



"Speak Gently to the Erring."

Speak gently to the erring—
Ye know not all the power
With which the dark temptation came.

A DETECTIVE'S STORY.

The following is a true story, by a late well-known member of the detective service, and, with the exception of some names of persons and places, is given precisely as he himself related it:
Late on Friday afternoon, in the latter part of Nov. 18—, I was sent for by the chief of the New York police, and was told there was a case for me.

"No; he was a junior clerk."
"Have you any of his hand-writing that you can show me?"
He fumbled in a side pocket and drew out a pocket-book, from which he took a memorandum of agreement, or some paper of the sort, to the bottom of which a signature was attached as witness.

"He lives in Walker street, near the Bowery, I believe?"
"Yes, I think so," replied the man.
I considered a moment. Of course no one could tell me where Edgar had gone to; but I was tolerably certain he had gone home with the girl. Where she lived I did not know; but I thought it probable the actor could tell me.

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.
The Conscription Act Unconstitutional.
Opinion of Judge Woodward.
Judge Woodward's opinion is an elaborate defence of "State Rights." He declares that Congress has no power to draft the State militia, though it has power to enlist volunteers. He thinks this Conscription law a poor and inefficient war measure, he says:

The amount of the argument is that the exigencies of the time justify the substitution of martial law? Blackstone and Sir Mathew Hale tell us "it is built upon no settled principles, but it is entirely arbitrary in its decisions, is in truth and reality no law, but something indulged rather than allowed as law."
The unrestrained will of one or a number of men, then, is the rule which the argument substitutes for the Constitution. It is of no consequence that the will thus set up for supreme law is that of men who a majority of the people have chosen, because according to our system the majority can only choose men to administer to the constitution as it is written.

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The Kidnapping of White Men.
--How a Young Man Luckily Escaped.
It is a well-known fact that poor white men are now kidnapped every day in New York, by a set of lank-shanks, who get \$10 per head for dragging them in the army, under the plea of their being deserters.