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Choice Poetry.

LEAF BY LEAF THE ROSES FALL.

Leaf by leaf the roses fall, Drop by drop the spring run dry; One by one, beyond recall, Summer beauties fade and die...

Miscellaneous.

PRETTY MEGGY HEYWOOD.

A Tale of Circumstantial Evidence.

On a sombre and sunless morning, in the month of February, 17—, the population of the town of Lewes...

Hoar-frost lay on the ground, now hung darkly in the air, like a tenebrous veil drawn over the face of the sky.

The gibbet was erected in front of the gate-house. The sheriff's javelin pointed the short distance that led from the gate house to the platform...

The condemned was a woman! A woman young and fair—comely to have verged upon the beautiful...

At the same moment a singular phenomenon occurred. As the last shudder ran through the corpse...

Then followed a long lapse of time—gossip died away—pretty Meggy all but forgotten, and Charley Dean...

In an old-fashioned house, in a kind of lane, turning out of an old-fashioned street in the town of Lewes...

It was evident that the crowd felt an interest in her. A murmur rose, and deepened, and broadened, as she advanced; and perhaps it would have grown into a yell of execration...

by step, slowly but firmly. The girl was by her side and pursuing the manipulation of his infernal trade...

She advanced a step. She lifted up her head, and to claim attention—Breathless grew the hearing crowd...

In five minutes, the fair, comely creature was dangling in the air, a collapsed, strangled, degraded corpse...

Days, happy days—weeks, happy weeks, passed by, and the young lovers were happy. Charley was a prudent and money-saving young man...

Meggy Heywood was very happy, and thought of little else than her own bliss. Mr. Palmer did not cease to persecute her, but she put him aside with a quiet gravity...

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Mirthful, without levity, Meggy Heywood knew how to reply to, or repudiate, any advances; and if one more presumptuous than another ventured to presume upon a frank familiarity...

Not all at once, though. Meggy was neither rash nor wilful. If she had any secret leaning, any latent sentiment towards one over another...

It would become town-talk, a scandal in the gossip of the whole neighborhood. What could he want with Meggy, forsooth? Was he, with a rich, hard-hearted sort of a father...

And this it was that Meggy did put an end to it, for she accepted the suit of a worthy and industrious young artisan for her own station in life...

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found about her bedchamber door led to the conclusion that she must be the murderer; and within the next hour she was safely lodged in the old castle...

Circumstantial evidence went woefully against poor Meggy Heywood; and yet, there was everything—almost—lacking to give this corroboration.

Suspicious that lack confirmation only seem to grow into greater certainties, from the anxiety that arises in people's minds to have a doubt resolved.

At last, Mr. Francis Palmer is called. He has, it is stated, some important evidence to communicate.

On the evening of the murder he had seen his rival and the prisoner at the bar, walking towards the castle, and, as the darkening twilight favored him...

But where was the money? None knew. It could not be traced. The lovers had soon parted. Charley was at his work, and had not quitted it until the deed was consummated.

Ten years had passed away. Meggy Heywood's fate was only a dreadful story to tell round the winter's fire.

said a hoarse drunken voice at his ear. 'I've seen a little game played out here myself, some ten years ago or thereabout; but, burn me, if it makes me move—not a bit!'

'The first corner lifted up his face, and looked full into a bearded, gruffy, haggard, and sallow ruffian face. The flush of liquor was on his cheeks...

'She was a woman, too—a girl almost—the fools!—the fools! and as innocent as the babe, unborn!'

At the future fate of Charley Dean we have nothing to record. As little have we to say of Mr. Francis Palmer.

Under this head I would mention that two new school houses, both of brick, have been erected during the past year—

Teachers.—Whole number with professional certificates, who taught during the year, 154. Of all of whom gave satisfactory number holding provisional certificates, 154.

Moral Instruction.—The Bible was read daily in all the schools except ten, and hardly a single one was met with, in which this kind of instruction was not given...

of the Scriptures, should be introduced into every school. Visitation.—I visited all the schools except the one at Rausch Gap, for which I had started, but having met with an accident just this side of the mountain...

There are ninety-six directors in this county. I was accompanied at different times by about forty. I am not so far yet from visiting the schools as frequently as they should, though this duty was attended to more faithfully during the past term...

'Enough!' shouted Charley Dean, before his time. 'Enough! I arrest you on the spot. Oh, you cannot escape me! Were you twice as burly, and ten times as strong, you would only be a child in my grip!'

The man was taken into custody, and under the evulsion of circumstances, made a full confession of the crime. He, in conjunction with another—whose life had long before expired his crimes—had heard the rumor of the poor Dame's little hoard of wealth.

Public Sentiment.—The prevailing sentiment in relation to the system is favorable. Of course there are still foes to meet. Most of the opposition comes from those districts where the term is short, the wages low, and the schools bad.

There should be a few more good school-houses in the Borough of Lebanon, as the primary schools are entirely too much crowded, and in order to make room, scholars are too frequently promoted to the higher schools before they are fully prepared.

I have no suggestions to make in regard to improvements in the school system. I believe that all that is wanted at present is to become thoroughly acquainted with its provisions, and to carry them into complete operation.

Henry Haver, County Superintendent. Lebanon, June 29, 1861.

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Lebanon Valley Institute.

Annville, Lebanon county, Penn. THIS INSTITUTION, interrupted in its progress by the death of its principal, Dr. B. K. BARNES, has been reorganized...

W. J. BURNSIDE, A. M.

THE KENSING QUARTER will commence on Monday, April 8th. The Fall Session will open on Monday, July 2nd.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

H. KELLY, where you are going that you are dressed up to go to the Fair. I am going to J. H. KEM in Adam Rite's Building...

PHOTOGRAPHS.

What kind of Pictures does he take? One—He takes Ambrotypes, and Meliotypes, of all sizes and superior finish...