Stage Struck.

Our Addie was stage struck. I well remember the stroke it gave me when I found that instead of going to sleep after I hade her good night she was sitting up studying play books.

"If you would only fall in love," I said with a sigh, "your ambition to shine in the drama would soon disappear," but she sniffed at the idea and mid she was created for higher things than to be any man's drudge.

One day I met my friend Smith, who had been in California so many years. I ice, or mending skates, or repairing aled invited him home to dinner, though I runners, or firing a furnace or comething knew he would never prove an antidote of that sort "" was that sarcastic half for Addie's ambition.

Nothing could be more gracefully cordial than Addie's reception of her unexher manner of presiding at the dinner table. She was lovely in her white dress, I go, sir," and the visitor looked over his with a cluster of ruschias dropping from her hair and another from the pin that fastened her collar. I saw Dick's big gray eyes fixed on her again in honest admiration, and said to myself :

" He might shave his beard and raise a mustache, but, confound it all, he can't change his name. He won't even write it Smythe."

That was a pleasant Sunday. The tide was up, and the little streame, invisible at low water, threaded the salt meadows with a network of silver, when we walked in the morning to the little village church that was older than our grandfathers would have been had they lived. Dick and I sprowled on the grass under the pear trees like two boys all the afternoon, and at sunset Addie joined us at Dick's request ; we all walked over to the sound and back by the light of the moon "shining over our right shoulders for

good luck," as Addie said. By the time that moon was old such walks were a common thing. Dick got

into a way of meeting me at the depot and going home with me for the night, and sometimes he would find it convenient to take the earlier train, and when I came I would find him and Addie reading Tennyson or Mrs. Browning in the portch or the grape arbor, or under the

pear tree. Knowing her talent I rather wondered that she never read for him. It was very strange, too, that she never mentioned the stage before him, when her mind was so full of it.

the effect of my words, and a kindly intention, I acknowledged of giving my friend a timely warning ; I said, care-

recite for Dick ? I know he would like to hear you."

afraid-' Lady Macbeth,' for instance."

A Fearful Fear He stuck his head through the alley

gate of a house on St. Antoine Street and peeped cautiously around. Then he pure alcohol to make WOLFP's Acve came in and met the man of the house, rising up; from behind a gooseberry bush. it is good for the skin. Alcohol is the chief "Ah, I beg your pardon," he said meek ly. "I didn't know you were here." "I guess not," responded the man with in a good leather preservative. some sarcasm evident in his articulation. "What do you want?"

"Work, sir," answered the visitor very humbly, but with confidence. "Shoveling snow, I suppose, or sawing

query. "Your surcasm is uncalled for, sir," remarked the visitor sadly. "I am honest pected guest, and nothing prettier than in my search, sir, but I am haunted by a

strange fear that follows me everywhere shoulder fugitively and shivered. "Got 'em again, perhaps," suggested

the man, with an ironical smile. "No sir: I haven't tasted whiskey for many a long day, sir," and there was a

conscious pride in the voice.

stranger heeded it not, vagrant visitor a quarter.

lar fear is you speak of ?"

of the gate in his hand, leaning on it. "Thank you for the money," he murmured gratefully, pressing it to his lips. "I have always kept my secret, but now I shall divulge it for the first time, because you, I am sure, can sympathize

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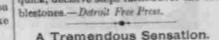
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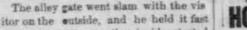
"As I said," he went on, "I have been haunted by a strange fear in this search of mine for work, and for years I have not been able to rid myself of it. Where I have gone it has gone ; where I have stopped it has stopped ; sleeping, I may forget it, but waking it is ever present with me," and as he talked termulously and with the same fugitive glances over his shoulder the man behind the bush became so interested that he handed his

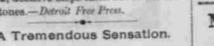
> you," he said kindly, "and I would like to ask if you can explain what this pecu-

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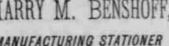
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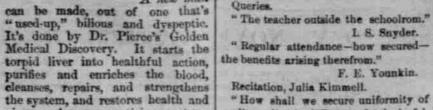
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