

can lay his hands, amounting to about \$40,000, and to-morrow has forgotten all about it, denying it in vehement language; and who would undoubtedly have given away, in like manner, the rest of the property—amounting to another \$40,000 or so—which is coming to him from his brother's estate, if it had come to his hand; and who could be treated as if a mere child, as this man was for some time before and at the marriage, first on one side giving written orders to turn the woman who was seeking to marry him—for his money—and her father off his property; and then, when they, with assistance, had found their way into his house and made prisoners of the persons he had commissioned to keep them off the property, being married to the woman, by her father, before he, the bridegroom, was fully dressed after being roused from his bed by the conflict; married in such a manner altogether as shocks one's sense of decency in a supposedly solemn ceremony performed by a minister of the gospel with the rights of a religious body; and then going over to the other side apparently as contented as a child with a new toy, to say that such a man is of sound mind and capable of managing his affairs, is to say something which seems to me to be wholly incredible. One has but to imagine what would have happened if any attempt had been made to treat this, when in possession of all his faculties, a stalwart Irish-Canadian, as he was treated at this marriage and for sometime before—to treat him as if he were almost an imbecile, and to so treat him in his own house, his own castle—one has but to imagine that to see and know what a mental falling off was there, to what a helpless condition he has degenerated. It is not necessary to refer to the many other evidences of his mental deterioration appearing throughout the testimony. In regard to his inability to take proper care of himself, his condition up to the time of the marriage, and the manner in which he had to be cared for shews that; and the greatest excuse for his wife's conduct, if there can be any, in getting possession of him, was his need of someone to take care of him: I can have no doubt of his need for a nurse, but not at the cost of his fortune, when better qualified medical persons are available at reasonable wages: his need was of one who would take care of him, and of his property for him, not take care of him in order to swindle him out of it.

Then is his present condition, as to inability to manage himself or his affairs, the result of unsoundness of mind? What else can it be? Nothing else has been suggested, nor