

ACROSS THE SUNLIT LAND.

Love, across the sunlit land,
As little as a falling leaf,
While time itself is dancing free,
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THE CONFESSION.

The little town of Caldwell—fast rising in importance as a resort for rheumatic patients, who came there to bathe in the icy ferruginous waters of the spring which the place derived its name—this little town had never been so quiet as on the day when a rumor was spread that Mr. Dermerrell had killed his wife. A wife-murder is always an appalling thing, which frightens families more than any other sort of crime, because it must needs be a horrible affair for a domestic trouble about which all married people have some experience; but when the suspected murderer is a gentleman known and respected as Edward Dermerrell was the stock contractor with the greater force. Those of the Caldwellites who had a high opinion of art, as a class, were comfortably posted in their antipathy against them by the fact that he was a painter, and a very promising one, who had already made Caldwell popular by the pretty landscapes of his evens which he had exhibited in the Academy. His art was not only a factor, and as he was an artist he had his little regulars and wore his hat out like other folks, nobody would have thought him capable of such an abominable thing as destroying his wife by poison; though the persons who, like artists, seemed to think it a natural thing enough, once the charge had gone forth against him.

trait of Lady Levington was worthy of Gainsborough. Dear, dear! to think that so much talent should have been given to a rascal! Don't you know, by-the-by, who that woman is of whom Mrs. Dermerrell is said to have been so jealous?"

"Why, it's Lady Levington," answered the doctor, blurring out as usual the truth that came to his lips; but when he saw the stupefaction on the baronet's face, he bit his tongue so sharply that he pulled a grimace. "On my tongue!" he cried, putting out his hand to that member; "who can have had such a useless clumsy thing in my head; it's always playing me tricks."

"Do you mean to say that Lady Levington's name is better associated with this murder?" asked Sir Richard, in indignation.

"Of course it's all moonshine," stammered Dr. Babble, stumbling over his words like a man who has stepped into a flower-bed. "People talk folk because they are fools. Dermerrell often came here; and his ladyship was fond of him; and his wife, who was a hysterical devil in petticoats, grew jealous. That is all I've heard."

moreover, her nerves were in such a condition that she felt anything would be better for her than to stay at Torwood, which had become associated with such mournful recollections. So the same evening, Sir Richard, his wife, and two children, with their nurses, started from London, and thence went to Dover to cross the Channel. Before departing, Lady Levington gave Hannah all her spare money and some jewels to sell, in order that she might be able to bribe Edward Dermerrell out of prison. It was a woman's plan, weak and wild, but both parties to it were sincere in thinking it might be executed. Sir Richard had stated that he should go to Ostend; but on arriving in this town, he told his wife that it would be better if they should proceed to Blankenberg, as being quiet.

The baronet received no visitors and no English papers. He had discharged his servants and taken Belgian ones; and he remained with him; and this fellow seemed to have received orders to watch his mistress, for Lady Levington noticed that he followed her at a distance whenever she went out. She did not care much about this; for she trusted to Hannah; but three weeks passed without her receiving a line from her servant. Then another week went by, and Lady Levington, whose health had not been much restored by the sea-air, could contain her impatience no longer, and one morning she told her husband abruptly when Edward Dermerrell's trial would take place? She had never allowed to take a prescription from England, and now trembled as she awaited her husband's answer: "Oh, don't come on for two months," replied the baronet coldly, "and I suppose we shall be in the country by the time you get back."

"But I can't prescribe without seeing the patient," replied the doctor, who perceived that he had got into disagreeable ground.

"Oh, she is simply feverish, with pulse capricious, and a bad headache—very much afflicted, in short."

die of the blow. Fate, more unkind, let her live to mourn by herself the man who had died that her name might remain stainless.

"Have you many sick people to look after, doctor?" said a New York reporter to an up-town physician.

"Yes, indeed," was the reply; "plenty of sick people all the time, most of them women, however."

The dress and exercise that increase the ability to breathe with the diaphragm and abdominal muscles do more to prevent and cure diseases of women, if not all diseases, than all other possible preventatives and cures.

Healthy Hints for Women.

Women are free from business cares and do not drift into intoxicating habits; they also take disappointments in love more philosophically than men—they regard a disappointment as a natural sequence; no fact is disappointed if they are not so disappointed. A great many men do not expect it, and not being prepared, are so upset that they generally resort to extreme dissipation of spirits. The great error of women is selecting poison as the easiest method of crossing the Styx. They are naturally afraid of a pistol, and would naturally scream and run if they saw one while seeking a self-destructive method. No, it is not a matter of life and death; they almost invariably make a bungling job of that, just as they do in attempting to cut their throats. Very often they jump from a window, and invariably succeed; no doubt they shut their eyes when they take the fatal leap.

The proportion of married suicides is scarcely large enough to admit the argument that marital unhappiness was the main cause. On the other hand, it is argued that family ties tend to check suicidal intent, or rather execution. Being of a more refined nature than men, and less inclined to the tragic or heroic, women naturally select the easiest and less barbaric methods of death. Shooting or cutting disfigures the body, and a woman wants to be beautiful even in death, and besides, when she takes poison, she has the opportunity to say a last word which she may have forgotten. It is argued by some that woman, being less courageous than man, selects the easiest means of poison; but it is a question of deliberation accounts for so many failures; which are 90 or 40 per cent. While attempts to commit other crimes may be resisted or disturbed, the would-be suicide almost invariably succeeds, where he is free from any prevention, yet he often fails. Of course, this is owing to natural nervousness, want of method, and frigit. It seems a paradox; but they are frightened at their own desperation.

The extreme poor class furnish the largest percentage of suicides, owing probably to the trials and disappointments of their checkered lives. The middle class furnish the remainder, excepting in a few cases there is an suicide of the people of wealth. Not having to combat the world, pride of position and a greedy desire to revel in the luxuries that wealth can purchase even for the miserable, is no doubt the cause of many of the suicides among the wealthy class.

Some Faces About Business.

As I was going into the Wardour street shop of an acquaintance, London, who deals in bric-a-brac, I was passed by a round-looking man, making his exit. My friend was in a passion. Of course, I inquired the reason.

"Well, he's the worst fraud in England in the matter of bric-a-brac, does he?" I gently inquired.

"No, but he's the agent for those who make it in France and Spain and try to foist it on the dealers here."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Modern needles first came into use in 1544.

—Michigan has 60,000 Knights of Labor.

—Coaches were first used in England in 1569.

—The average human life is thirty-one years.

—The hotel business in New York is overdone.

—There are 123 incorporated clubs in New York.

—Queen Victoria has nineteen granddaughters.

—The first steamboat plied the Hudson in 1807.

—The first newspaper advertisement appeared in 1652.

—There are 150 distinct varieties of the banana.

—Five railroads now run into Jacksonville, Fla.

—The first newspaper was published in England in 1665.

—London has a society to promote widow gardening.

—In Sierra Mojada, in Mexico, water sells for \$2 per barrel.

—The first use of a locomotive in this country was in 1829.

—Horse thieves are operating extensively in Chester county.

—Birmingham, Ala., has gained 4,000 population within a year.

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