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CARLISLE, PA., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12,

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steps through the open door, and in an another moment had again concealed Alvertisements will be charged \$1.00 per square of twoive lines for three insertions, and 25 cents for each subsequent insertion. All advertisements of less than twoive lines considered as a square.

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she glided into the room and stood by the side of her victim. The whole range of imaginative literature cannot furnish an incident of more absorbing interest; nor can the whole history of the theatre exhibit a situation of more tremendous scenical power than was presented at this moment in that chamber of doom. The four unconscious sleepers with the murderess in the midst of them, bending with hard, glittering eyes over her prey, while around them all the huge shadows east by the dim, untrimmed light, like uncouth monsters, rose, flitted and fell, as if in a goblin-dance of joy Chief Burgoss—John Nobes,
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bly have extinguished in a few hours or

days, was thus at once and almost painlessly cut short by the hand of violence. And now at last the way was clear .--"I knew," said she afterwards, "the situation of my mistress; and I thought that Moral Schence.

James W. Marshalli. A. M. Professor of Natural Science williams Q. Wilson, A. M., Professor of Statural Science and Curator of the Museum.

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Samuel D. Kiliman, A. M., Professor of Latin Landon K. Stayman, A. M., Professor of Latin Landon K. Stayman, A. M., Professor of Latin Landon Gray mustress; and I thought that by jumping upon her with my knees I should kill her at once." Disturbed by the slight struggle of the dying child, Mrs. Wilde moved uneasily for a moment, and again sunk into quietude, lying with and again sunk into quietude, lying with her face-that hard, cold face-upward. This was an opportunity for the destroyer. Cornman, C. P. Humerich, J. Hamilton, Scretary, Jason W. Eby, Treasurer, John Sphar, Messenger. Meet on the lat Monday of each Month at 8 o'clock A. M. at Education Hall. with a loud cry of "Oh, Captain Wilde, help me!" she, by a convulsive effort, threw her assailant to the floor. Though stunned and bewildered by the suddenness and violence of the attack, the wretched woman in that terrible moment recognized James Anderson.

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St. Johns Lodge No 200 A. Y. M. Moote 3d Thurs the agitated air. For a few moments, day of each month, at Marion Ilall.

Carlisté Lodge No 91 I. O. of O. F. Moots Monday indeed, the result of the struggle seemed avoning, at Trouts hullding. doubtful, and Mrs. Wilde at length, by a violent effort, raised herself almost up-The Union Fire Company was organized in 1780, President. Samuel Wetzel i Secretary, J. D. Hampton; Treasurer. P. Mon yer. Company meets the first Saturday in March, June, throwing her whole weight upon the breast Esptember, and December. right, with the infuriated slave still hanghalf-uttered cry, a convulsive struggle,

slight shiver crept over the limbs, and

upon the floor, on which the long raven

hair was spread abroad in a disordered

mass. The victor gazed coolly on her

work while recovering breath; and then,

labors as noiselessly as she had entered,

leaving behind her not one trace of her

presence,-but leaving, unintentionally, a

most fatal false trace, which suspicion

im with incoherent violence. To these the personal enemies of the accused. tain.

lanation of his strange behavior.

ed as a matter of course; and a popular feeling adverse to the accused quickly warrant, that the man he was consigning feeling of pity was begining to steal into manifested itself in the community. But to an ignominious grave was innocent of their hearts for the unhappy gentleman, ppearances, many of Captain Wilde's old

cution. West has always been against capital pen- one requiring active heroism! arms its victim, and supported by which alties, and it is next to impossible to carry All the damaging facts attending the alone even the most timid men have often such penalties into effect against a popu- discovery of the murder—the failure of suffered with fortitude, and the most unlar favorite. In a country like this we any signs of the stranger's presence in the worthy died with dignity. that sentiment is unimpassioned; but we were strongly against the prisoner; and On what ground he founded this opiniom

How or by whom the terrible spectacle man, and as such was am object of hostil-

simple observers such conduct was entire. On the 23d of November, an immense to her unhallowed work, by swearing ly incomprehensible; but we may easily crowd of people, both men and women, away that life which her arts had rensuppose that at this moment the unfortu- were assembled in the court house at dered scarcely worth defending, could ate man first realized the fearful nature to witness a trial which was to fix a dark death have come unaccompanied by disof the circumstances which surrounded stain on the judicial annals of Kentucky, grace. With a manner betraying supnim, and perceived the abyss which had and in which, for the thousandth time, pressed, but ill-concealed eagerness, and yawned so suddenly at his feet. And no a court of justice was to be led fatally as in language prompt and fluent, as if rewonder that he shrank back from the tray by the accursed thing called Circum- citing by rote a carefully kept journal, she prospect, overwhelmed for the moment stantial Evidence, and made the instruwith consternation and despair, -not the ment of that most deplorable of all human impatient act of her relative, not sparing prospect of death, but of a degradation far tragedies, a formal, I galized murder. It exposure of the most delicate domestic worse to the proud spirit of the Kentucky is one of the most glaring inconsistencies events, at the same time carefully supgentleman, on whose good name even poor of our law, that it admits, in a trial where pressing all mention of his provocations. itical hatred had never been able to fix a the life of a citizen is at stake, a species In reply to the question, whether she had The terrified negroes carried the alarm conclusive and too liable to misconstructo fear personal danger to her sister, she o the nearest neighbors, and soon the re- tion to be allowed in a civil suit involving, port of this appaling occurrence was fly- it may be, less than the value of a single Wilde, being displeased at something in ng like lightning toward the utmost bounds dollar. True, it is a favorite maxim of relation to the preparation of a meal of the county. The first stranger who prosecutors, that, "circumstances will not seized a large carving knife and flung it eached the scene of death was M. Sum- lie;" but it requires little acquaintance at his wife, who only escaped further outners, formerly an intimate friend of Cap- with the history of criminal trials to prove rage by flying from the house. On antain Wilde. When he entered the room, that circumstantial evidence has murder- other occasion, she remembered, he behe found the poor gentleman on his knees ed more innocent men than all the false came furiously angry because her sister peside the body of his child, with his face witnesses and informers who ever disgra- wished him to see some guests, and seizouried in the bed clothes. At the sound | ced courts of justice by their presence; | ing her by the hair, dragged her to the of footsteps he raised his wild, tearless and the slightest reflection will convince door of his study, and cast her into the yes, exclaiming, "My God! my God! us that this shallow sophism contains even hall so violently that she lay senseless dr. Summers, my wife has been murder- less practical truth than the general mass upon the floor until accidentally discovd here, in my own room, and it will be of proverbs and maxims, proverbially false ered, -her husband not even calling aslaid on me!" Shocked by the almost in-sane excitement of his old friend, and sen-chance of falsehood, on the part of the effect such exposures of the habitual brusible of the imprudence of his words, Sum- witness who details the circumstances, tality of the man, narrated by a near reners begged him to compose himself, greater,—since a false impression can be lation of the sufferer, and interrupted at pointing out the danger of such language. | conveyed, with far less risk of detection | proper intervals by sobs and tears, would But the terrible thought had mastered his by distortion and exaggeration of a fact have upon an impulsive jury, obliged to nind with a monomaniacal power, and to than by the invention of a direct lie,—but derive their knowledge of the case wholly very effort at consolation from those who there is the additional danger of an honest from such a source, and already strongly successively came in the only reply was, misconception on his part; and every law- impressed by the circumstancial details Oh, my God, it will all be laid upon yer knows how hard it is for a dull with with a presumption unfavorable to the de-Fortunately, those who heard ness to distinguish between the facts and fendant. Now since there were other perthese expressions, were old friends, who, his impressions of them, and how impossions in the court-house who had witnessed although they had been long unfamiliar, sible it often is to make a witness detail these two scenes of alleged maltreatment, knew the native uprightness of the man, the former without interpolating the lat- it may seem strange that they were not and still felt kindly toward one whose ester. But the greatest risk of all is that brought forward to contradict this woman trangement they knew was the effect of weak submission to the dictation of his circumstances, and draw unwas anted control tinony,—the makin, Falsum in uno, falson, feelings. They regarded his wild sumption of responsibility to the incoherent utterances of a mind bewildered by horror, and were often proves to have been made in the lapton of a reaction of popular feeling would almost anxious to put an end to the horroring dark. God below the wroter who is an eartingly have followed in the force of the anxious to put an end to the harrowing dark. God help the wretch who is ar- certainly have followed in the favor of the me, and remove the stricken man as raigned on suspicious appearances before accused, which might have borne him soon as possible from the observation of a a jury who believe that "circumstances safely through, in spite of all the presumpnixed crowd that was now rapidly assem- won't lie!" for the Justice that presides tive proof against him. For nothing is bling from all directions, many of whom at such a trial is apt to prove as blind and truer than Lord Clarendon's observation, knew Captain Wilde only in his unpopular capricious as Chance herself. In review that, "when a man is shown to be less lar capacity of exciseman, and would ing the present trial in particular, one guilty than he is charged, people are very herefore be apt to suspect a darker ex- may well feel puzzled to decide which of apt to consider him more innocent than these deities presided over its conduct .- he may actually be." But in this case

round the circle; for in one corner, embroidered in large letters, was the name ment, to avert the ruin which she has inof Cyril Wille. As silently every eye voluntarily drawn down upon the head of cence been otherwise rendered probable; sought the devoted man, and on many her beloved master, and take his place but when a conviction of his guilt had countenances the look of doubt settled at upon the scaffold, we shall behold her he- been arrived at already, it merely served once into one of conviction, when they roic offer of self-sacrifice frustrated by in to increase the atrocity of his crime, and saw that he were no cravat; and to many fluences the most unexpected,—political to insure the enforcement of its penalty. ears the heart-broken mean of the wretch- influences which-with shame be it told . After two days' struggle, in which eveed husband and father, which a moment | -were sufficient to induce a governor of ry resource of reason and eloquence was pefore seemed only the foreboding of over Kentucky to withhold the exercise of ex- exhausted by the defendant's counsel, the sensitive innocence, now sounded like the ercise of executive elemency, the most judge proceeded to a summing up which voice of self-accusing guilt. So great is glorious prerogative intrusted to our chief left the jury scarcely an option, even had the power of imagination in modifying magistrates, and which it ought to have they been inclined to acquit. The latter been a most pleasing privilege to grante withdrew in the midst of a deep and sol-After such a discovery an arrest follow- for, incredible as it may seem, Governor cum silence, while the respectful demean-

it is pleasant to know, that, in spite of all the crime for which he was to suffer. The trial was opened in the presence of two long days of supense, with his face riends never lost faith in his innocence, a crowded assembly, among whom it was buried in his hands, as motionless as a r hesitated to renew in his hour of adver- easy to discorn that general conviction of statue. A profound stillness reigned in sity the kindly relations that had existed the prisoner's guilt so chilling to the the hall during the absence of the jury, before his marriage; while his own kindered stood by him and bravely fought his and so much deprecated by the latter, he from some of the ladies present. After hopeless battle to the last,—employing as cause he knows too well how far it goes an absence of less than an hour the jury his advocate the celebrated John Breck- toward a prejudgment of his cause. Sever returned and handed in a written verdict; inridge, who was then almost without a eral of the most prominent members of and as the fatal word "Guilty" fell from rival at the Kentucky bar. But, on the the bar had been retained by the family the white lips of the agitated clerk, the other hand, his wife's family pursued their of Mrs. Wilde to assist the State's attor calmest face in that whole wast assembly unfortunate relative with a savageness of hetred hardly to be paralleled. Having John Breckinridge stood alone, needing ignominious death of a felon. And calm hunted him to the work for the savageness of helps for all heart f hunted him to the very foot of the scaf- no help; for all know that whatever man he had, been ever since the dreadful fold, their persevering malice seemed un | could do in behalf of his client would be morning of his arrest; for the vial of sated even by the sight of their victim done by him. The prisoner himself, upon wrath had then been broken upon his head suspended as a felon before their very whom all eyes were turned, appeared de and he had tasted the whole bitterness of eyes; for it was reported, at the time, that jected, but calm, like one who had resign; an agony which can be endured but a two of the murdered woman's brothers ed all hope. The ominous foreboding, short while, and can never be felt a second were seen upon the ground during the ex. which had so overcome him on the fatal time. For, as intense heat quickly demorning of the murder, had never left stroys the vitality of the nerves on which And now it was that the unpopularity him for a single moment. From that it acts, and as flesh once deeply cauteresulting from Captain Wilde's official em- hour he had looked upon himself as dooms ized by fire is thenceforth insensible to playment manifested its most baleful ef- ed, and had yielded only a passive acquist impressings of pain, so the soul over which fects. Had he possessed at this crisis the escence in the measures of defence proposed by his friends, awaiting the fate four years before, he might have bid deposed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the fate of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the flery agonies of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the flery agonies of the flery agonies of the flery agonies of life has passed by his friends, awaiting the flery agonies of t fiance to the rage of his enemies, and have escaped, in spite of all the suspicious circumstances by which he stood environed.

For the general drift of sentiment in the Wast has a larger than a partial representation. The suspicious circumstances by which he stood environed. The cumstances by which he stood environed. The cumstances have the sustained a cause whose wich ality, which is sure to arouse that strange whose whose with the sure to arouse that strange whose with the sure to arouse that strange whose whose with the sure to arouse that strange whose with the sure to arouse that strange whose whose with the sure to arouse that strange whose with the sure to arouse that strange which he stood environment in the sure which he stood environment in the sure which we will be sure to arouse that strange which is sure to arouse that strange which he stood environment in the sure which we will be sure to arouse that strange which is sure to arouse that strange which is sure to arouse that strange which is sure to arouse whose with the sure which is sure to arouse whose whose which is sure to arouse whose which is sure to arouse whose whose which is sure to arouse that strange which is sure to arouse whose whose which is sure to arouse that strange whose whose whose which is sure to arouse that strange whose whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whose whose whose which is sure to arouse whose whi

entirely innocent man to his grave. The ling a person in whose favor the sympathy to be weighed against the life of a man. last act of the drama of woman's passion of a whole community was warmly and Against these shadows all the powers of and woman's revenge was over; the trage earnestly expressed Of such sympathy Breckinridge were taxed to the uttermost; dy of man's suffering and endurance still Captain Wilde had none; for to the great and he might have succeeded, for his elmajority he was known only as the excise- oquence was most persuasive, and his influence over the minds of the people nearin that chamber of death was first discov- ity. Not that his hostility at any time ly unlimited, had not a false witness apered we are not told. All we know, from took the form of insult and abuse,—for peared to add strength by deliberate perthe reports of the negroes, is, that Captain we are proud to say, that outside of the juries to a case already strong. It was Wilde, who seemed stupified at first, sud- large towns such disgraceful exhibitions the ungrateful sister-in-law of the accused, dealy passed into a state of excitement of feeling are unknown, -but it left the who had owed to him a home and an asylittle short of distraction,—now raving, minds of the general mass liable to be lum from the merited scorn of her family as if to an imaginary listener, and then operated on by all the suspicious circummestioning and threatening those about stances of the case, and by the slanders of complete the picture of her own detestable character, and put the finishing hand went on to detail every fault or neglect or of testimony which it regards as too in- ever witnessed any violence that led her replied, that, on one occasion, Captain So shocking had been the sight present. A Greek or Roman would have said, Nei. the falsehood was secured from exposeed to their eyes, on entering the room, ther,—but a greater than either,—Fate; ure by its very magnitude, until it was too that hitherto no one had had sufficient and we might almost adopt the old hear late for such exposure to be of any benefit presence of mind to examine the bodies then notion, as we watch the downward to the prisoner. The persons who had closely; Lut at last Mr. Summers, cooler course of the doomed gentleman from this beheld the scenes as they really occurred than the rest, approached to raise that of point, and note how invariably every at never thought of identifying them with Mrs. Wilde, and then, for the first time, tempt to ward off destruction is defeated, brutal ontrages, now narrated under oath, perceived the bandage about her neck .- | as if by the persevering malice of some at which their hearts grew hard toward it proved to be a white silk neckerchief, superior power. We shall soon see the the unmanly perpetrator as they listened.

Make the unmanly perpetrator as they listened.

Against the strong array of facts and examine. As he did so, his face was seen the State driven from the case by an awk- actions presented by the prosecution the o grow suddenly pale as death. All word misunderstanding; another, hardly only circumstance that could be urged by ressed anxiously forward to see, and a inferior, expire almost in the very act of the counsel for the prisoner was, that the ilent, but fearfully significant look passed | pleading it; and, finally, when the real | child was murdered along with the moth-

> who still sat, as he had done during those

might as soon expect to see the hands of apa tment; the peculiar behavior of the At the time the judicial arrangements a clock move in a direction contrary to accused, the finding of his cravat on the of Kentucky allowed an appeal, in crimithe machinery by which it is governed, neck of the corpse, his acknowledgement and cases from Circuit to the District as a jury to run counter to plainly decla- of having worn it on the previous det. Court: and it was determined to carry this red popul r feelings. There may now wore fully, but impartially, detailed by cause before the latter tribunal, Mr. Breckand then be instances of their acquitting the witnesses for the Commonwealth. No enridge declaring that he believed he contrary to the general sentiment, where one could deny that the circumstances should be able to reverse the verdict. much doubt whether there has ever oc. these shadows, at best, and too often indre we do not know; whether he felt conn curred a single example of a jury equifiet. debusive mirages of truth, the law allower vinced that the local prejudice against his

client and the influence of his enemies in | weighing every fact and detail, and trythe County of-had mainly contributed ling the conclusion that had been drawn to bring about the unfavorable result of therefrom by the most rigorous and he present hearing, he hoped to escape searching logic, -and then, assailing the hese adverse agencies by a change of credibility of the testimony brought forvenue, or whether he counted on a ward to prove the habitual cruelty of his change of public feeling, after the first burst | client, he gave utterance to a withering of excitement had subsided, to bear him torrent of invective and sarcasm, in which through, -or whether he had discovered the character of the main hostile witness the falsehood of the testimony of the sis-|shrivelled and blackened like paper in a ter-in-law,-or, finally, whether it was flame.-Then-having been eight hours that he had obtained a clearer and more on his feet—he began to avail himself favorable insight into the case, and recog- of that last dangerous resource which nized grounds of hope therein, -it is im- genies only may use, - the final arrow possible now to say. But it is certain, in the lawyer's quiver, which is so hard that to the defendant and his friends he to handle rightly, and, failing, may prove declared his confidence of a final acquit- worse than useless, but, sped by a strong tal, if the cause were transferred to the hand and true aim, often tells decisively appellate court; and John Breekenridge on a hesitating jury,-we mean a direct was not a man to boast emptily, or to hold appeal to their feelings. Like a skilful out hopes which he knew could never be leader who gathers all his exhausted realized. But at this crisis occurred a squadrons when he sees the crisis of battle strange misunderstanding, which drove approaching, the great advocate seemed from the support of the wretched victim now to summon every overtaxed power of of Fate the only man who thoroughly un-body and spirit to his aid, as he felt that derstood the case in all its minutest details, the moment was come when he must and would have been most likely to con wring an acquittal from the hearts of his duct it to a happy termination. When hearers. Nor did either soul or intellect the preparations for the last struggle were fail at the call. Higher and stronger almost completed, and at the time set for surged the tide of passionate eloquence; the final trial drew near, Mr. McC——, until every one felt that the icy barrier who, as Captain Wilde's brother in law, was beginning to yield,—for tears were had been most active and zealous in his already seen on more than one of the faces behalf, was informed by some officious in | now leaning breathlessly forward from termeddler that Breckenridge had said in the jury-box to listen,—when all at once confidential conversation among his friends, a dead silence fell throughout the hall: that the case was entirely desperate, the voice whose organ tones had been that he had no hope whatever of altering filling its remotest nook suddenly died the verdict by an appeal, and the family away in a strange gurgle. Several physiwould save money by letting the law take cians present immediately divined what ts course, there being no doubt of the had happened; nor were the multitude ustice of the sentence." Mr. McC--, | near kept long in doubt; for all saw, at believing that he might rely on the word the next moment, a crimson stream of his informant, unfortunately, without welling forth from those lips just now so any inquiry as to the truth of the tale, eloquent, -checking their eloquence, alas, and without assigning any reason, wrote to forever! It was quickly reported through Mr. Breckenridge a curt letter of dismiss- the assembly that the speaker had rupal, and immediately employed George --- tured one of the larger blood-vessels in to conduct the further defence. This the lungs. The accident was too dangergentleman, surpassed by no man in Ken- lous for delay, and George-was borne tucky as a logician, lawyer, and orator, almost insensible from the scene of his was inferior to the discarded attorney in struggles and his triumphs, to re-enter that great requisite of a jury-lawyer, per- as it proved no more. He lived but three sonal popularity, besides laboring under days longer, -long enough, however, to the disadvantage of being new to the case, learn that he had sacrificed his life in vain, and having but a short time to make him- the jury having after a lengthened conself acquainted with its details. Person-sideration, affirmed the former verdict al pique and professional punctillio, of against his friend and client. course, witheld his predecessor from af- The unfortunate man stood up to refording any further assistance or advice in ceive this second sentence with the same a quintess from which he had been so face of impassive misery with which he such marriys dismissed. We cannot now had been to the first. To the solemn measure accurately the effect of this mov change of counsel; we only know, that, at | wh

But if Mr. under this disadvantage, he was spurred was sad to see this high-born, but ill-fated

never have inspired, and in the course of which they had condemned him. the few remaining days had succeeded in mastering all its essential points. The interest excited by this second

trial was as deep and far more widely spread than by the first. Few proceed ings of the kind in Kentucky ever called together a crowd at once so large and intelligent, a great proportion being lawyers, who had been induced to attend by the desire to witness what it was expected would be one of the most brilliant efforts of an eminent member of their fraterni-

The principal difference between the two trials was, that, on this occasion, the testimony of the sister-in-law was much damaged by the exposure both of her exaggerations and suppressions of important facts touching the incident at the breakfast-table. Having incautiously allowed herself to be drawn into particularizing so minutely as to fix the exact date, and so positively as to render retraction impossible, she was to her own evident discomfiture, flatly contradicted by more than one of those present on that occasion, who described the scene as it actually occurred. Of course, after such a revelation of untruthfulness, her whole testimony became liable to suspicion, the more violent that the falsehood was plainly intentional. Moreover the defendant was now provided with evidence of the constant and intolerable provocations, to which he had been subjected during the whole of his married life. Of this, however, the most moderate and guarded use was to be made; because, while it was necessary, by exposing the true character and habitual violence of his wife, to relieve the prisoner of that load of public indignation which had been excited against him on account of his alleged brutality, it was even more important that no strong resentment should be supposed to have grown up on his part against his tormentor. This delicate task was managed by the attorney, with such consummate skill, that, when the evidence on both sides was closed, public sympathy, if aware of this, felt the success of their case endangered, and exerted themselves, to the utmost to prevent the tide, now almost in equilibrium, from ebbing back with a violence proportionate to that of its flow. But the argument even of their ablest champion, John ----; seemed almost pucrile, in comparison with this the last effort of George — , an effort which was long remembered, even less on account of its melancholy termination than for its extraordinary eloquence. The Kentuckians of that day were accustomed to hear Breckinridge, Clay, Talbot. Allen, and Grundy, all men of singular oratorical fame, but never, we have heard it affirmed, was a more moving appeal poured into the cars of a Kentucky ury. Availing himself of every resource of professional skill, he now demonstrated, to the full satisfaction of many, the utter inadequency of the circumstantial evidence upon which so much stress had been

to the first. To the solemn of death should not be passed change of counsel; we only know, that, at whether time it was considered most disastrous by those having the best opportunities of judging.

Who should not be passed to the time it was evident judging.

The time it was considered most disastrous and the passed to the overwhelming weight of calamity. It on by the consideration that in his client gentleman thus bowing humbly to a felhe was defending a friend: for they had on's doom; and the remembrance of that been friends in youth, and, though long scene must have been a life-long remorse to separated, the tie had never been inter- his judges, when the events of a few rupted. Hence he threw himself into the weeks revealed to them the terrible truth, case with an ardor which money could that he was innocent of the crime for

We will not dwell on the events alluded

to; for nearly at the distance of threequarters of a century they are too painful and too frumiliating. Suffice it to say, that, when the murderess discovered that her beloved master was to suffer for her crime, and that no other chance of salvation remained she made a full confession of the whole matter. But the sentence had been pronounced, and the power of suspending its execution rested with the Governor; and that dignitary-let his name, in charity, remain ungaid-was shout to be a candidate for re-election to the office which he disgraed. while the family of the murdered lady was one of the most extensive and influential in the State, the whole of which influence was thrown into the scale against mercy and justice With what result was seen when, on the morning of the-of April, 17-, the prison-doors were opened for the last time for his passage, and Cyril Wilde was led forth to the execution of an iniquirous sentence, though even while the sad cart was moving slowly. very slowly, through the crowded, strangely silent street, some of the very men who pronounced it where imploring the Govenor almost on their knees that it might be stayed. The prisoner alone seemed impatient to hasten the reluctant march, and meet the final catastrophe. He knew of the efforts that were making to save him, and the confession on which they were founded. He had listened to the hopeful words and confident predictions: but no expression of hope had thereby been kindled for an instant on his pale dejected face. The ominous premonition which had come upon him at the moment of that first overpowering realization of his danger continued to gain strength with every successive stroke of untoward Fate, until it had become the ruling idea of his mind, in which there grew up the sort of desperate impatience with which we long for any end we know to be inevitable. The waters of his life had been so mingled with gall, and the bitter draught so long pressed to his lips, that not public conviction, had undergone a now he seemed only cager to drain the very perceptible change. The prosecutors, dregs, and cast the hated cup from him forever, - impatient to find peace and rest in the grave, even if it were the grave of a felon, and at the foot of the gallows. Here let the curtain fall upon the sad

closing scene. We will only remark, in conclusion, that the name and family of this id-fated victim of false and circumstantial evidence have long since disappeared from the land where they had known such disgrace; and but few persons are now living who can recall the foregoing details of the once celebrated Wilde Tragedy." ...

Beautiful was the reply of a veny erable man to the question whether he was still in the land of the living: "No, but I am almost there."

The most difficult punctuationputting a stop to a woman's tougue. If you must speak upon a difficult laid to justify a conviction,—sifting and point, be the last speaker—if you can.