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A WINTER NIGHT. BY DAVID H. HUBBARD.

All without the snow is falling, And the winter winds are calling, Calling to the leafless trees, Above the stars are hidden, All the moonlight is forbidden, Every gust by cold is ridden, And the winding stream will freeze.

God is good! In His kind keeping, While the sleeping winds are heaving, Daily drifts of fallen snow, We see thus, by our hours are spending, And our simple lives are spending, At His footstool lowly bending, We'll our debts and wishes show.

THE FEMALE DETECTIVE.

The following telegram was sent to the Mayor of Philadelphia, in October, 1860: York, Pa., October 19.—Send Mr. Varnoe to Meyers' Hotel as quick as possible. An important case for him.

After being seated the lady plunged at once into the subject that led to their meeting. "Mr. Varnoe, I have summoned you here on a bare suspicion of a fraud being attempted; yet that suspicion is of such a strong character that I am sure you will admit that I am justified in sending for you."

"My dear lady," responded the detective, "not for the world would I break the seal of that letter; you must mail it. I shall send a telegram to the same address. I am glad you have the address. I was about to ask if you knew where Mr. Kimball's friends resided."

"I have," responded she, gravely. "What follows may only be my imagination but I think that you must admit that it required an investigation. Mr. Kimball drank only wine or porter, while his companion indulged in ardent spirits only. Now, however, since his companion is no more, he appears to have acquired an appetite for brandy alone—utterly eschewing wine and small liquors. Mr. Kimball never indulged in profanity before, but now he makes use of it very frequently. He was a man of mild temper, whereas he now appears to be of a very irascible temper. Can you follow the direction of my suspicion?"

"I do," replied the detective. "You would intimate that George Hanold has usurped the name and position of his dead master?" "I do!" was her emphatic response.

"Many of his acts point to that conclusion," said the gentleman, "but you lose sight of the inconsistency of your suspicions." "Inconsistency?" echoed she, with a look of surprise. "Yes; you say Mr. Kimball is dark hair and this man had red. How then could he expect to pass himself off for his master?"

"Oh! I had forgotten to mention that Hanold's red hair consisted of a wig," said the detective, with awakened interest. "That does away with the inconsistency. But how came you to a knowledge of this fact?" "I'll tell you," replied she, with great earnestness. At home, I al-

as if incidentally, and not by design. Mary Mosher offered to effect this meeting. Mrs. Kimball sat in the ladies sitting room, and the young girl requested "Mr. Kimball" to get her a certain book from that room.

"Excuse me, madam," said he, addressing her as he would any strange lady, "I was requested to get a book for a young lady, and was not aware of any one being here."

"After the young man had left the room, Varnoe entered and approached the lady. Before he could get her shoe, she rose, and appealingly holding out her hands cried: "Oh, sir! now that I have seen the living impostor, take me where I may behold my dead son!"

The detective tenderly placed her hand in his arm, and with bareheaded respect, in the presence of the dead. Some half dozen persons were seated in the darkened room. Mrs. Mosher and the impostor (as we shall henceforth call him) were seated near a window.

When Mrs. Kimball and her companion entered, Mrs. Mosher reached out her hand, and opened the shutters, admitting sufficient light to enable the bereft mother to see her dead son's features.

"Oh, Jocelyn, my son, my son, is it thus we meet again?" Further utterance was choked by her vehement weeping, and for a period naught was heard save the wailing of the widow, bereft of her only child.

After a moment's hesitation, Hanold followed, and the detective stepped into the yard of the hotel, where the impostor demanded an explanation. This was given in the following words: "George Hanold, the wisest course for you to follow is to confess your attempted imposition. The mother of the dead son has pronounced you a villain, and she is now recognizing you as her son."

"See here, my fine fellow," exclaimed Hanold, dropping all his assumed refinement, "you had better be a little careful how you chin to me, or you'll get your man's monkey into a condemned hobble."

"The detective eyed the intended blow, then seized Hanold's two wrists, pinioned him against the wall, and thus addressed him: "See here, my pugnacious bantam, unless you abandon all pretensions to the dead man's name, you are my prisoner. Do you understand?"

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The Wrong God. Once upon a time Jupiter came down from Olympus to Athens, and got the people to worship him; and he did it in this wise.

Another set worshipped the day on which he came. Another set worshipped his mantle and his sandals. Another set worshipped the eagle which accompanied him as his symbol.

God once, in like manner, came down from heaven to get the people to adore him, and they did it similarly. One set of men adored the place where he came, the stable where he was born, the manger in which lay the oxen and asses which were with him there.

Another set adored the day on which he came, on which he left, and on which he did his chief works.—Christmas, Easter, Good Friday and Whitsuntide.

But the people fell to worshipping the teachers, instead of following them, and they worshipped in the services, and all other means which Jupiter had provided for his worship, and they never worshipped Jupiter.

And so, in like manner, God collected his worshippers into an assembly, and they appointed teachers, and they worshipped in the services, and all other means which Jupiter had provided for his worship, and they never worshipped Jupiter.

And when he appointed times and seasons for worshipping him, they got to reverence the seasons and services, instead of him. And Jupiter that he might enlighten the people in his worship, gave them written instructions, to wit: the Ten Commandments, instead of reading them; opening them preserved them as their most sacred object of devotion.

And God, likewise, that he might enlighten men, gave them a book with instructions, and often without reading it, reverence it, and, without worshipping him, to it, declared that they believed it, and that their duty therein was fulfilled.

And Jupiter that he might make men better as his worshippers, gave them an example, teaching them by his own conduct how to live and act in his world.

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that exhibits itself in the destruction of mind and body. The drunkard by inheritance is a more helpless slave than his progenitor, and the children that he begets are more helpless still, unless on the mother's side there is engrained upon them an untainted stock.

"Now, sir, as I have said before, a man's mind is the nation is in the ratio of his ability first to add to the wealth of the nation, and secondly to produce progeny that shall add to the strength and enlarge to the grandeur of the nation; and the nation owes it to itself to restrict this despoiling agent, alcohol, and relegate it to medical practice, where it belongs. Let me add that every individual drinker should exalt himself in his own esteem by proving to himself that he has the nerve to repress and conquer whatever desire he has for indulgence in destroying alcoholic drinks.

The Growth of Pennsylvania. Without fully coming up to the sanguine expectations of our own people, the census of 1880 gives Pennsylvania a very creditable position in the progress of national sisterhood. Our rate of the increase in the last ten years was 21 per cent, while that of New York State was 16 per cent. And yet New York has during all that period enjoyed the immense advantage of monopolizing two-thirds of the foreign commerce of the Republic, and about the same proportion of foreign immigration.

For a number of years, Pennsylvania has been the great center of the national trade, and the enormous magnitude of her resources, combined to give that State an attraction and a prestige that should have kept up her progress far in advance of that of all other American States. Pennsylvania organized capital, her business enterprise, her energy, her industry, her trade, and the enormous magnitude of her resources, combined to give that State an attraction and a prestige that should have kept up her progress far in advance of that of all other American States.

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