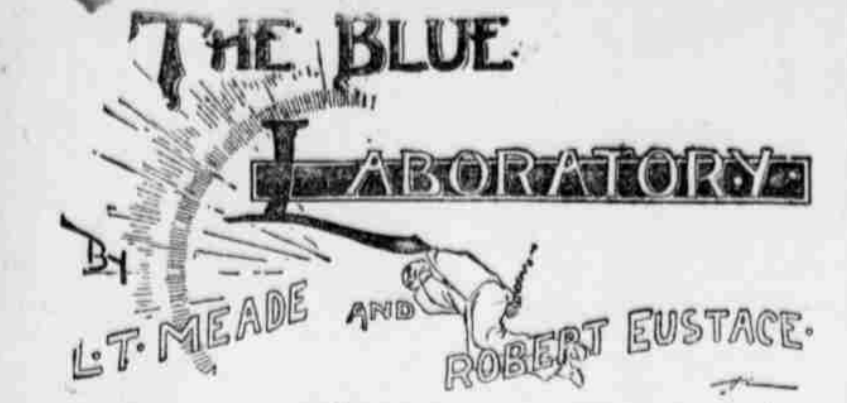


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SYNOPSIS.

This story is told by Madeline Rennick, an English governess in the family of Dr. Chance, at St. Petersburg, Russia...

becomes terribly vivid. No more fascinating problem has ever absorbed a scientist than this. Behold my victim!



"IN FIVE MINUTES YOU WILL DIE."

"You are doubtless overpowered by my polite consideration for you," he continued; he never once glanced at his victim.

"By means of that man who lies on the floor at your feet," continued Dr. Chance, "I have photographed Thought."

"I am and I rejoice in the fact," I replied. A small clock standing on a bench by my side showed me that it wanted seven minutes to nine.

"No, kill me rather," I cried, falling on my knees. "That is what I propose to do," said Dr. Chance, in a slow, calm voice.

"It is a known scientific fact that in physiology that in the dark the retina of some animals displays a pigment called the 'visual purple'."

tion which can never by any possibility be realized. How shall we employ ourselves during the remaining minutes? You have now but four minutes to live.

"My Maker will take care of my soul," I replied. "I am giving up my life in the cause of the oppressed. I have no fear of death. You can do your worst."

"You really are a most interesting character. It is a sad pity that you cannot devote your life to the science you would so vastly help. Give me your hand. I should like to walk round this dungeon with you."

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But the post-presidential career of John Quincy Adams is the most remarkable and unique of all. When he left the White House, after the expiration of his term of office, it was his intention to follow the example of his father, and retire to his ancestral home, to devote the remainder of his life to study and literary pursuits.

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