue bar, seemingly half asleep and half awake, to the authors of these murders! Your words but the instant he saw the pocket-book, his dull eyes lighted up with an eager gleam, detective officer! Don't attempt to escape "You are right. I flatter myself that I and he watched my motions with strict at

> "The amount is correct," I said aloud, to M. Berret. "Two thousand francs-this ed by a deep groan, and instantly M. Berret up to the bar, I said to the innkeeper: The room which you have given me does not suit me in the least-have you not a larger one where I can lodge?

"Yes, monsieur," the man replied,-with remarkable alacrity, "I should have spoken of it myself. There is a large and pleasant chamber next to the one in which you slept

"You had better decline before it is too thousand francs with me. Permit me to committed in this town, since we have our- late," M. Berret whispered in my ear. "I fear you will not occury it for more than The sub-agent, nod-led affirmatively; and one night. If you do you will accomplish

what no person has done." "First, then, it seems rather remarkable "Show me the room," I calmly replied

There seemed nothing re.narkable about The sum was correct as he had stated, five seems conclusive to me that all these blows the room when we had first entered it. It thousand francs. M. Berret also, at his re- must have been produced by the same hand. was a trifle larger than the other chambers In the next place does it not seem singular of the house, and the furniture was of a that every one of these unfortunate men has more antique pattern, especially the highnosted Ledstead.

"I think this will answer," I said, after surveying the apartment and its belongings. "Will you lodge here to-night, then monsieur?"

"Certainly. The room suits me in every particular."

If the dark-browed host had entertained any suspicions of my intentions, they were rifled of the money. There is now one ques- certainly by this time entirely dissipated; and he left the room, I have no doubt, gratified in the depths of his black heart that another victim was to fall so easily into his

"You are determined on this step, I per-Lemare's own lips, that it was his intention ceive," M. Berret remarked after he had to stay at this inn until morning, and I am gone. "Well, I will not attempt to dissuade inclined to the belief that he did put up here you, since I know you cannot be moved, but but he did not I last night, notwithstanding that nobody ap- I promise you, should you be missing in you the reason. pears to have seen him within the house .- the morning, I will burn the old rookery to It is probable that he retired immediately the ground, and hang the villainous innto his room, and communicated with no one keeper upon his sign-post, so surely as I

"Take whatever steps you please when cumstance which happened in the dilligence you find me missing, M. Berret-until then which I think escaped your notice. Just as leave the matter in my hands. But there is saw an object which instantly attracted my conceal yourself, with two or three trusty attention. It was a man, bent forward in men, in the room next to this, which I occueager attitude, his eyes intently fixed upon | pied last night, and there await my signal the operations of M. Auguste. He quickly When you hear from me, you will instantly became aware, that I was watching him, rush in and assist me to secure whoever

These arrangements were, at the proper drew on, I saw that the sub-agent and his allies were properly secreted, and first en-

As I walked away, I noticed that he fol- with these others of which I have been tel- there was nothing unusual about the ap- was a stately old lady, never seen out of a would. I could trust you with the hearsing owed me sus; iciously with his eyes. His ling you, leads me to believe that this was pearance of the room. It was very much block brocade. The sisters were not over of an earl's coffin; and for managing mutes. manner seemed strange to me. It was, in the death groan of M. Auguste Lemare. In such a bed-chamber as might be met with young or handsome, but they dressed as fine I don't know your equal. But there's somein almost every village inn. Nevertheless, as they could. The cousin was counted one thing more to be done. Come over beside though he wished very much to impress it It is a fact conclusive that the unfortunate I resolved to put no faith in appearance, and of the prettiest women in Yorkshire, but me, Tom, that old woman don't hear well immediately I commenced a systematic ex-she walked with a crutch, having met with at the best, and she's sleeping now and no peca in the hotel. Upon further reflection. Whether or not be ever left it alive, is a amination, I searched everywhere—under an accident in her childhood. Master mistuke. Will you promise me' -- and his newever, I was forced to confess that had question which in my mind admits of but the bed, in the closet and behind the win- | Charles was the only son, and the youngest voice sunk to a whisper—"that, whatever dow-curtains -- but my search revealed noth- of the family; he was a tall, handsome, you hear or see, you'll make no remark to "Do you then realty mean to say that your ling. It was certain that no one was con- dashing, young man, uncommonly polite, any living, and be as cautious as you can cealed in the room, and there, as certain y, and a great favorite with the ladies. It was about the body? There's foul play," said seemed no place of ingress, save the door .- | said there were some red eyes in the town | he, for I began to look frightened; "but I was beginning to become anxious. I re- when the story got wind that he was going maybe this leg's a judgment for taking on each of the other victims. And I am also flected that the danger might come upon me to be married to the Honorable Miss West- such a business. Howsomever, I'm to have induced to believe that every one of these unexpectedly, and from an unexpected bay. Her father was younger brother to three hundred pounds for it; and you'll get source, I sat down, and for an hour I waited the Earl of Harrowgate, and had seven girls the half, Tom, the full half, if you'll conduct pearance of the assassin-but still I waited but Miss Westbay was a beauty, and the ise. I know you'll never break that." in vain. Looking at my watch I perceived wonder was that she had not got married "Uncle;" said I, "I'll promise, and keep now, what do you propose to do first? Would that it was nearly midnight. My unaccus- long ago, being nearly seven years out, it too; but you must tell me what it is." saw me, and seizing my arm conducted me it not be better to arrest this inn-keeper and tomed vigil had wearied me, and placing dancing, singing, and playing tip top pieces my pistols beneath the pillow, I lay down at all the parties. Half-a-dozen matches apon the bed without removing my clothes. had been talked of for her, but somehow that coffin in the workshop! I have made it I was not long in discovering that this bed they broke down one after another. Her high and full of air-holes; he'll lie quite was of somewhat singular construction—the father was rather impatient to see her off; comfortable. Nobody knows about it but formation of the ton being rather concave than otherwise, and so adjusted that the der, for grow up as they might, not one of go with you. Mind you trust no one else. occupant could not possibly rest in it in any them would the old man suffer to come out Don't look so stupid, man: can't you underother way than upon his back in the mid till the eldest was disposed of, and at last stand? Mr. Elsworthy didn't die at all, and

singular discovery to make just at that moment. Had not every one of the murdered ated-isn't that the word?-at an assize way about it, I must say; but these genteel men been stabbed through the back? Yes ball, paid marked attentions at the bishop's people have ways of their own. It was the his death wound while lying in this very bed, just as I-

Click-click-click!

close at hand, interrupted my reflections .aware that there was a man beneath the bed nets and dresses. -and the next instant I saw the blade of a dagger driven up through the thin mattrass, chuckle from beneath the bed.

heard the same voice say. And at the whole neighborhood was cast into mourning.

"Come forth, sir, and deliver yourself up! Your innocent guest is no other than a with his bereaved relations, and his intended for I never saw any man look so like a -I shall certainly fire if you do."

But he did try, and I speedily sent a pissearch was sufficient to discover the landlord under the bed weltering in his blood, and the hostler was seized before he had an

assassins had always been able to enter this streets of the town. And so advoitly had picion had attached to the real criminals. The innkeeper recovered from the wound which I gave him, but it was only, together

From Chambers' Journal. The False Funeral.

he took me when my father died, and

ter from the hands of the executioner.

borhood, which caused greater lamentation than any we had heard of since my apprenticeship began. The deceased gentlemen was a Mr. Elsworthy. The family had been M. Auguste was replacing his pocket book, one material service which you must not counted gentry in their day. I should have have an opportunity to pass half an hour I happened to glance behind me, and then fail to render me. You will, if you please, said my uncle lived in York, and all the world knows what Yorkshire families are. Well, the Elsworthys were of good family, and very proud of it, though they had lost every acre of an old estate which had be longed to them time out of mind. I am not sure whether it was their grandfather's dice and cock-fighting, or their father's going this morning-it is that of Antoine the time, put fully into operation. As evening surety for a friend, who did something wrong in a government office, that brought never forget it to you. You know Mr. Els- ing as sober as I could; but the doctor's them to this poor pass; but there was no worthy's funeral comes off to morrow at joining vigilance upon them, I entered the bouse in all York where candles went three, and they're very high people." "But this is not all. Last night I heard mysterious and fatal guest-chamber. The farther, and tea leaves were better used up. a groan from the chamber adjoining mine. lamp which I carried served to reveal every There was a mother, two sisters, and a well as if you were there yourself." The discovery of this morning, considered part of it, and I quickly became aware that cousin who lived with them. The mother I knew you would, Tom-I knew you

sounds needed to interpreter. I rose quickly and his pretty consin; but a Lord's niece able connection, does not come in every

It was just a month to come, and everbody was talking of the match, when Mr. Elsin the very place where I had been lying! worthy fell sick. At first they said it was last the doctor gave no hopes, and within You see I was young then. "An easy death! Now for the spoils," I the same week Mr. Elsworthy died. The bride. I think my uncle lamented most of

all. None of his customers, to my knowledge, ever got so much of his sorrow .tol ball after him. The report was succeed- When he was sent for in the way of busi-

of the victim. After rolling the body of made a strictly private affair, though hun-them admiring Steele and Stoneman for the everything valuable, the murderers were ac- dreds of the townsmen would have testified feeling hearts they showed; but when we customed to carry it out in the darkness of their respect for the dead by accompanying got on the Beverly road, the cousin gave us the night and leave it in one of the public it all the way. The members of the family a sign, and away we went at a rattling pace; the game been played that no shadow of sus- taker's men, were alone allowed to follow a rate before. Yet it was getting dark when with his partner in guilt-the hostler-to his mind, but evidently did not wish me to we got over the miles. The coffin was lowreceive one of a much more serious charac-I never liked my uncle's business, though al to take place next day, when, coming homes; the mourning coaches went to the brought me up as his own son. The good and narrow, for we lived in one of the old till the sexton came to let them know he was man had no children. His wife was long houses of York-my uncle slipped, fell, and safe out-the cousin would not go home dead: he had an honest old woman for a broke his leg. I thought he would have gone without that news-and I slipped him the housekeeper, and a flourishing business, in mad when the doctor told him he must not key at the church door, as he discoursed to the undertaking line, to leave to somebody; attempt to move, or mind any business for us all about the mysterious dispensations of but he did not leave it to me, and I'll tell weeks to come, and I tried to pacify him by Providence. offering to conduct the funeral with the help My heart was light going home, so were of Steele and Stoneman. Nothing would Steele's and Stoneman's. None of us liked When I had been about five years with him, and had grown worth my salt, as he please the old man; I never saw him so far the job, but we were all to be paid for it; used to say, a death occurred in our neigh- out of temper before. He swore at his bad and I must say the old man came down luck, threw the pillows at his housekeeper, handsemely with the needful, not to speak ordered me to bring him up the key of the of Burton ale; and I was to be made his workshop, and kept it fast clutched in his partner without delay. We got the money, hand. I sat up with him that night. In a and had the jollification; but it was'nt right couple of hours, he grew calm and sensible, over, and I just getting into bed, when there but could not sleep, though the house was was a ring at our door-bell, and the houseall quiet, and the housekeeper suoring in keeper came to say that Dr. Parks wanted to

> I been always kind to you?" "No doubt of it, uncle," said I.

service-a particular service Tom, and I'll "Never fear, uncle; I'll take care of it as

on his mind, and "Tom," said he "haven't

-waited in restless expectancy for the ap- beside her, without a penny for one of them; it properly and give me your solemn prom-

"Well Tom"-and he drew a long breatis -"its a living man you're going to put in so were her sisters, poor things, and no won- Steele and Stoneman, and yourself: they'll there seemed something like a certainty of never had brain fever; but he wants to get Upon his back! That seemed rather a that business. Young Mr. Elsworthy and off with marrying Miss Westbay, or someshe struck up a courtship. He was fasein- thing of that sort. They're taking a queer -and each one of them must have received party, and was believed to have popped the cousin that prepared my mind for it in the question at a picnic, after Lord Harrowgate, back-parlor; that woman's up to anything. the largest shareholder in the North Eastern I stood out against having a hand in it till Bank, got him promoted from a clerkship to I heard that the sexton of Beverly Church Three sharp, distinct sounds, apparently be manager. It's true he was some years was a poor relation of theirs. The key of younger than Miss Westbay, and people the coffin is to be given to him; it will be I know their meaning in an instant-those said there had been something between him locked, and not screwed down, you see; and when all's over at the vault-it will be dark and silently, and grasping my pistel, await- with beauty, accomplishments, and service- night by that time, for we don't move till three, and these December days are shortsin. Click-click. That noise again, and young man's way; so the wedding-day was he'll come and help Mr. Elsworthy out; and now like the creaking of a hinge. Next fixed for the 1st of January; and all the smuggle him off to Hull with his son the there was a shuffing sound which made me milliners were busy with the bride's bon- carrier. There's ships enough there to take

him anywhere under a feigned name." "Could he get off the marriage no easier?" said I, for the thought of taking a living man in a hearse, and hearing the service

"There's something more than the marriage in it, though they didn't tell me. Old things same instant the head and shoulders of the A promising young man, in a manner the will happen in my business, and this is one innkceper were thrust out from the bed only dependence of his family, newly pro- of the queerest. But you'll manage it, Tom, and on the eve of marriage, everybody la- the three hundred pounds; and don't be mented his untimely death, and sympathized afraid of anything coming wrong with him.

I promised my uncle to do the business

and keep the secret. A hundred and fifty pounds was no joke to a young man beginness, it struck me that he stayed particu- ning the world in the undertaking-line; and then, discharges the debt." Then walking and his assistants rushed in. A hasty larly long. The good man could talk of the old man was so pleased with what nothing but the grief of the afflicted family he called my senses and understanding, that -how the mother went into fits and the befrre falling asleep, close upon daybreak. sisters tore their hair-how the cousin he talked of taking me into partnership, opportunity to close the secret panel in the talked of wearing mourning all her days- and the jobs we might expect from the Hav. wall, through which he attempted to escape. and how it was feared that Miss Westbay, rowgate family; for the dowager countess This panel, as a short search disclosed to who insisted on seeing him, would never was near fourscore, and two of the young us, opened directly into a hollow partition. recover her senses. The county papers gave ladies were threatened with decline. Next By means of this strange contrivance, the expressions to the public grief. There were day, early in the afternoon, Steele, Stoneparticular chamber at any time-and once body passed the house of mourning without duly mournful; I suppose, on account of the through the panel without having disturbed a sigh, or a suitable remark. My uncle servants. Mr. Elsworthy looked wonderfally the unsuspecting sleeper, their work was superintended the making of the coffin, as I well in his stroud; and if one had not easily done. This bed was, as I have said, had never seen him do to any other; and looked closely into the coffin, they never constructed in such a manner that a sleeper when the work new were gone home, he would have seen the air-holes. Well, we could maintain only one position in it-a spent hours at night finishing it by himself. set out, mourning coaches, hearse, and all, hole had been worked for the passage of the The funeral was to set out for the family through the yellow fog of a December day. dagger, and a powerful thrust had been in vault in the Minister church, at Beverly, There was nothing but sad faces to be seen overy instance enough to transfix the teart about three o'clock in the afternoon. It was at all the windows as we passed: I heard in two mourningcoaches, and the under- a funeral never got over the ground at such poor Elsworthy to his last resting place, and we reached the old Minster, and the curate the coffin was not to be brought till the grumbled at having to do duty so late. He latest hour. My uncle had got it finished to got through the service nearly as quick as look at his work. He had a long talk with ered into the family vault; it was more than Steele and Stoneman, two of his most confi- half-filled with Mr. Elsworthy's fore-fathers dential assistants in the workshop after but there was a good wide grate in the wall, hours, and they went away looking remark- and no want of air. It was all right. The ably close. All was in train, and the funer- clerk and the clergyman started off to their down his own stairs-they were rather steep Crown Inn, where the ladies were to wait

the corner. Then he began to groan, as if see me or my uncle. What could he want, there was something worse than a broken leg and how had he come back so soon? Parks was the Elsworthys' family doctor, and the only stranger at the funeral; he went in the second mourning couch, and I left him talk-"Well, Tom, I want you to do me a great ing to the sexton. My clothes were thrown on, and I was down stairs in a minute, looklook would have sobered any man. "Thomas." said he, "this has turned out a bad business: and I cannot account for it: but Mr. Elsworthy has died in earnest. When the

sexton and I opened the coffin, we found