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HARNESS.

WE would invite your special attention to our Large Stock of—
OREIDE MOUNTED HARNESS.
SILVER MOUNTED HARNESS,
BRASS MOUNTED HARNESS,
JAPANNED MOUNTED HARNESS,
HEAVY TEAM HARNESS,
SINGLE WORKING HARNESS,
FOR SALE LOW.
R. & T. FINLAY,
dec 21 12 Charlotte Street.

LABOUR MADE EASY.

Decalpimania,
Or, TRANSPARENT PICTURES
OF A VARIETY OF DESIGNS, VIZ:
MASONIC EMBLEMS, FLOWERS, BEAST and BIRDS, LANDSCAPES, &c., &c., &c.
BY an easy and simple process can be transformed to wood, marble, stone, or any hard substance, and for 10 or 20 cents, will produce an ornament which would cost ten times that amount.
A supply consisting of nearly 100 varieties now on exhibition and for sale by
R. D. McARTHUR,
Medical Hall,
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D. E. LEACH & CO.,
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ST. STEPHEN'S BUILDING,
No. 2 King Square,
dec 21 3i ST. JOHN, N. B.

SUFFREN,
No. 80 KING STREET.
Watches, Clocks and Jewelry
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
Call and See our Prices.
dec 21 3i

$1.00 STORE,
No. 28 Germain Street,
Three Doors North of Chaloner's Corner.
J. McCLURE.
dec 21 3i

GEO. STEWART, Jr.,
Chemist and Druggist,
DEALER IN
Drugs, Medicines, Patent Medicines, Dye Woods and Dye Stuffs, Surgical Instruments.
Toilet Requisites. Perfumery, Brushes, &c.
24 King Street, St. John, N B.
(Pine's Building.)
☞ Ships's Medicine Chests filled and refitted. Particular attention given to the Preparation of Physicians' Prescriptions.

SCOTTISH
IMPERIAL
FIRE
Insurance Company.
W. C. PERLEY, Agent,
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dec 21

Ladies' Gold Watches.
WE have now in Stock the largest and finest assortment we have ever offered, in ENGINE TURED, RICHLY ENGRAVED, ENAMEL and DIAMOND SET, HUNTING and OPEN FACE CASES, KEYLESS and KEY WINDERS.
CHEAP WATCHES IN GREAT VARIETY.
PAGE BROTHERS,
dec 21 41 King street.

Pork, Lard, Butter, &c.
THE Subscribers have in Store, and offer at lowest rates—
40 bbls Heavy Mess, } P. E. Island
75 " Prime Mess, } PORK:
10 " PATES and SHANKS,
35 tubs LARD;
30 firnnets Ontario BUTTER;
45 tubs P. E. Island do.;
40 bbls and hlfs MACKEREL;
100 " No. 1 OATMEAL;
50 " CORNMEAL.
HANFORD BROTHERS.
dec 21 3i 11 North Wharf.

NAPKIN RINGS.
A VERY large assortment in SOLID SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE.
PAGE BROTHERS,
dec 21 41 King street.

CRANBERRIES AND PICKLES.—4 barrels Cranberries; 3 do. Spiced Pickles. For sale by (dec 21) R. E. PUDDINGTON.

Fall Shad and Labrador Herring.
50 HALF Barrels Fall Shad; 25 do. do. Labrador Herrings.
GEO. S. DeFOREST.
dec 21 11 South Wharf.

HAVANA CIGARS.—5000 very fine Havana Cigars; 10,000 German Cigars. For sale by
dec 21 R. E. PUDDINGTON.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES.—All orders received by the Subscribers for Christmas Groceries will be promptly filled with as fresh goods as can be found in this market.
R. E. PUDDINGTON,
dec 21 Charlotte street.

NUTS! NUTS!—A full assortment of Nuts including a recent arrival of Fresh Hickory Nuts. For sale by
dec 21 R. E. PUDDINGTON.

Money to Loan.
$800, AND SMALLER AMOUNTS, to Loan on Freehold or Leasehold security.
J. R. ARMSTRONG,
BARRISTER,
dec 21 2i Canterbury street.

CANNED FRUITS.—A great variety of Canned Fruits. For sale by
dec 21 R. E. PUDDINGTON.

MALAGA GRAPES.—10 kegs Grapes; 1 boxes finest London Layer Raisins. For sale by (dec 21) R. E. PUDDINGTON.

FOR A
CHRISTMAS PRESENT,
There could be nothing more useful and appropriate than
A BOOK.
J. & A. McMILLAN,
Booksellers, Stationers, &c.,
78 PRINCE WM. STREET.
Have a very large stock of BOOKS, the greater portion being ENTIRELY NEW, comprising
ELEGANTLY ILLUSTRATED BOOKS, in fine Bindings.
THE WORKS OF STANDARD AUTHORS, in History, Fiction, Poetry, &c.
THE POETS in various Editions, with and without ILLUSTRATIONS, from the most expensive to the cheapest editions.
BOOKS FOR GIRLS OF ALL AGES.
BOOKS OF TRAVELS AND ADVENTURES FOR BOYS.
BOOKS FOR YOUNG LADIES.
BOOKS FOR YOUNG MEN.
Books for Children of all ages,
including a fine assortment of
PICTURE BOOKS FOR THE LITTLE ONES.
IN FACT,
Books adapted to the Ages and Tastes of all Persons.
And a large assortment of
CHOICE FANCY GOODS.
PLEASE CALL AND EXAMINE.
dec 21

Watches, Jewelry, &c.,
FOR THE
HOLIDAY TRADE.

PAGE BROS.,
41 KING STREET,
Invite special attention to their stock of
RICH GOODS,
Suited to the requirements of the Season,
IN
Fine Gold and Silver Watches,
ENGLISH GOLD CHAINS,
JEWELRY,
Silver and Electro-Plated Goods, Clocks, Bronzes, &c., &c.
PAGE BROS.,
dec 21 41 KING STREET.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

R. S. STAPLES & CO.'S
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
OF
Toys and Fancy Goods
IS NOW OPEN.
A Grand Display.
INSPECTION RESPECTFULLY INVITED.
R. S. STAPLES & CO.,
46 Prince Wm. Street.
dec 21 8i

WE HAVE RECEIVED,
AND HAVE NOW IN STOCK,
1000 pieces Grey Cotton,
200 PIECES WHITE SHIRTING,
500 *pairs Blue, Grey and White Blankets,*
500 PIECES WINCEYS,
500 pieces Red, Blue, Grey and White
FLANNELS,
1500 bdls. White and Blue Warps,
100 PIECES BLUE, BLACK, Brown and Fancy
BEAVERS, WITNEYS, PILOTS, AND NAPPED OVERCOATING.
A FULL AND COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF
READY-MADE CLOTHING
A well assorted stock of
SMALLWARES,
AT THE LOWEST PRICES.
T. R. JONES & CO
dec 22

Christmas Stock
OF
PIANO-FORTES,
From the most Celebrated Manufacturers of
BOSTON AND NEW YORK.
C. FLOOD'S WAREROOMS,
75 Prince Wm. Street.
☞ Special inducements to purchasers during the Holidays. dec 21

THE UNDERSIGNED OFFER,
AS SUITABLE FOR
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS,
A FINE SELECTION OF NICELY BOUND
MUSIC BOOKS,
FOLIOS AND WRAPPERS,
OF DIFFERENT DESCRIPTIONS,
E. PEILER & BRO.,
64 Prince William Street,
ST. JOHN, N. B.
dec 21

THE LOCKMAN
FAMILY
Sewing Machine.

THE best and most useful CHRISTMAS BOX or NEW YEAR'S GIFT is a LOCKMAN SEWING MACHINE.
Special Discount for the Holidays.
79 KING STREET.
Hoop Skirt Factory,
DAVID MILLAR.
dec 21

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
OPENED AT THE
SHEFFIELD HOUSE,
Market Square,
A large assortment of
NEW AND ELEGANT GOODS,
SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.
To enumerate the different articles would occupy too much space for the limits of an advertisement.
THE STOCK OF
Watches, Jewelry, Silver Plate,
CUTLERY,
Paper Machie Ware,
AND
Fancy, Ornamental, and Useful Goods,
are offered at reasonable prices.
☞ An inspection of the Stock is respectfully solicited.
dec 22 6i RICHARD THOMPSON

CHRISTMAS GOODS!
H. CHUBB & CO.,
Beg to call the attention of the public to their Stock of Goods suitable for the Holiday Season, consisting of
Writing Desks,
Work Boxes,
Jewel Cases,
Dressing Cases,
Work Baskets,
Glove Boxes,
Bibles,
Prayer Books,
Wesley's Hymns,
Catholic Prayers,
PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS,
in great variety.
OPERA GLASSES in PEARL, &c
and a Great Variety of other Goods.
Remember 65 Prince William Street.
dec 22

"THE DAILY TRIBUNE" the opening number of which we present to our readers to day, is intended to be a journal worthy of the patronage of all respectable classes of our community. It shall be the Editor's aim to so conduct it that the commercial, industrial and social interests of the Dominion may be advanced, while its management shall know neither party, nationality nor sect. THE DAILY TRIBUNE will support all sound legislative measures, wherever they may originate, and oppose every scheme prejudicial to the public good, by whatever political party it may be upheld. While Dominion and Provincial affairs will thus be fully and impartially treated, special attention will be given to matters relating to the City and County of St. John. That our City may retain its present pre-eminence as a commercial centre, greater ability and energy must enter into its corporate management. Its Harbor interests require the most vigilant scrutiny; and not less, but more, important are those guarantees which should be, but unfortunately have not been, taken for securing the Public Health. The Construction and Lighting of our Streets, the Water Supply, the Sewerage question, the proper distribution of Taxation, the support and management of the Public Schools, are also matters of great moment and are intimately related to our City's commercial prosperity. With such questions we shall deal faithfully, although we do not propose that their discussion shall wholly overshadow the many interesting topics that will engage the attention of the inhabitants of other Provincial towns, whose more important local news will be chronicled, from day to day, in these columns.

Special Correspondence, from leading Political and Commercial centres, will be laid before our readers, as circumstances may require; and Letters from the People when brief, dignified and "to the point," will be welcomed. (Contributions from long-winded and prosy letter writers will be respectfully declined.)

Arrangements are progressing for a full and regular supply of Telegraphic News; and when exciting and important Foreign News may be expected, ample Special Telegrams will be forthcoming in THE DAILY TRIBUNE.

The Shipping Reports of THE DAILY TRIBUNE will be found, after the present issue, unusually full and reliable, and such as to secure for the paper a place in the offices of the thousands in the Province who are interested in this important element of our commercial prosperity. A weekly financial Report will also be published—one we trust, that our Merchants will find valuable for reference at home, and for the information of their correspondents abroad.

To Advertisers we offer a sheet whose circulation we propose to extend by all honorable means. We shall not rest satisfied until THE DAILY TRIBUNE finds a place and a welcome in every counting room, and in the home of every newspaper reader, in the City. With Editorials treating of a variety of subjects; with Foreign and Domestic News intended to interest most of the numerous classes of which the reading community is composed; with copious Telegrams, bringing under view the latest intelligence from all parts of the world; and with those other elements that enter into the management of a live newspaper, and which need not here be more particularly referred to, THE DAILY TRIBUNE anticipates a favorable reception at the hands of the Public; and this favor can best be shown by rapid sales and well filled advertising columns.

WHERE SOLD.

The Subscription price of THE DAILY TRIBUNE is $5 per annum, *invariably in advance.* Carriers will deliver early in the evening at the houses of City Subscribers, and Country Subscribers will be served by the first mails leaving after the hour of publication—say 4 P M. Postage (except when the paper leaves the Dominion) must be paid at the office of the Subscriber.

That THE DAILY TRIBUNE may be placed within the reach of all who may desire to read it, it has been decided that, in addition to sales by the street News-boys, and on the Railroads, and delivery by our Carriers, the paper shall be offered for sale at the following central points in and near St. John:—

IN ST. JOHN:—At the Book-stores of Messrs. T. H. Hall, W. K. Crawford, J. D. Landry, H. S. Beek, J. & A. McMillan, H. Chubb & Co.

At Roberts' Variety Store, King street.

At Roger Hunter's, Dock street.

At W. Hawker's Drug Store, Reed's Point.

At J. D. McAvity's Grocery, Bustin's Corner.

At James Adams' Grocery, cor. Orange and Carmarthen.

At Mr. Lorimer's Grocery, corner Duke and Sydney.

At Mrs. Bowen's, Princess street, (above Carmarthen.)

At C. F. Burns's, corner Wentworth and Main.

At James Lemon's, corner St. James and Carmarthen.

At James McKenny's, Main street, near Carmarthen.

At Miss Campbell's Pitt street, near King.

At John Smith's, corner Union and Coburg.

At R. E. Puddington's Grocery, 44 Charlotte St.

At John McArthur's, Charlotte street.

At Geo. Williams's, Coburg street.

At J. B. Fenwick's, Railway Station.

At C. Manaton's, City Road.

At W. J. McGowan's, Marsh Bridge.

At L. Currey's, Waterloo street.

At H. C. Frost's, Brussells street.

At Emery & Sons, Golden Ball corner.

At John Morey's, Union street.

IN PORTLAND:—By Mr. Shields, druggist, Main street.

Capt. Speight, Main street.

W. G. Brown, P. M., Indiantown.

R. S. Matthews, Indiantown.

IN CARLETON:—At the Agency of H. Chubb & Co., and on the street.

IN FAIRVILLE:—At C. F. Tilton's, Post Office.

The DAILY TRIBUNE may also be obtained at the Stations of the E. & N. A. Railway. We have only space to add the names of a few of our country agents, such as Mr. A. H. Clewley, St. Stephen, Mr. J. S. Magee, St. Andrews, McLauchlan & Sons, Fredericton, Mr. W. Everitt, Woodstock. Mr. J. W. Pitfield, Moncton, Mr. Ovid Chapman, Shediac, Mr. T G. Burnes, Ossekeag. A complete list, however, will be given in another issue.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

THE DAILY TRIBUNE will unite, when requested, with the other City Newspapers in treating all Advertising as "transient:" that is, it will regard with favor the abolition of agreements for advertising "by the year." The latter practice has gone out of fashion in all well managed newspaper offices; and being a most unjust arrangement, both for the Newspaper and a majority of the Advertisers, should have ceased to exist in this City many years ago. Such a step might place the TRIBUNE at a disadvantage, for a time, in the race with its older and more vigorous Daily competitors, such as the *Telegraph and Journal, Globe,* and *Morning News;* but it would establish a just principle, and, in the end, prove advantageous both to the Advertising Public and the Press. Until a change of the character proposed, however, be consummated, the rates for Advertisements in THE DAILY TRIBUNE will be as follows:—

A limited number of yearly contracts will be made on the basis of $30 for one inch of space,—	
several changes being allowed, say,	$30
Two inches, with changes,	$50
For a Card of 5 lines, 1 year, *unchanged,*	$12
For Advertisements of Governments, Corporations, Railway and Steamboat Co.'s, and other public bodies,—for Theatres, Concerts, Lectures and other public entertainments, say first insertion,	80 cts
Each subsequent do.	40 cts
For ordinary mercantile transient advertising, say, first insertion,	60 cts
Each subsequent do.	30 cts
For condensed advertisements, to occupy 5 lines, such as Wants, each and every insertion,	25 cts.

A few special agreements, having reference to position and extra space, will be made at paying rates.

OTHER MATTERS.

We shall be pleased to receive from any of the friends of the TRIBUNE Local News for its columns, and suggestions in reference to subjects requiring journalistic treatment. The news items should be reliable, and the remarks of a practical character. Special contributions will be received, and, when their public value appears to warrant, will be paid for. Extracts from the business letters of Merchants, which in many instances, contain valuable facts and statistics, might frequently be supplied to Editors with advantage to the public. A corner in the DAILY TRIBUNE will be reserved for such Correspondence.

In conclusion, the subscriber would ask for this new enterprise the countenance and practical support of the reading and advertising community. If, in the past, he has been so fortunate as to assist, even to a limited extent, in furthering those interests which the great majority of our citizens have at heart; if he has been instrumental, in any way, in assisting our good City in that grand career of prosperity and influence which appears to lie before her, he has been amply rewarded for the labor of many years. For the promise of the future he can only refer his readers and friends to the performance of the past.

JOHN LIVINGSTON.

"THE DAILY TRIBUNE" Office, St. John, Dec. 21, 1871.

Business Arrangements.

The fact that this journal is issued nearly a fortnight earlier than was anticipated, with a view to participating in the Holiday advertising, which the merchants of St John deal out so liberally, will probably be accepted as reason sufficient for any imperfection that may appear in the initial number. The printing paper is not as heavy and bright as we propose to use: types now *en route* to us will improve its mechanical appearance; and the Editorial and business staff will be fully organized by the first of January. Offices, centrally located, have been secured in Prince William St. The southern half of Mr. George Philps' office has been taken for a business office, and the *Globe's* former editorial rooms, and offices adjacent, will be occupied by the TRIBUNE Editor and Reporters. These, however, are at present undergoing renovation, and cannot be used for a few weeks to come. In the meantime, parties having business to transact with THE DAILY TRIBUNE will find us in the same building but in the third story.

[Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger, of Philadelphia, have published a little volume of "Gems of German Lyrics," with metrical translations by Henry D. Wireman, the poems and the translations being printed on alternate pages. Few, if any, of these poems have ever been translated, and, as the author has displayed good judgment in the selections he has made, and considerable ability in his versification, the book is both new and pleasing. Many of the poems are perfect gems; yet, among them all, there is not one more touchingly pathetic than the following, by Hebbel. The translator has, as nearly as possible, followed the exact language of the original, and has succeeded in giving a closer copy than is usual in poetical translations:]

"On death's cold bier the mother lay
In garments pure and white,
Her little child comes full of play
And wonders at the sight.

"Those roses in her golden hair,
The child, with joy do fill;
On bosom cold, the flowers fair,
Do please it,—ay, more still.

"It calls in tones caressing, mild,
'Mother, dear mother, pray,
A flower give thy darling child,
But one, from thy bouquet!'

"But, since no sound the silence breaks,
It thinks and whispers low:
'Dear mother sleeps, when she awakes,
she'll give it me, I know!'

"On tiptoe then it quits the bier,
Her slumber not to break,
And comes, from time to time, to hear
If mother's not awake."

Dr. Semple's Opportunity.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "VALERIE AYLMER," "MORTON HOUSE," ETC.

(Concluded.)

In a moment a dark-red flush rose to Barry's brow, and instinctively, as it seemed, he sprung to his feet.

"It is a d—d lie!" he said, hoarsely. "Semple, you know it is a lie!"

"If I did not think so, I should not be standing here now, speaking to you like this," Semple answered. "But I wanted to warn you that such things are said, and that, if they once come to Mona's ears, there is no counting on consequences. With all her impulsive tenderness, she has a foundation of pride like a rock."

"If I heard a man say such a thing, I would kick him across the street!" said Barry, in a rage.

"The wisest thing to do would be to keep away from Miss Le Grand," answered Semple, somewhat coldly. "Good-night"

As he went out and walked down the ill-lighted street, he felt by no means easy in his mind. He did not at all like the manner in which Barry had received his warning; and, when he recalled Ellen Le Grand's face, as he had seen it that afternoon, a dismal foreboding of evil oppressed him.

In vain he tried to shake it off. "Barry is twice as unstable as water," he thought; "but still he is not, he never was, dishonorable. And then, of course, he knows that old Le Grand would see his daughter dead before he would let her marry a man without fortune." The latter reflection was one of consolation, but he could not help remembering that old Le Grand was some distance from the scene of action, that his daughter was staying with her aunt, Mrs. Shelton, whose attention was wholly engrossed by a dozen or so of sickly children, and that she had the not undeserved reputation of being a very fast and foolish girl. When he reached his office, he found a servant waiting for him.

"Well, John," he said, wearily, for he recognized one of the Shelton household, "what is the matter now?"

Whereupon John touched his cap, and made answer that little Mass Willie had the croup, and mistiss wished the doctor would please come out as quick as possible; Miss Sarah had a fever again, and Mass Jack had twisted his ankle.

"I'll be out in less than an hour," said the tired doctor, with a sigh. "I have a very sick patient in town to see first. Tell your mistress to give Willie some croup-syrup, and not be uneasy before I come. Are you not going back now?" He asked this as the boy mounted and turned his horses's head up the street.

"In a few minutes, sir," was the reply. "I have just got to ride down here and leave a note for Mr. Barry, that Miss Ellen sent. I'll be out home before you, sir."

"All right," said the doctor, absently.

But, as he walked away again, to see the patient of whom he had spoken, he could not help a dreary conviction that somehow or other it was all worng.

During the next week Semple saw very little of Barry, and nothing at all of Miss Le Grand. This young lady had no fancy for him, and never made her appearance when he paid his professional visits at her aunt's house. Once or twice he met Mona Randolph, and on these occasions her unaffected good spirits went a good way toward reviving his. It was certain that no doubt had ever come to trouble her, or disturb the sunny calm of her love and trust. "I judged Barry too harshly," Semple thought, as he passed Colonel Randolph's, one evening, and saw the two lovers together on the lawn, both of them looking bright, and handsome, and happy. "When I have a chance, I will apologize. No doubt, the flirtation was all on Miss Le Grand's side. What are such women made for, I wonder?"

The next day was dark and stormy, a day of wild winter rain; but a country doctor learns to disregard weather. Inclement as it was, Semple rode out of town that afternoon on his way to Mrs. Shelton's, for one of the unfortunate children had taken bronchitis, and was in a very critical condition. About half a mile from the house, he crossed a small river, and noticed through the gathering dusk how very much the stream was swollen. The bridge over which he passed was old and rotten, a standing disgrace to the county, and one which many people had prophesied would be swept away by the first flood; and Semple looked gravely at its time-worn supports as he crossed it.

"I should not be surprised if it went down to-night," he said to himself, with a glance at the rising water underneath, and the low grounds on either side, which were already covered.

It was a scene that dwelt in his memory long afterward—the lowering sky, the falling rain, the gathering dusk, and the sullenly-rising flood; but now he was only anxious to press on and gain shelter. As soon as he was safely over the bridge, he put his horse to a canter, and before many minutes, had reached his destination.

He found the household in something of a commotion. The bronchitis patient was not any worse; but Miss Le Grand, who lived in a neighboring county, had unexpectedly declared her intention of going home, and, while half a dozen servants were busy packing her trunks and boxes, Mrs. Shelton was overwhelming her with expostulations and entreaties.

"To get out in this frightful storm!" she was saying, "O Ellen, if you would only have a little consideration for your health, and wait until to-morrow!"

"The bad weather has set in for good; I am sure it will be no better to-morrow," Miss Le Grand replied.

And in this way the discussion was going on when Dr. Semple came in. Immediately, Mrs. Shelton called on him for aid and assistance. His advice, however, had no more effect than her aunt's on the headstrong girl.

"I am not going to Dornthorpe," she said, when he urged the terrible condition of the roads and the stream which lay between themselves and that town. "It is only two miles from here to Maple-Grove Station"—that was a small wood-and-water railway-station—"I am sure John can manage to drive the carriage there and back. I had rather not hear any thing more, if you please, Dr. Semple. My mind is made up, and I am going."

An hour or two later, while Dr. Semple was sitting by little Minnie's bed, feeling her pulse, and now and then listening to her breathing, Mrs. Shelton entered the room, and begged him to do her a favor.

"I know it will be unpleasant to you," she said, "but the carriage is at the door, and I cannot bear to see Ellen set off by herself such a night as this. Would you mind going with her to the station and seeing her safe on the train?"

"Of course, I will go," Semple answered; and he went down at once.

To say that Miss Le Grand was chagrined by this arrangement would be to express very little indeed. She was angry to the verge of rudeness, and gave utterance to this anger in the very plainest, most forcible manner. She declined Dr. Semple's attendance most decidedly; and, when she found that he had persisted in going, it became a question whether she herself would not remain at home. Finally, however, she decided to go, though, when they entered the carrige, she flung herself back, and sulked in perfect silence during the whole of the two miles' drive.

When they reached the station, she broke her silence for the first time by requesting Semple to return at once.

"You need not wait for the train," she said; "it is not due for half an hour, and I am perfectly competent to take care of myself."

"I have no doubt of that," Semple answered, gravely, "but I cannot think of leaving you here entirely alone. If some accident should delay the train, you will need to return in the carriage."

She argued the point vainly—argued it with an impatient vexation which surprised him—but, at last, finding that she could not change his puepose, sank into sullen silence. They left the carriage, and entered the wretched little waiting-room of the station; and, as the minutes rolled on, Semple was more and more astonished at the singular behaviour of his companion.

She seemed the incarnate spirit of restlessness, moving continually about the narrow apartment, going out to the platform beyond, despite the pouring rain, and peering with strange, wistful, anxious eyes into the murky darkness.

Semple dared not ask any questions, but he marvelled much to himself, and more than once he wondered a little if her mind was quite right. It seemed to him hours that he sat there with the falling rain in his ears, the wet, melancholy scene before him. the agent's face of curiosity, as he passed and repassed the open door, and Ellen Le Grand moving restlessly to and fro, her suppressed excitement and expec-