

A WIFE LOST BY A PARROT.

MISS ELSIE BRUCE was walking down Ann Street. Just at a crossing a gentleman met her. "Miss Bruce?" "Mr. Weldon!" Then he was about to pass on. She paused in a dilemma, for she had several rolls of music in her hand, and the crossing was terribly muddy. What a splendid prospect for bedraggled skirts!

"I believe I could have answered this afternoon," she murmured. "Why should I delay?" She left that question unanswered, however. It was eight o'clock when Mr. Montague made his call on Pike Street. He, too, was lucky enough to find Miss Elsie at home. For an hour they talked on commonplace subjects. At length the man reached the subject next his heart. "I love you, Miss Elsie," he said. "Will you be my wife?" Elsie was silent. He took her hand, and his eyes met hers. In an instant her answer trembled on her lips. Then a woman-like idea entered her brain. "I will not be too easily won," she thought.

happy with me, for not a word has he uttered since I captured him." After Mr. Weldon took his departure he was not absent long. He returned shortly with a parrot. "Is this your bird?" he asked. Miss Elsie took the cage in her hand. "Yes, it is Varcor," she cried. "Speak to me, Varcor." But Varcor ruffled up his feathers and refused to utter a sound. "I am very grateful to you, Mr. Weldon," said Elsie, turning her attentions to the gentleman. He remained another hour and then went away. Varcor's course troubled Elsie. He sat in his cage, seemingly angry at the whole world, and refused to give forth an utterance. This went on for twenty-four hours. Then Elsie laid her case before her papa. She found him alone in the library, and carried Varcor, cage and all, in to him. "Papa, I believe Varcor is going to die," said pretty Miss Elsie.

A Remarkable Conviction. FROM the reports of the Supreme Court's proceedings, says the St. Louis Globe, we are able to give the particulars of a remarkable murder that occurred here nearly twenty years ago. There was no witness to the crime, the body of the murdered woman was never found, and the criminal suffered the extreme penalty of the law on the strength of his own confession. The popular idea that "murder will out" found in this case a striking corroboration. George H. Lamb, aged about 40 years, was indicted for the murder of his wife, Sarah S. Lamb, by drowning in the Mississippi river in December, 1857. The evidence chiefly relied upon on the part of the State was the confession of Lamb, voluntarily made by him before Rudolph Herkenrath, a justice of the peace, before whom he was examined in the city of St. Louis. Prisoner's statement was in substance as follows: "I was married to Sarah S. Stafford in the court house, Quincy, Ill., in November, 1856, by a justice of the peace. I was then a resident of Mendota, La Salle county, Illinois. I did not take my wife to Mendota, but left her with her father at Hamilton. In November, 1857, I went some place South to spend the winter. My wife and I came to St. Louis about the 28th of November, 1857. We got here by daylight, and took breakfast and dinner at King's Hotel. From there we went to the Astor House, on Franklin avenue. My wife was unwell during the time we were at the Astor House. I had two physicians attending her. Her sickness was caused by my giving her poison, strychnine. I bought it for the purpose of giving it to her. I think I gave it to her twice. My intention was to dispose of her some way. I had it in my mind to destroy her. I gave her what the physician prescribed, and she recovered from the effects of the poison administered. She threw it up. About the 17th of December we left the Astor House. The sun might have been two or three hours high. I told her I was going down the river to Carondelet. We left there in a baggage-wagon. Nobody went with us but the driver. We took a handbox with a bonnet in it. She was apparently perfectly willing to go. I think the driver was a colored man. We started down the river in a skiff. I put some stones in the boat, remarking they were to keep it even. My design was to use the stones to sink her body. I noticed an island or sand bar. It was above Carondelet. We proceeded half way down the island on the east side, near the channel where the steamers run. It was considerably dark. I put my hand right back of her neck and pushed her head under the water; it lay down about two minutes under the water. I then raised her partly out. She was dead. Her death was caused by my holding her head under the water. I took her shawl and bonnet off; got some twine, and after sinking the body I went ashore. It was getting dark when I threw her overboard. I designed drowning my wife when at the Astor House. I felt dissatisfied, and felt as if I could not live happily with her. That was my motive for drowning her. She had never said or done anything to cause me to feel that way that I can think of. I cannot say that I had any feelings towards her or her relatives. I came up to the city about 9 o'clock that night. I think I left the city next day. I went right to her parents, and took her baggage there. I told them I had buried her in Memphis. On December 30, 1857 I married a girl by the name of Louisa Shortliff. I married her so soon after the death of my wife because she said that she would not wait any longer. She did not know anything of this. She was perfectly innocent. I had been keeping company with her along through the fall months. I have endeavored to make a frank confession. I have once left the church. It is the transgression of my duties toward my God that has brought me here." In connection with the above statement, it may be remarked that suspicion was first excited against the prisoner on account of his marrying so soon after the death of his first wife. His contradictory stories as to her death led to an investigation that led to his arrest. The Supreme Court affirmed the ruling of the lower court, and did not disturb the sentence, which was death. He was executed at the gallows, then situated near Sixth and Chestnut streets. His manner at the time, as described by an eye-witness, was as might have been expected; His coward soul quailed within him, and his attenuated form had to be supported by two men before the fatal noose was adjusted. One of the important points decided by the Supreme Court in this case was that if the jury were satisfied that a crime had been committed, it was not necessary that the dead body should be identified or discovered. There is a story of a country clergyman who was sent for suddenly to a cottage, where he found a man in bed. "Well, my friend," said the pastor, "what induced you to send for me?" The patient, who was rather deaf, appealed to his wife. "What do he say?" "He says," shouted the woman, "what the deuce did you send for him for?"

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