
the fatal concealment． athrillingstory．
－by as english banbiecer． but the precise date I shanll，for olvious rea－ sons，avoud mentioning－I lind a friend at
mhose house I was a pretty constunt visitor． whose house I was a pretty constunt visitor．
He had a wife who was the magnet that drew He had a wife who was the magnet that drew
mo there．She was benutiful－but I shall not mo there．She was benutiful－but I shall not
attempt to describe her－me wats more than attempt to describe her－she was more than
beautiful－she was fascianting，she wns capti－ vating．Her presence was to me like the in－ toxication of opium．I was only happy under
its influence；nod jet，after indulgence in the its influence；nd yet，nfter indulgenee in the
fatal pleasure，I saub into the deepest despond－ ency．In my ouwn justificantion，I must tny that．$I$ never in a word or look betrayed my feelings，though I bid some reason to suspect they were reciprocnted：for，while in my com－
pany，she was always gar，briltinnt nud witty： pany，she whs always gay，briblinnt nud witty：
yet，as I learned from others，at times sho was yet，as I learned from others，at tiues she was
often and and melanctols．Powerful，most powerful was the temptatiou to make an nnre－ served disolosure of my heart，but I resisterl it．That I Lad the firmosess so to do，has been for years my only consolations
One morning I sat alone in my clanmber．
My clerk was absent．$A$ gentle knock was My clerk was absent．A gentle knock was
just audible at the oouter door．I shouted just audible at the oonter door．I shouted
coome in！＇in no aminble manner，for I was in－ dulging in a delicious reveric upon the subject
of the lady of my heart，and the presence of of the lady of my heart，and the presence of
an ordiuary mortnl was hnteful．Tho door an ordiuary mortnl was hnteful．Tho door
opened，and Mrs． opened，nod Mrs．
know exnetly what $I$ did，but it seemed to bo a long time before I had powe to rise and
welcome her mite she stood there with a tinid blush upon her lips，which made me feel that it would be too great a happiness to die for．
＇I don＇t wonder that you nree surprised to －seo me here，＇she began，with a provoking
little laugh；but is your astonishment tou little laugh；＇but is your astonishment to
great to allow you to say how do you do＂＇ great to allow you to say how do you do？＇
The spell was broken．I started and tonk The spell was broken．I started and tonk
ber hand；I fenr I pressed it inore＇warmly any her hand；I fenr 1 pressed it inore warmly and
held it longor than whs nhsolutely necessary，
， held it iongor than whs mhise wh bo increased，＇
Perhap your surprise will you that I have vome on busiucss．＇
I mutteried something about not being so ambitious as to hope that sho would visit me from any other motive．She took no notice of
what I suid，but I perceived that her fuce what I suid，but I perceived that her face
turned deadly palo，and that her batiat tremulted turned deadly palo，and that her baibutrombled
as she placed before me a bundo of papers． as she placod before me a bundlo of papers．
＇＇You will see by the ese，＇she suid in a lon hurried voice，that sume preperty wisis left to me by my uncle and my graddfathor，but so
titrictly．settled that evonl I can tooch nothing but the interest．Now my huybund is in want of a large some of money at this moracent，nupl 1 wish you to examin the uffair well，and ate Whether，by any twisting of the law，I can
phace auy part of my capital at his disposal place auy part of my capital at his disposal．
Unintentiounlly I bine dooe him a great wroing，in a tone so low，that no ears lers
 ion is，it is all that I ean mnke，and I nutust do it if possible．＇
I pretended to study the papors before mc ， but the lights daneed and mingled；nod if，by great effort，I forced my eyees to distinguish a word，it cuilinges brain．Evory drop of blood
 irom her the
ly nshanued．
＇You are a tiresome crenture，＇she sail，with
a littlo coquetish nir．＇I really expected the for once in your life，and a friend，too，you might lane goten rid of the law＇s delnys，and givenme your opinion in half an hour；fo，far：
at lenst，as to tell me whether there is any probability of my being＇nble to do as $I$ desire
But $I$ gee But I see you are like the rest of the haw－
yers－time！time！time！I suppose you witl yers－time！time！time！I suppose you will
keep thinking ahout it till I am dead，and then it will go to my bubband in due course of
lñw．＇ －It many not require more than balf an bour
to nscertnin so much，when I ean direct m thoughts to it for that space of time，＇I re plied，and I know that the words rattled libe shot out of my mouith．－But，would you be
so unreanonable as to required an artist to so unreasonable as to requred an arrist on
draw a straight line when he was，under a fit ＂of delirium tremens？
＇You are ant incomprehensible person，＇she rephed，rather coldy；so I shall leave you to
your legnl studies．But，if you nre going to have an atthek of the delirium tremens，I had better send in a doctor－shall I？
－Well，I don＇t naticipate an attack this morn－ will not give you the trouble．The fact is，
wh and my mind has not quite recovered its equi－ librium
We t Ne ne in a few minutes longer，the qui delighted to be so tenzed，standur stupid nit dumb，scarcely able to say a word，though
very ansious to protong the delightingl inter－ very andious to prologg the delightiful inter
view by heeping up the war of badiange．At leugth she went to the door，and I was about
to escort her duwn stairs，when we heard sume oue scort her duru
oue spenking beiow．
＇Good God．＇she exclaimed，clinging to iny arm，＇that is my husbanu＇s voice，if he dindo
rue here I am ruined．＇ ＇Don＇t be marmed，＇I replied，endeavoring oo：He cuaid ouly love you the mure for ih －You do not understand so well athout this as
do．＇she snid，sluddering convulsively．．ll
 ot without sume
for mery＇s sake
I don＇t know how it happeaed，but my arm Lhe around her，and
thoom to $a$ cluset
$\cdot$ Now，shat it：lock it；take away the hey 1 shanl not feel safo．There is plenty For ande sprang into the recess． hought they benued with impassione，and The next，I had locked the door upon my
wearure，throwa the papery she had brougha to a drawer，and was apparently busy wit my pen when my triend entered．He com－
menced in a roundabout way to guestion me upou certuin puande the way to question th upou certuin points of the haw respecting mar．
ringe vet lenvents，\＆c．；nnd，after a tedious amount of circumlocution，he gave me to ansfer of some proparty of $h$ is wife＇s int his own hands．He had come upon the same also＇a copy of the relatives＇wills，and these wha compelled to exnmine olosely，for tho was
 off．I Wis nngry at the thought of what hit poor wife must be suffering，pent up in tha
narrow prison．I felt that I could huve kiclei her husband out of doors for liceping her hero．At last he made a moro an if to go－
etarted up，and stuod ready to bow him out ＇So．＇snill ho，tying up his papers with pro drath，youberation，＇nothing but my wifo Wenth，you say，can put me in possession o
his＇mouc⿹勹巳．，I want it very mucl，but nobody will suspect me of desiring her death for th Ho haughe tit a tito sooner Hio laughed at his own poor jest，and made trunge and hysterical，even in my owa ears He weat at last，but stopped nenin on tha five minutes longer．I felt by sympathry the pange of suffocation．My throat seemed will he nover be gone？Will to seand he gossiping about the wenther and the generali－
ties of tho law，white his lovely wife，who came to sacrifice，lher individual intereats．fo his buke，dies a torrible and lingering dentli． rusbed to my buck room．$A$ step bohind $m$
made mo turn round．It was my clerk on him．I could haye stabbed hinu－shot him beat out his braips－hurled him hot hion down stairs．But my violence would have compromised hem
was clear agnin
＇Watson＇？cried I，＇Mr．———has just left
ae．Ite is gone up Fleet street，I think，run me．Hig is goue up Fleet street，I think，run repers，wilu ，ne request him to have hoso hgony． rapers wilf me．Say to him I would like to
exnmine tiem more at my leisure．Mua，ruu mickly，aud you＇ll ourtube him， Watson disuppeared．I turned tho koy of ubject． cony．
that

 QUAKERS．
conparison．At his distance of time I can
look buck impartiully nad coolly upon that Ireadful day；and I cun zolemply declare， that I would rather have been hingell fos mur－
dering her than to bave allowed a breath in dering her than to
sully ber fair name．
I had just luid down thg fizor，when $n$ hur－ ied stop crossed the nuterroom．It wns her
husband＇s．．Now，I thought nll was lost；she way seen to euter here，and ho hus come

## aim her．

－My dear ——，be began in a nervous un etlled way，you remember ihc business that came at out yesterday ：＇
＇Perfectly．＇
＇And do you remember the words I used as Was going？I mean in anewer to what you
snid niout my not being nble to touch this oney until after the death of $m y$ wife？
＇Yes，I remernber them dintivetly．
orning，he continued，luruing pesterda tuan before ；and if anylhung sericus stould epeat thene expressions，they might bo hat Fold of，nod I don＇t know what might be he consequence．I might be suapected of hav－ Poor fellow！If $I$ had not known the truth． should have suspec ed it teyself．from his he preapiration from his face，and sank into chair．The sight of a person，frightened more than myself，reasured me．I was culto． ＂r than I was stince the proceeling morning． ＇Where did she go？How was she dressed？＇
onguired，auxious to know all I could on the

II don＇t know．She told me sle was going out blopping and visiting；but no one snw her oxacily bow she waf dressed．When I went ome to dinuer the first thing I heard was that the had not returned．＇ What have you done？IInve you sent to Yes，and to＇every friend and tradessman －You be would be likely to enll．＇
You many depend upon it，＇I replied very aid yesterdny．You aro right in sumpoin hat it might tell against you very much，if she should be rogl
He talked n little longer and then went to
 do not know ；so far frum being really onlm

That night when the doors pere fastened for two hours，to satut myself up in the close Trom waut of air ；for I distruisther blie diad

