

SAL GROGAN'S FACE 33

A decent chap was her father, as folks in alleys
go,

And Sal had a very good reason for wishing
him not to know.

Grogan had got the credit of being a bit too
flash,

For nobody knew exactly how he got hold of
cash;

He was always in bed in the day-time, and
seldom went out till night,

And folks in the alley whispered, he *had* to
keep out of sight.

But Sal she worshipped the fellow, never a
doubt of that,

And if anyone spoke against him, she answered
'em plain and pat.

For a couple of years, or over, affairs went
smooth and well,

Then suddenly down the alley gossips had tales
to tell.

One had heard Grogan swearing, and had
caught the sound of blows

(The walls were of lath-and-plaster, and the
houses stood in rows);