Three minutes! Aye, the fateful clock, My hopes and prayers,
And what I hope I do not know;
I feel my spirits sinking low
With weight of fears.

Three minutes! Will no power restrain The hand that counts them, and again My peace restore? I plend in vain; they will not stay; They pass, alas! away, away, Forevermore!

Three minutes, and the end will be! I'll vainly look that face to see I now behold. Yet I these moments' memories will, Deep in my heart, though good or ill, Fore'er enfold.

Good-by! What future time may bring

Of pain, or joy, or anything,
We cannot tell,
We know that truth, at last, shall reign,
And God shall make His purpose plain,
And all be well

And all be well. -Baltimore American.

A Clever Little Woman.

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THe rain was dashing against the hospital window one afternoon in March when I made my rounds. I left Marta to the last, as I felt that on a dreary day like this she would be more than ever glad of a chat.

I had not sat beside her for five minutes before I found that she was in a highly-strung condition, her eyes were so bright, her skin dry, and her pulses quivering with their rapid beats. After a few commonplaces, I said:

"What is it, Marta? What is the matter to-day? You have no new painno fresh trouble?

"No monsieur," she answered, "it is that I cannot still my thoughts—to-day is the anniversary—" and she stopped. Her beautiful gray eyes were full of tears, and she was trying hard to exereise self control.

"Tell me," I said, "all about the an-

niversury. "It was 12 years ago to-day since I met my husband, Jean Louvain," she began eagerly, "and our meeting was a strange one indeed! I was in search of a clever forger-whom the police believed to be a woman-and I had to go to Riviera in search of her. I had been in the Hospital of St. Jacques to see a man whom I thought could give me information, and it occurred to me suddenly that the dress of a Sister of Mercy would be a good disguise. I left Paris in time to reach Marseilles early one lovely morning, and going to the house of a friend I changed my clothes, and scarcely recognized myself as I looked in the great glass at the railway station. No hair could be seen, and the large collar and winged cap gave me quite a different expression. I had bought a smal bag, exactly like those the sisters carry, to hold the things I needed, and I had my papers sewn inside a dress I wore. I was young then and the cases that interested me occupied me so entirely that I became sleepless and suffered at times from sudden faintness, which would be succeeded by violent pains in my head. To alleviate these troubles I carried always a bottle of

jewelers' cotton." "Ah, I see!" interrupted I. "Your forger found them, and used them to stupefy you!"

ether and a tiny phial of chloroform,

both wrapped for safety in a square of

"Pardon, monsieur," she returned, "my tale is better than that! At Marseilles I got into a compartment whence several people descended, and a man, who was its sole occupant, tried to prevent my entrance, as if unconsciously; but I looked sharply at him and got in. He then placed his arms on the doorway and blocked the window until the train left the station; then he threw himself on the seat in the corner farthest from me on the opposite side, and flung oil the large clock he was

"To my surprise and horror, I saw he was partly dressed as a woman, and he took from beneath the seat a bag like those in which workmen carry their tools and quietly continued his toilet, Naturally I watched him. He was small and slight, and very fair, and when he took off his coat and waistcoat, collar and tie, I saw a great sear beneath the left ear going right under his chin.

"I knew him instantly; he was Druette, the man whom I believed safely in prison at Toulon, who was the most ingenious and cruel of a gang of thieves who had infested Paris for three years. and who had been cleverly captured three months before. The captor had received 5,000 francs, and now he was at large again, and here before me in this marrow compartment. He stopped his toilet, and said to me, in the quiet, clear voice which I knew to be one of his characteristics:

"My sister, I am running for my life. My life is dear to me, and nothing shall stand in the way of my freedom-do you understand? Nothing!"

"As he said this he took from his bag a large, sharp knife, such as shoemakers use, and laid it on the seat beside him. Judge, monsieur, how I felt. Thought Is quick, and my brain had traveled far in the few minutes of the journey. Here was Durette; if only I could capture him-the reward would make my dear invalid mother rich for the rest of her life! I would try, I would think; I would not quail. But first I must act! I shrank into my corner at his words and trembled, and let the tears fill my eyes as I looked up appealingly at

"'Fear not, dear sister,' he said mockingly; "if you do as I say, you have nothing to dread. I shall quit the train at Toulon, and you must talk to me as if I were coming home to my family. and you had made acquaintance with

me at Lyons.' "Of course I promised, and he went on arranging himself. His hair was short, and he put on a black woman's wig and earrings in his ears; he had a skirt twisted around at his waist, and

this he set down, then he made me fas ten a white enemisette, and he put on a bodice, which I laced. Judge how I was thinking, monsieur! My hands trembled with excitement, for the train was rushing on, and it is barely one hour between Marseilles and Toulon. He talked-I suppose he was glad to speak again after his solitary imprisonment-he reassured me kindly, and said he would not harm me if I obeyed him, and he made me vow on the cross I wore that I would say no word till he was out of sight.

"'And I shall watch your train way, my sister, he added.

"After I had finished dressing him, I went back to my seat, and then I laughed. He looked furious, and asked me why I was such a fool. I said his face was a fair woman's, and his hair a dark one's, and he would be noticed directly. He scowled at me, and said 'Idiot!' but at the same time he brought from his bag a bottle of dye and a brush, and began to color his hands. The stuff would not run, and he shook the bottle violently, but it came in lumps. 'I want some spirit,' he said, viciously, and he swore-oh, monsieur, so awfully.

"I trembled really this time, for it was so fearful to be shut up with such a wretch! Then an inspiration came to me, and I said: 'See, I have no cognac, but I take a medicine sometimes which is a spirit,' and I poured some of the ether into his bottle and shook it. It ran beautifully, became a clear, brown liquid; he scarcely looked a 'thank you.' but rapidly painted his hands, using his left as eleverly as his right; then he tried his face - and then I laughed again, this time with lov, for I had regained my courage, and I felt I should capture him.

" 'Why do you laugh now?' he said. flercely.

" Because you are making your theeks too dark, your eyelids are white, and you have left a rim around your lips,' I said, in as stendy a voice as I ould command.

"'Good heavens!' he exclaimed, and then he said to me: 'Take this brush and paint me.

"I took it, and pretended to tremble as I touched his face.

"'Fool!' he shricked. 'I will not hurt you-see how the train rusheslose no time!

"'Bien, monsieur,' I replied; 'you must do as I tell you, then. I caught up his cloak and put it around him, as barber puts his cloth, and, telling him to shut his eyes. I began to paint the lids The next moment I transferred the brush to my left hand, and with my right I took out the stopper from the chloroform bottle, and poured half the contents on the wadding that had been around it. Happily, it was a

large piece, and, dropping the brush, I

pressed it suddenly over his nose and mouth, and saturated it with the ether. "The suddenness of the action took him so much by surprise that for one secondhe was quite quiet, and I dashed the bottle of dye right at his eyes as he opened them, still pressing the pad over his nose. He was blinded for the moment, his arms were tangled in the cloak, and if only the chloroform did its work, and I could hold him down! The agony of those few seconds will never be effaced. He tried to reach the knife, monsieur, but I kicked it off the seat away, just as I perceived that his frantic efforts were becoming fainter; and one more violent struggle on my kept the wadding in its place, and he succumbed; his head dropped back. and his arms fell powerlessly beside

"I had no knowledge of the action of anaesthetics, and now a dread possessed me lest I had killed him. I remembered having heard somewhere that slight people of quick brains were specially susceptible to these influences, and I thought perhaps I should only take a dend body into Toulon.

"He looked so ghastly with the streaks of paint on his livid skin. I placed my band on his heart, and felt his wristmost thankful was I to find a pulsation, Then I seated myself on the floor, keepor my fingers on his wrist and having in my lap the bottle of chloroform to pour on the pad if I felt his pulses quicken too much.

"I have had many trying journeys. but never another to match this. I am not cruel by nature, and sitting there during the quarter of an hour of the journey that remained, I wondered how I could have acted as I did-it seemed as if I could not be Marta Leclere.

"At length the train slackened, and then drew up at the platform for examining tickets. Two guards opened the door, and I jumped up and rushed from the carriage; and in my excitement, I shrieked: 'Durette!' Durette!'

"'What of Durette?' exclaimed a tall man, who advanced from the carriage

behind. "'He is there-it is he!' I said, and fainted in the arms of the man beside me. I remembered no more till I awoke in the room of the superintendent. I found the chief of the station, some policemen and the tall man standing around me.

" 'This is Jean Louvain, warder of the prison at Toulon,' said the superintendent. 'Durette escaped from him yesterday, and he was clever enough to suspect he would return to Toulon, but he did not look for him dressed as a woman.

"'Nor did I expect to find him caught by a woman,' said the deep voice of Jean Louvain. And that was how I met my husband."-N. Y. Weekly.

Ensily Pleased.

Dependence on superfluities is one kind of helplessness. In one of his neighborly chats with a lady who lived near him at Sunnyside, Washington Irving gently reproved her complaint about the demands her children made upon her. "I have to teach them so many things!" she said. "Too many, perhaps," replied Irving. "Begin with one thing. Teach them to be easily pleased."-Youth's Companion.

MINISTER DE LOME

mative at Washi

Senor Enrique Dupuy de Lome, en-roy extraordinary and minister plen potentiary from Spain to the United States, was born in Valencia, Spain, on August 23, 1851. On March 4, 1869, at the age of 18, he entered the diplomatic service as unpaid attache to the department of foreign, affairs. Three years later, in 1872, he was graduated from the law department of the University of Mariella and versity of Madrid, and in the same year he passed a competitive examination in the department of foreign affairs for



DUPUY DE LOME. (Spanish Minister to the United States.)

secretary to Japan, and in 1875 he was later he was appointed second secretary at Montevideo, Uruguay, from which place he was again transferred, in 1880, to Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic.

In 1881 he received the appointment of second secretary of the embassy at dertook his first American mission, as first secretary of the legation at Washington. Subsequently, in 1884, he was sent to Berlin, and in 1886 was called home to serve once more in the department of foreign affairs at Madrid. When the international sugar conference was held in London in 1887 he was sent thither as Spain's delegate, with the rank of minister resident. The next year he was appointed minister resident in Montevideo. In 1891 he was again in Spain as chief of the commercial section in the department of foreign affairs, and in February, 1892, he was elected deputy to the Spanish cortes for the district of Albaida, province of Valencia. In the same year he was a commissioner for the general revision of the commercial treaty.

Senor de Lome's first appointment as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to this country also occurred in 1892, and the place was given to him for the second time in 1895. He served as commissioner-general from Spain to the Chicago world's fair.

His travels in the United States have been extensive, taking him from New York to San Francisco and from North Dakota to Key West. His constant endeavor throughout his residence here has been to maintain peace and good feeling between Spain and this country, and he is particularly in favor of closer commercial relations between the United States and Spain and her

ELLIS H. ROBERTS.

New Treasurer of the United States Is

Ellis H. Roberts, of New York, who has just been appointed treasurer of the United States by President McKin- urine, and as such it is not liable to ey, is now the president of the Franklin national bank of New York. He has long been prominent in national affairs. He was a delegate to the republican national conventions of 1864. 1868 and 1876. In 1866 he was a mem-



ELLIS H. ROBERTS Treasurer of the United States.

ber of the New York legislature, and in 1880 he was elected a member of congress from the Oneida district and was reelected in 1872. Mr. Blaine, then speaker of the house, made Mr. Roberts, a new member, a member of the ways and means committee, an unusual honor. In 1889 President Harrison appointed Mr. Roberts assistant United States treasurer at New York city. When Mr. Roberts retired, after the democrats came into power. Secretary Carlisle wrote him a letter complimenting him upon the excellent manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the office. In 1893 Mr. Roberts was offered the presidency of the Franklin national bank, and accepted the place. Mr. Robertsisa widely traveled man and has written several books, not only on finance, but on other subjects; among them may be mentioned "Greece and Beyond,""Planting and Growth of the Empire State" and "Government Revenue, Especially the American System." He is just 70 years old.

Hog as a Mortgage Lifter.

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MONITOR HERO DIES.

Admiral Worden Passes to a Deserved Rest.

HE HAD SERVED HIS COUNTRY WELL

the Naval Duel With the Merrimac During the War Between the North and South.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.-Admiral John L. Worden, retired, died in this city yesterday.

He commanded the Monitor during its engagement with the Merrimac in Hampton roads during the late war.

rank and pay of an Admiral, the only instance of the kind. He also received the thanks of congress for his gallantry

Pneumonia was the immediate cause 80 years of age and up to last Saturday was in very good health. Then the disease from which he died developed rapidly from a cold, and yesterday morning it was announced by his physician that he could not live throughout the day. Admiral Worden was born in Sing

Sing. He was appointed midshipman in 1844. He became lieutenant in 1846 and served until the civil war. In April, 1861, he delivered the orders from the secretary of the navy which saved Fort Pickens. He was arrested soon after transferred to Brussels. Two years and confined as a prisoner of war for seven months.

He superintended the construction of the Monitor after his exchange and then took command. On March 8, 1862, he met the Merrimac, which the preious day had sunk the Congress and Cumberland. He anchored alongsid-Paris, and in the following year he un. the Minnesota, which was aground, and

awalted the attack of the Merrimac. The naval duel lasted for more than two hours and resulted in the with-drawal of the Merrimac to Norfolk.

It was a drawn battle, but prevented he Merrimae from carrying out the design of destroying the Union fleet.

Admiral Worden was commissioned ommander in July, 1862, and promoted to captain in 1863. He aided in the blockade of Charleston and the attack on the forts in April, 1863.

In November, 1872, he was commissioned rear admiral and was com-mander in chief of the European squadron from 1875 to December, 1877.

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