CONCLUSION

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knows. And there remains only that one slim figure, with the black mask and the hooded riding-coat.

Throughout his trial, Jerry Abershaw preserved an expression of complete indifference and unconcern; and when the Judge put on the black cap, he imitated his lordship's serious face, and put on his own black mask and hat, so that all the spectators laughed.

He was hanged on Monday, the second of August; and went to Kennington Common with a flower in his mouth, jesting and laughing with the dense crowd that thronged the road.

If he had been famous throughout his lifetime as a daring thief, the extraordinary coolness and intrepidity with which he met his well-merited death only increased his notoriety, so that his name was for some time used as a synonym for all that a hardened villain could be. And in order that his end might serve as a lesson for all the fraternity of the road, his body was set on the gallows on Putney Common that passers-by might see.

THE END

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