

RETRIBUTIONS.

BY ANNA SHELLS. Twenty years ago and a Vermont county seat. It was a dreary December day, cold and cloudy, though not actually storming, and the large fancy-goods store of Hopkins & Co., was almost deserted by customers, when an old man, wrapped in rich furs, entered. A moment later a young girl, poorly clad, but with a sweet, sad face, and carrying a large bundle, followed her, and passing to the rear of the store left her parcel, returning to the front counter to wait patiently to speak to the saleswoman who was attending to the old lady.

piece, the face portrayed upon it, fluttered to Mrs. Emerson's feet.—Her own face was very white as she lifted it saying: "Who is this, Alice? Why have you torn it?" "It was before my father died," the girl said quickly. "Yes, Oh, I am sorry you saw me, Mrs. Emerson. It is all over, long ago." But there was a choking sob in her voice as she spoke. "Tell me about it, dear. Perhaps it will take away some of the heartache to speak of it." "It was before my father died. He came to Hopkinton, and—oh, Mrs. Emerson, he did make me believe he loved me! I cannot see that I was unkindly in any way, but I loved him with my whole heart, when he had tried to win it, in a thousand ways—not before. His name was Walter Hutchinson."

The Man Who Escaped. There was a pretty old and pretty verdant looking man at the Third Street Depot the other day, and by and by he was approached by Officer Bolton and said that he guessed he'd wander around for a brief spell. "Well, look out for yourself," replied the officer. "I'm a wanderer," said the man. "I've always been plenty of sick fellows about."

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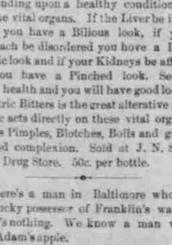
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