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"If this is correct, I have at least the satisfaction of knowing that I am in love reasonably, and a steady flame, remember, always burns longest and brightest."
"This satisfies you—?" and Vivien finished the sentence with an expressive shrug. "For myself I should like to know that the love I inspired was too strong, too fervent to be named in the same breath with cold reason; that it would nerve my lover to the most daring deeds for my sake, or render him proud to obey my slightest wishes."
"You ask nothing more than you have a right to demand and receive," the baronet replied; "always supposing you give an equivalent. You ask this, I know, but he who gives such affection as this naturally looks to have the flame kindled by equal tenderness."
"After he has proved that he merits it, not before," Vivien persisted.
"How would you have him prove it?" asked the baronet, with mock gravity.
"By strutting a guinea under his lady's window at night, and keeping her awake with an operatic rendition of his sufferings, or by making her supremely ridiculous by day with his natteries, his jealousies and his reproaches."
"I should not think my lover made me ridiculous by giving a few proofs that I was dear to him."
"Public ones? If you are in earnest, dear Vivien, I shall be most happy to squeeze your fingers and look unutterably things when I meet you in Bond Street, or if you would like me to get up a pretty little quarrel with one of your partners—"
"Absurd!"
"Private ones, then? Ah! it is so seldom I find you alone, and when I do, those spectral blue eyes look but coldly upon me." But I remind myself that it is worth most having is surely worth waiting for."

"This is how you always provoke me!" cried Vivien. "You persist in speaking as if you were so certain of me."
"Nay, not that; but convinced that you will not refuse to be mine without sufficient cause—that if I am rejected the fault will be my own."
"But you and I may not agree as to the definition of those words 'sufficient cause,'" he was reminded. "I may consider that I have it in the cool way in which you hint it to be impossible that I can prove so blind to my own interests as to decline to wed Sir Innis Hatherfield."

"My dear Lady Vivien," he replied, looking into her eyes. "I must be very unfortunate in what I say, if I have led up to think that I make sure of the treasure I seek to win. My only hope of ultimately being made happy with your hand, has always been founded on my conviction that underneath your gay trifling you cherish high and honorable sentiments. I feel no uneasiness when you jest or flirt with those around you, for you give them but surface smiles, and if you see that there is any danger of their being in earnest, like poor Mandeville, you set to work directly to convert the would-be lover into a friend, such as you have made of him."

"How did you learn? How do you know?" she stammered.
"Do I not play the bystander? Is there ought you do or say that does not interest me?" he asked. "Is it not by observing you thus closely that I discern beneath these caprices the belle who puts on her company manners and smiles for the outer world, the true, warm-hearted woman whom to know is to love?"
"You think better of me than I deserve," she answered, both flattered and pained; and, finding it difficult to carry on the conversation after this, she found an excuse for leaving him.
"What will he say," she began to ask herself, "when the term of probation is over, and he is forced to admit that I am not the pure-souled, high-minded woman he persists in considering me, but a revengeful, heartless creature, bent on stinging him to the quick?"

Vivien sat with locked hands and compressed lips, musing for some time; but at last she shook off her unpleasant thoughts, saying, almost defiantly:
"It is his own fault. I have warned him often enough; and to know that I am not all his fancy painted me, will make it easier to bid me an eternal adieu."
After this, Lady St. Orme was gay than ever, and Cressida, who was not to be introduced into society till the ensuing season, by which time Lady Esselby hoped she would be the bride of Aymar, began to be tired of watching her friends dress for the festivities, in which she herself was not allowed to participate.
"After all, London is not very interesting to those who don't have any share in its gaieties," she said, one evening, as she stood by while Vivien clasped her bracelets over her long white gloves. "I begin to agree with Lord Mandeville and Sir Innis that it is a sin and a shame to be in town, turning night into day, while the roses are in bloom, and the gardens bright

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Cressida reddened.
"Oh, in the morning, you know; that is, when I am in the park. The dear countess said she would have no objection to my taking an early drive if Nanna went with me. She manages the ponies, and I talk."

"To Nanna, Cressy?"
"Of course not," was the reply; "but he—I mean them—are generally riding at the same hour, and we have such delightful chats! Nanna says—but your chateleine is unfashionable."

"Never mind that; you blushed as you paused, so please tell me what it is the worthy Nanna remarks."
"Only nonsense, of course, so I shall not repeat it. You see the poor, dear old creature is so fond of me that she always casts a building on my account, and when she says how dearly she should like to see me the wife of a good, clever man whose tastes and mine are so much alike, I can't be angry with her, can I?"

"And this good, clever man to whom Nanna is willing to give you is—Sir Innis?"
Cressida blushed as she answered: "Sir Innis, of course; but you must forget such folly, Viva dear."
Vivien did not reply, but as she stood arranging her open cloak she gazed meditatively at the heiress. Cressida was improving in appearance. Too stout for elegance she would always be, but her skin was losing its unhealthy sallowness, and her face its expressionless air. Thanks to Lady Esselby and the professor of deportment, she was fast learning to carry herself with ease, and her sweet temper made her more charming to those who knew her, than many a far prettier woman.

"He sees her at her best," thought Vivien. "And to such a man Cressy's good disposition and readiness to adopt his opinions would far outweigh her want of personal attractions. Would it be at all surprising if, rejected by me, he consoled himself with this well-disposed little heiress? She would be in some respects a better match for him, and in some respects it would be an excellent match for both of them."

Yet while Vivien said this so decidedly, she was conscious that it would cost her a fierce struggle to stand by and see Sir Innis wed another. She broke her heart in the petting mood the idea threw her into, snubbed Justice, who came to her assistance, and so coldly declined Cressida's offer to lend her another, that the tears came into the round eyes of the poor little heiress.

But when she pushed open the door of the apartment, to her great joy and surprise she saw that Aymar was there. He had returned as suddenly as he had departed, and was leaning his elbow on the mantel-piece in such a melancholy attitude that she divined at once that his journey had been fruitless.

"Thinking it would be kindest to abstain from any mention of Marie, she greeted him affectionately."
"Had you been five minutes later you would have found no one here to welcome you but Cressy," she exclaimed. "Have you dined?" and she laid her hand on the bell.

"Don't ring, Viva; I cannot eat," and the hand he laid on her was so feverish that she began to feel uneasy about him.

"You are tired to death, brother mine. You must have a bath and some strong tea, and go to bed; and I will send an excuse to Mrs. Carmichael and come and read you to sleep."
"No, no; I would rather be left to myself. I am going out again directly," but he pushed back his hair with such a weary gesture that Viva could no longer restrain her curiosity.

"Have you found her? No? Then you have relinquished the pursuit? Ah! tell me that you have resolved to think no more of this girl, that you will cease to seek her."
He shook his head.
"I shall never do that until my researches are crowned with success."
"I am sorry to hear you say so, but never mind; I will not tease you just now with my remarks or counsels, so tell me what has brought you back to England in such haste."
His reply startled her.

"You, Viva, and these."

As he spoke he thrust a couple of letters into her hand.

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SAM PARSLOW TO BE HANGED

Accomplice of Mrs. Viau Found Guilty of Murder.

A Girl of Twenty Makes Away With Her Twins—A School House Tragedy.

St. Scholastique, Que., Dec. 29.—The trial of Sam Parslow for the murder of Isidore Poirier at St. Canute was finished yesterday. Parslow was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on March 10 next. The jury afterwards signed a recommendation for mercy.

When the court resumed in the morning, J. M. Mackay, counsel for the crown, immediately began his address to the jury. He contended that it was quite impossible for Cordelia Viau to have committed the crime by herself, and declared there was no doubt Parslow was her accomplice in the work.

After Mr. Mackay had finished Judge Taschereau proceeded with his address to the jury. His lordship's charge was against the prisoner. It was after 4 o'clock when the judge brought his address to a close.

The jury then retired. They were out only about a quarter of an hour, when they returned with a verdict of "guilty."

"The silence in the room was death-like, as Mr. Ethier, counsel for the prisoner, spoke briefly. He objected to the evidence which had been given during the trial. The confessions given to Detective McCaskay were particularly alluded to. Mr. Ethier also found fault with the judge's charge to the jury.

Mr. Mackay, counsel for the crown, replied. Judge Taschereau spoke briefly. He had settled the question of law as they had come up during the trial. The other matters should have been discussed before the verdict was given. Mr. Mackay asked that sentence be passed upon the prisoner at the bar.

Parslow, standing up, prayed for the clemency of the court. The judge proceeded solemnly to pass the sentence of death upon the prisoner. He referred to the respectable family to which Parslow belonged. He had been led astray by Cordelia Viau, and had been influenced by her to take Isidore Poirier's life.

Concluding, he said: "Samuel Parslow, you will return to the prison walls, you will be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy upon your soul."

Cordelia Viau will suffer upon the same day.

The jury signed a petition in Parslow's favor immediately afterwards. Although a good deal of sympathy was expressed for Parslow, there was absolutely none when Cordelia Viau was sentenced.

THE CRIME.

The murder of which Parslow and Mrs. Poirier have been convicted and sentenced to be hanged was a most horrible one. Mrs. Poirier, the wife of a respectable French-Canadian carpenter at St. Canute, a village near here, had for some time been on intimate terms with Sam Parslow, a farm hand, and the two plotted together to get rid of the husband. On the night of Nov. 21, 1897, Mrs. Poirier left her husband's home to go to the residence of Sam Parslow, who was troubled about his domestic relations, had been drinking rather freely, and the next day he was found in bed at his home with his throat cut from ear to ear.

Mrs. Poirier claimed that she had no hand in the crime, but she and Parslow were arrested on suspicion. The woman broke down and tried to lay the whole blame on the man. Parslow confessed, and, according to his statement, they both committed the murder. Mrs. Poirier was first tried in February last, when the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence was deferred, the court granted the defense a reserve case on the point as to whether the woman's confession should have been admitted as evidence against her. Subsequently she was granted a new trial, which took place during the first part of this month, and ended on the woman being again found guilty on Dec. 15, and she was promptly sentenced to be hanged on March 10 next.

KILLED HER TWINS.
Portsmouth, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Two weeks ago two human bodies were found under an old stump in a hollow near this city. The remains were those of children, and the matter was kept secret. The coroner was informed, and yesterday found a verdict charging yesterday a girl, aged 20, with the terrible tragedy yesterday afternoon, whereby May Thomas, a popular young teacher, lost her life. A young man came to Clare on the north-bound Rock Island passenger train, hired a horse, and drove out to the school house where Miss Thomas teaches. He entered the building, and the two conversed for some time, finally walking out together. After going down the road a short distance the man drew a revolver and shot the woman, killing her almost instantly. He then shot himself, and died a few hours later. The young man was Harry Garvey. He had been keeping company with Miss Thomas, who refused his further attentions.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.
Newmarket, Ont., Dec. 29.—The adjourned inquiry into the case of Robert Abner Reid, who was severely censured by the coroner's jury for neglect to his son, who died under suspicious circumstances, was resumed here yesterday before Magistrates Robertson and Jackson, the charge being manslaughter. The evidence was of a conflicting character. The magistrates adjourned the case for a day in order to arrive at a decision.

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The houses stood at the southeast corner of One and Thirty-fourth street and Willis avenue. The Willis avenue bridge calls for the widening of the avenue 40 feet on each side. The five houses were in the way, and 40 feet of their 70 feet depth was condemned.

ARCHITECT ALONE IN FAITH.
It was thought that the buildings would have to come down, but, as they cost \$64,000 to erect, an architect said he believed they could be saved by moving them. He was the only man for a time who would place any faith in the undertaking. But he and a house-moving contractor got to work and were about to begin when the building department put a stop to the moving. The supreme court was appealed to, and Judge Pryor upheld the architect.

It was decided to leave 50 feet of the corner house standing. The houses were then separated from their foundations and 375 jackscrews were placed underneath them. Then the entire row of houses was raised four feet. They stood the strain without injury, and ways were quickly placed under them. The ways were each twelve inches square, and 30 boxes of hard soap and twelve barrels of soft soap were used in making them slippery enough to slide the houses on. The houses were then let down on the ways, the jackscrews being removed.

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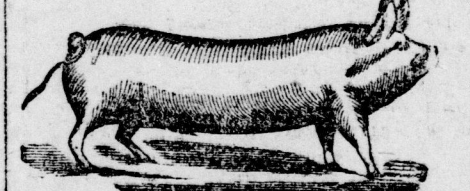
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