



## THE BUTTERFLY MAN

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was in reality his farewell to the world over which she was queen, deliberately stepped out of the brougham and went his bitter way.

And so he went down into his oblivion with a surly heart and in bitter spirit. He turned to his sisters and to Kate O'Brien, and to the humble, unworldly people of Lombard Avenue. To them he gravely descanted upon the evils of society and forswore it to their faces with such convincing vehemence that they believed him to be a brand rescued from the burning.

And they delighted in listening to his vainglorious tales of the upper world; he could open the secret recesses to their wondering gaze, and they could see to the very heart of the thing that he called Rottenness!

Pennington had gone out of his life without a word to cheer or encourage. He took himself off to Paris; it was said by his friends that he fled because he was afraid to run the risk of propinquity!

Lombard Avenue discovered one day, to its surprise, and we might say mortification, that Sedgewick Blynn and Kate O'Brien were to be married. Lombard Avenue could not understand how it was that Sedgewick Blynn could descend to its level in a matter of this kind; it had always believed that he was cut out to be husband to nothirg less than the daughter of a banker, or perhaps even the more ostentatious production of a millionaire milliner.

Moreover, the Avenue was disturbed to learn that he had given up his office in the Street and was considering