Maria got up without a word and went out of the room, bending almost

"She's been dreadful worked up over your father's death," said Phoeb

calmly, going on with the fitting.

have to be real sharp with her, for her

I nodded. Maria Woods has always been considered a sweet, weakly, de-pendent woman, and Phoebe Dole is

idoubtedly very fond of her. She has

Phoebe is tall and very pale and thin;

but she never has a day's illness. She

is plain, yet there is a kind of severe

goodness and faithfulness about her

of white hair over her ears.

colorless face, with the smooth bands

I went home as soon as my dress was

"Is this yours?" said she, and she

"Why, that's the ribbon you have

around your whip, Henry," said I. He looked at it. "So it is," said he

'I must have dropped it. He put it

"He didn't drop that ribbon tonight!"

said Mrs. Adams. "I found it Wednes-

day morning out in the yard. I thought

I remembered seeing him have a yellow

[To Be Continued.]

Happenings of Interest to the Staple

Trades and Particularly to the Trade

It is stated that there is a plan to

induce all the coal-carrying companies

as well as the individual operators, to

sign an agreement to maintain prices

as well as to regulate the total output,

and to enforce this agreement it is

probable that a clause will be inserted

imposing a cash penalty for any in-

It is said that the Reading company

will build an additional breaker at

Brookside colliery. At present there

are five slopes in operation. The aver-

age number of wagons hoisted daily is 850. This number can be increased to

1,000 cars, with additional machinery

On the recommendation of Special

Master Crawford the United States cir-

cult court has authorized the Reading

railroad receivers to purchase addition-

al equipment to increase the company's

business. The new equipment consists

of 1,000 hopper gondola coal cars, from

the Pullman Palace Car company, at a

cost of \$489.50 each, lavolving an ex-

Greater activity is reported in the

anthracite line trade and also at New

England points. The buying was stim-

ulated by the belief that prices, which

are lower this week than last, are close

to, if not at the bottom. Dealers argue

that they run little risk in buying at

present prices and have acted on this

belief. The Reading and Lehigh Valley

both report a heavy movement of coal,

but admit there is very little profit in

Chicago, Aug. 4.—An important street railway decision was rendered

by Judge Tuley in the suit of the Gen-

eral Electric Street railway to com-

pel the Chicago Street Railway com-

the Chicago's lines. Judge Tuley de-

cided against the electric company,

holding that the railways are not pub-

lic property and can be controlled ex-

clusively by the company operating

Washington, Aug. 4.—The forthcoming review by the geological survey of

will show that the production of alum

inum in the United States in 1894 was

500,000 pounds. The imports were val-

ued at \$4,110. Bauxite, which is an oxide

of a'uminum, has been found in suffi-

cient quantity to be commercially valu-

able in only three localities in the United States. They are New Mexico, Ar-kansas and the Cocsa Valley of Georgia

and Alabama. Aluminum, the review

will say, has now found the position in

the arts predicted for it and the de-

A New York dispatch stated Friday

that "the committee appointed by the Anthracite Coal Operators' association at Manhattan Beach recently to tke

action relative to better ng the coal trade, has sent a letter to the presi-

dents of the various companies setting

mand is increasing.

mineral resources of the country

it for them.-Philadelphia Times.

in Iron, Steel and Anthracite Coal.

held out a knot of yellow ribbon.

rto his pocket and drove away.

ning to the door.

ribbon on his whip."

fringement.

for cleaning the coal.

penditure of \$489,500.

double with convulsive sobs.

own good."

BON.

I think I must have fainted away; for presently I found myself upon the floor, and for a minute I could not remember what had happened. Then I remem bered that I had seen my father's mur dered body on the bed; and an awful unreasoning terror seized me. "I must lock all the doors quick." I thought, "quick, or the murderer will com I tried to get up, but I could not stand. I sank down again. I had to crawl out of the room on my hands

I went first to the front door. It was locked with a key and a bolt. I went next to the north door, and that was locked with a key and a bolt. I went to the north shed door, and that was



bolted. Then I went to the little-use east door in the shed, beside which the cat has her little passageway, and that was fastened with an iron hook. It has

The whole house was fastened on the inside. The thought struck me like an ley hand. "The murderer is in this house!" I rose to my feet then; I unhooked that door and ran out of the house and out of the yard, as for my

I took the road to the village. The first house, where Phoebe Dole and Maria Woods lived, is across a wide field from ours. I did not intend to stop there, for they were only women and could do nothing; but seeing Phoebe looking out of the window ran into the yard. She opened the win-

"What is it?" said she. "What is the matter, Sarah Fairbanks?"

Maria Woods came and leaned over her shoulder. Her face looked almos as white as her white hair, and her blue eyes were dilated. My face mus: have frightened her. "Father-father is murdered in hi:

bed!" I said.

There was a scream, and Maria Woods' face disappeared from over Phoebe Dole's shoulder-she had fainted. I don't know whether Phoebe looked paler—she is always very palebut I saw in her black eyes a look I shall never forget. I think she began to suspect me at that moment.

Phoebe glanced back at Maria, but she asked me another question. "Has see how people knew about it. he had words with anybody?" said she.
"Only with Rufus," I said, "but Rufus ls gone.". Phoebe turned away from the window to attend to Maria, and I ran on to the village.

doctor and the deputy sheriff; how I went back to my home with the horror-stricken growd; how they flocked in and looked at poor father-but only the doctor touched him- very carefully, to see if he were quite dead; how the coroner came, and all the rest.

The pistol was in the bed beside father, but it had not been fired; the charge was still in the barrel. It was blood-stained, and there was one bruise on father's head which might have been inflicted by the pistol, used as a club. But the wound which caused his death was in his breast, and made evidently by some cutting instrument, though the cut was not a clean one; the weapon must have been dull.

They searched the house, lest the murderer should be hidden away. I heard Rufus Bennett's name whispered by one and another. Everybody seemed to know that he and father had had words the night before; I could not understand how, because I had told nobody except Phoebe Dole, who had had no time to spread the news, and I was sure that no one else had spoken of it.

They looked in the closet where my green silk dress hung, and pushed it aside, to be sure nobody was concealed behind it; but they did not notice anything wrong about it. It was dark in the closet, and, besides, they did not look for anything like that until later. All these people-the deputy sheriff,

and afterwards the high sheriff and other out-of-town officers for whom they had sent, and the neightbors-all hunted their own suspicion, and that was Rufus Bennett. All believed that he had come back and killed my father. They fitted all the facts to that belief. They made him do the deed with a long, slender screwdriver which he had recently borrowed from one of the neighbors and had not returned. They made his finger-marks, which were still on my father's throat, fit the red prints on the sitting-room door. They made sure that he had returned and stolen into the house by the east shed door, while father and I sat on the doorsteps the evening before; that he had hidden away, perhaps in that very closet where my dress hung, and afterwards stolen out and killed my father and then es-

They were not shaken when I told them that every door was bolted and basred that morning. They themselves found all the windows fastened down, except a few which were open on ac-count of the heat, and even these last were raised only the width of a sash, and fastened with sticks, so that they could be raised no higher. Father was could be raised no higher. Father was very cautious about fastening the house, for he sometimes had considerable sums of money by him. The officers saw all these difficulties in the way, but they fitted them somehow to their theory, and two deputy sheriffs were at once cent to apprehend Rufus. They had not begun to suspect me then, and not the slightest watch was

CHAPTER II.-THE KNOT OF RIB- | kept on my movements. The neighbors were very kind, and did everything to help me, relieving me altogether of all those last offices—in this case much adder than usual.

An inquest was held, and I told freely all I knew, except about the blood stains on my dress. I hardly knew why I kept that back. I had no feeling then that I might have done the deed myself, and I could not bear to convict myself, if I was innocent.

Two of the neighbors, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Adams, remained with me all that day. Toward evening, when there were very few in the house, they went into the parlor to put it in order for the funeral, and I sat down alone in the kitchen. As I sat there by the window I thought of my green silk dress, and wondered if the stains were out. I went to the closet and brought the dress out to the light. The spots and streaks had almost disappeared. I took the dress out in the shed and scraped off the flour paste, which was quite dry; I swept up the paste, burned it in the stove, took the dress upstairs to my own closet, and hung it in its old place. Neighbors remained with me all

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the next day, which was Thursday, I went over to Pheobe Dole's to see about a black dress to wear to the funeral. The neighbors had urged me to have rimmed with crape.

I found only Maria Woods at home When she saw me she gave a little scream and began to cry. She looked s if she had already been weeping for hours. Her blue eyes were bloodshot.

"Phoebe's gone over to-Mrs. Whitney's to-try on her dress," she sobbed. "I want to get my black silk dress fixed a little," said I. "She'll be home-pretty soon," said

I laid my dress on the sofa and sat down. Nobody ever consults Maria about a dress. She sews well, but

heebe does all the planning. Maria Woods continued to sob like a child, holding her little soaked handkerchief over her face. Her shoulders heaved. As for me I felt like a stone could not weep.

"Oh," she gasped out finally, "I knew, knew! I told Phoebe-I knew just now it would be; I-knew!" I roused myself at that. "What do

you mean? said I. "When Phoebe came home Tuesday night and said she heard your father and Rufus Bennett having words, I knew how it would be," she choked out. I knew he had a dreadful temper." "Did Phoebe Dole know Tuesday night that father and Rufus Bennett

had words?" said I. "Yes," said Maria Woods.

"How did she know?" "She was going through your yard, he short cut to Mrs. Ormsby's, to carry ier brown alpaca dress home.

came right home and told me; and she "Have you spoken of it to anybody but me?" said I.

Maria said she didn't know; she might have done so. Then she remembered hearing Phoebe herself speak of it to Harriet Sargent when she came in to try on her dress. It was easy to

I did not say any more, but I thought it was strange that Phoebe Dole had, asked me if father had had words with anybody when she knew it all the time. Phoebe came in before long. I tried A hundred people can testify what I on my dress, and she made her plan did next—can tell how I called for the about the alterations and the trimming. I made no suggestions. I did not care how it was done, but if I had cared it would have made no difference. Phoebe always does things her own way. All the women in this village are in a manner under Phoebe Dole's thumb. Their garments are visible proofs of her force

> of will. While she was taking up my black silk on the shoulder seams, Phoebe Dole said: "Let me see—you had a green silk dress made at Digby three ummers ago, didn't you?" "Yes, I said."

"Well," said she, "why don't you have it dyed black? Those thin sliks dye real nice. It would make you a

I scarcely replied, and then she offered to dye it for me herself. She had a recipe which she had used with great success. I thought it very kind of her, but did not say whether I would accept her offer or not. I could not fix my mind upon anything but the awful trouble I was in.

"I'll come over and get it tomorrow morning." said Phoebe. I thanked her. I thought of the stains, and then my mind seemed to

wander away again to the one object. All the time Maria Woods sat weeping. Finally Phoebe turned to her with impatience. "If you can't keep calmer, you'd better go upstairs, Maria," said she, "You'll make Sarah sick. Look at her! she doesn't give way-and think of the reason she's got."

"I've got reason, too," Maria broke



MORE SOLD THAN ALL OTHER

I've got-reason!" "Maria Woods, go out of the roo said Phoebe. Her sharpness made m-jump, half dazed as I was.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

New York, Aug. 3.-The stock market opened practically unchanged for the leading issues. Subsequently Ameri-can Sugar was sold down to 112½, but the weakness of the stock had no effect on the general list. This rather disconcerted the bears and in the last hour f business a disposition was manifested to cover short contracts. Sugar, as usual, was a feature and sold up to 115. The Grangers and Canada So were also in demand and recorded fair gains on the day. Speculation closed quiet and firm, and net changes show seemed to shield her and take care of her nearly all her life. The two have advances of 1/411/4 per cent., sugar leading. Eric lost % and Manhattan 1 per cent. The total sales were 110,000

The range of today's prices for th tive stocks of the New York stock mar-ket are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. du B. Dimnick, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street fitted. That evening Henry Ellis came |S

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over to see me. I do not need to go into	On'n-	High-	Low-	Clos-
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	Am. Sugar Re'g Co.11314	115		15%
	Atch., To. & S. Fe 1514	15%	151/4	
	Can. South 65%	5678	55%	56
	Ches. & Ohlo 211/2	21%	211/4	21%
1	Chicago Gas 561/2	57%	561/2	57%
	Chic. & N. W 10114	101%	10134	101%
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	Tenn., C. & I 361/2	365	3614	26%
	Tex. Pacific 121/2	12%	1214	1216
	Wabash, Pr 2114	21%	2134	21%
	West. Union 93	9314	9314	9314
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	CHICAGO BOARD OF T			
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"Marie Woods, Go Out of the Room."	September 68%	6914	671/4	68
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OATS. enough to say that he tendered the fullset sympathy and protection, and I ac-September 42 December 3414 May 35 cepted them. I cried a little, for the first, and he soothed and comforted me. LARD. Henry had driven over from Digby September 6.12 6.12 January 6.17 6.22 PORK. and tied his horse in the yard. At 10 o'clock he hade me good-night on the September 9.70 9.72 9.50 9.52 January 10.30 10.35 10.25 10.33 doorstep and was just turning his buggy around when Mrs. Adams came run-

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Onetations-All Quotations Based on Par of 100.

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Scranton Wholesate. Fruits and Produce-Dried apples, per lb., 5a6c.; evaporated apples, 7½a8c.; Call-. ib., 5a6c.; evaporated apples, 7½38c.; Callfornia prunes, 6½38c.; English currants,
2½33c.; layer raisins, \$1.60a1.70; muscatels,
4a5c. per lb., \$1a1.25 per box; new Valencias, 5½a6½c. per lb. Heans—Marrowfats,
\$2.60a2.65 per bushel; mediums, \$2.25. Peas
—Green, \$1.10a1.15 per bushel; split, \$2.50a
2.60; lentels, 5a3c. per lb. Potatoes—New,
\$2.25a2.75 per bbl. Onlons—Per bbl, \$2.50a
2.75 Rutter—16a19c. per lb. Chesse \$60a. \$2.5a2.75 per bbl. Onlons—Per bbl. \$2.9a
2.75. Butter—16a19c. per lb. Cheese—6a3c.
per lb. Eggs—14a144c. Meats—Hams,
104c.; small hams, 11c.; skinned hams,
11c.; California hams, 74c.; shoulders,
74c.; bellies, 8c.; smoked breakfast bacon,
104c.; Smoked Beef—Outsides, 12c.; sets,
134c.; insides and knuckles, 15c.; Acme
sliced smoked beef, 1-lb. cans, \$2.40 dozen. Pork-Mess, \$14.50; short cut, \$15. Lard-Leaf, in tierces, \$c.; in tubs, 8½c.; 10-lb pails, \$%c. per lb.; 5-lb. pails, \$%c. per lb.; 3-lb. pails, 9c. per lb.; compound lard, tierces, 6c.; tubs, 6%c.; 10-lb. pails, 6%c. tlerces, 6c.; tubs, 64c.; 10-lb. pails, 64c. per lb.; 5-lb. pails, 65c. per lb.; 3-lb. pails, 7c. per lb. Flour-Minnesota patent per bbl., \$4.40a4.60; Ohio and Indiana amber, \$4.10; Graham, \$4; rye flour, \$4.50. Feed-Mixed, per cwt., \$1.10. Grain-Corn, 55c.; oats, 35a40c, per bushel. Rye Straw-Per ton, \$13a16. Hay-\$15a17.

New York Produce Market. New York, Aug. 3.—Flour—Dull, steady

Wheat-Dull, steady; No. 2 red store and elevator, 721/c.; affoat, 731/c.; f. o. b., 731/a 7414c.; ungraded red, 67a75c.; No. 1 north ern, 7414c.; options closed steady, dull ern, 74½c.; options closed steady, dull;
May, 76½c.; August, 72½c.; September,
72½c.; October, 72½c.; December, 73½c.
Corn—Weaker; No. 2, 47%c. elevator; 48%c.
afloat; options dull and weak; August,
47%c.; September, 47c.; October, 45%c.;
May, 40%c. Oats—Dull, weak; options
weaker, dull; August, 28c.; September,
25½c; spot prices, No. 2, 27a27½c.; No. 2
white, 30½a31c.; No. 2 Chicago, 28c.; No. 3,
27c. No. 3 white, 28c. mixed western, 28c. pany to allow the electric company's 27c.; No. 3 white, 30c.; mixed western, 24a cars to run for a short distance over-29c.; white do., 32a39c.; white state, 22a39c. Provisions - Dull, steady. Lard - Dull, steady. Butter—Firm; state dairy, 11a 17½c.; do. creamery, 18½c.; western dairy, 10a13c.; do. creamery, 12a18½c.; do. factory, 8al2½c.; Elgins, 18½c.; imitation creamery 11al4c. Cheese—Dull, steady. Eggs—Firm state and Pennsylvania, 14a15c.; wester fresh, 121/a14c.; do. per case, \$1a3.75.

Toledo Grain Market.

Toledo, O., Wug. 3.—Wheat—Receipts, 61,000 bushels; shipments, 62,000 bushels; market lower; No. 2 red, cash, 71½c.; August, 71½c.; September, 71½c.; December, 73½c.; No. 3 red, cash, 67c. Corn—Receipts, 12,000 bushels; shipments, 25,000 busels; market quiet; No. 3 mixed, cash, 41c.; September, 42½c.; No. 3 white, cash, 44c. Oats—Receipts, 4,000 bushels; market easy; No. 2 mixed, cash, and September, 22c.; No. 2 mixed, cash, c 2 mixed, cash, and September, 22c.; No. 3 mixed, 20c. Rye—Market dull; No. 2 cash, 49c.; No. 3 do., 46c. Clover Seed—Market firm; prime, cash, 35; September and October, \$5.45; December, \$5.57½; January, \$5.55; March, \$5.721/4.

Buffalo Live Stock.

Buffalo; Aug. 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500 head; on sale, 400 head; market firm; prime steers, 15.35; good mixed cows and helfers, 32.56a.56); fair to good, 22.50a.5; bulls, 32.25a.2, 2,75. Hogs—Receipts, 5.750 head; on sale, 2,000 head; market firm; Yorkers, good to choice light, 35.50a.560; grassers, 36.25a.5.55; mixed packers, 35.15a5.25; good to choice heavy hogs, 34.25a.55; pigs, 32.25a.550; roughs, 32.75a4.35; stags, 33.25a1.75. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 6,250 head; on sale, 3,000 head; market closed easy; prime lambs, \$5a5.50; good do., 34.40a1.55; light to fair, 31.50a4.55; culls and common, 12.75a1.25; good fat mixed sheep, 33a1.55; choice yearlings, 31.75a4; culls and common lots, 31.50a1.35; export fat wethers, 34.56a1.50; heavy ewes, 32.75a4. Buffalo Live Stock. dents of the various companies setting forth the very deplorable conditions and contending that those who are responsible should lend their efforts to a rebabilitation." No trace of such a letter could be found among the local coal companies, but a member of the executive board of the association said a letter of an entirely different character was being prepared, but beyond saying it was to secure certain data for the board, he declined to impart any futher information. From another source, however, it was learned that there is a strong likelihood of interesting developments arising from this letter, but for the present, their character will not be revealed.

Chicago Live Stock.
Chicago, Aug. &-Cattle-Receipts,
head; market dull and etsady; common
extra steers, \$5.6565; stockers and feed
\$2.75e4.16 cows and bulls; \$1.65e5.75; calv

\$15.504 Texans, \$2.584.50 Hogs—Receipts, 4,600 head; market firm and 5c. higher; heavy packing and shipping lots, \$4.704.55; common to choice mixed, \$4.604.5; choice assorted, \$53.55; light, \$4.704.52; pigs, \$3.56 to \$4.50. Sheep—Receipts, \$4.500 head; market 4.50. Sheep-Receipts, 1,500 head; market firm; inferior to choice, \$2a4; lambs, \$3a

Oil Market. Pittsburg, Aug. 3.—Oil opened and high-est, 128; lowest and closed, 125.

GAYETIES IN VERSE.

Th poet sings in glowing rapture pent, While the white clouds in airy grace unfurl: "Now is the winter of our discontent

Made glorious summer by the summ

He'd witnessed football and was sane, Seen football teams kick off; But died from softening of the brain Brought on by games of golf. -New York Sun.

Soon will the mountains and the shore Be filled with summer girls, and then, Despite the scorn they feel for us, Will come the same old wail for men.

—Philadelphia Record

> Mary had a little lamb, The lamb was very tough. Under the circumstances A little was enough.

There was a man in our town, And he was wondrous wise; He never bragged to his dear wife About his mother's ples. -Indianapolis Journal

She put her little hand in mine And put it there to stay, So very small it was, that I Was euchered right away. -Detroit Free Press.

The kaiser stood on the war ship deck. Because there was no standing room Alongside Wilhelm's head.
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