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## Poetry.

### Only the clothes she wore.

There is the hat  
With the blue veil thrown round it, just as they  
found it,  
Spotted and soiled, stained and all spoiled—  
Do you recognize that?

The gloves, too, lie there,  
And in them still lingers the shape of her fingers.  
That some one has pressed, perhaps and caressed,  
So slender and fair

There are the shoes,  
With their long silken laces, still bearing traces,  
To the toe's dainty tip, of the mud of the slip,  
The slime and the ooze.

There is the dress,  
Like the blue veil, all discolored, and  
drabbed—  
This you should know, without doubt, and if so,  
All else you may guess.

There is the shawl,  
With the striped border, hung next in order,  
Soiled hardly less than the light muslin dress,  
And—that is all.

Ah, here's a ring  
We were forgetting, with a pearl setting;  
There was only this one—name or date?—none!

A fruit pith thing;  
A keepsake, maybe,  
The gift of another, perhaps a brother.

Or love, who knows? him her heart chose.  
Or, was she heart-free?  
Does the hat here,

With the blue veil around it, the same as they  
found it,  
Summon up a fair face with just a trace  
Of gold in the hair?

A month now has passed  
And her sad history remains yet a mystery,  
But these we keep still, and shall keep them until  
Hope dies at last.

## Interesting Case.

### THE MYSTERIOUS THIEF.

[Continued.]

I don't suppose, madam, returned the Chief Constable with extreme contempt, that the Bench of Justices would take your word for it? even if I was weak enough to do so—which I am not. The servants are all above suspicion, both at Sir Robert's and Mrs. Pevitt's—that was the first thing we looked to of course. But even if it were otherwise, do you suppose that thieving is an epidemic, that it should break out in one household to day, and another to-morrow, as this has done? You had better go to sleep, my dear, and leave me to think the matter out alone. Which according to the great man, I proceeded to do. Two hours, and on two following nights in a town under his personal superintendence, and nobody yet in custody! He had never imagined that such a blot could befall his "arch-enemy." It was not impossible, in a town so slenderly guarded, that a ladder might have been em-

The next night, the Mayor's own house was robbed in a precisely similar manner.

It was on Friday, and the local papers which came out the next day, published second and third editions, to describe the details. Besides the burglary, a sort of sacrilege had been committed. The thief had actually possessed himself of the Municipal Mace.

This beautiful object, although not intrinsically valuable, had apparently excited his greed, for he had dragged it out of its case as far as a window, and thence let it fall with a report that had alarmed the house, and dented the ground below. When the door was opened, however, the "proper authorities" arrived, the mace had vanished, and with him this Emblem of Authority, as well as a pair of his Lordship's boot-laces.

There happened to be nothing kept in that room but the Mayor's boots and the town mace. But the accident was of course, as distressing to Mr. John Stott as though the regalia had been plundered. He felt that his great reputation was giving way under these repeated shocks; while the rest of the constabulary were of course overwhelmed with disgrace; and the Tory newspaper openly advocated "stringent measures" and the calling out of the Yeomanry.

I supposed, sighed his wife, upon this Saturday afternoon, there is no chance of your going with me to-night to the show? And yet it seems such a pity, after that civil Mr. Shaw has sent us these tickets; and you know I never enjoy anything—let it be wild beast-esses, or what not—without you, John. How fine they look, with this picture of the lion and the unicorn—though the bill says, "as the unicorn is dead—with Sitow's Snow," "patronized by all the crowned heads of Europe," and "admit the beard!" with his autograph in the corner, in red ink! Why the Mayor's own invitations are not more splendid.

Don't talk of the Mayor, woman, for that makes me think of the mace, replied her husband, with a shiver. I don't wish to see any show but one, and that's the man that stole that mace, with a pair of handcuffs on him, or what would be better still, a standing underneath a bit of wool, with a rope round his neck, and a parson by his side. But there, it's no good wishing. Upon my life, I sometimes wonder if the Devil himself is not a doing on it all to vex me.

Well, John, you make me creep!

Well, I can't make you fly, I reckon, replied Mrs. Stott, smilingly; and yet that's what this fellow can do, confound him! He's like a bird of the air—a bird of prey!

Well, John, do you know I can't help sometimes thinking—only I would not have mentioned it unless you had—that, perhaps, after all, it is a bird! You know a magpie is a thief by nature.

And so you suppose a magpie could have stolen the town mace, do you? Why you are a greater fool than the newspapers.

I forgot the mace, John, observed Mrs. Stott, humbly.

I wish I could forget it, growled the chief constable. You had better put on your bonnet and take my ticket round the corner to Mrs. Jones, who will be glad enough to go with you; only take care Shaw don't keep you there, and put you in a cage for a pair of owls. Both, I am sorry to be so rude, Mrs. Stott; but the fact is, I feel as if I shall go out of my mind unless I tackle this mystery; and I must be left alone to think it out.

So Mrs. Stott, obedient wife as she was, retired herself in gorgeous apparel, and accompanied by her friend and neighbor, the parish doctor's wife, honored Mr. Shaw's menagerie with her presence. It was a sort of fête which that practical student of Natural History (which included some knowledge of mankind) had given to the inhabitants of the town, and everything was on a very splendid scale.

The show was lit up by rows of chandeliers, made by circles of wood and candles, from the latter of which, as they of necessity hung very low, the tallow dripped upon the heads of the company; but that was not found out till the next morning.

The floor and cages had been thoroughly swept and garnished, and some attempt had even been made, by means of unguents and spices (or, in other words, chlorate of lime), to mitigate the odor that hangs about all establishments devoted to the reception of wild beasts. But it must be confessed that this last refinement was a failure—it was like the jar of oyster, which "do what you will, the scent of the roses would cling to it still"; only in this case the perfume was the result of a combination of the hyena and the muskrat, the royal Bengal tiger and the marmoset, each contributed the support. In place of the usual showman, Mr. Shaw himself, with an elegant white wand, pointed out the various objects of interest, explained their habits, and narrated anecdotes of their extraordinary sagacity.

The monkey cages, as usual, were the chief attraction; their innocent gambols, and the remarkable penchant they exhibited for biting each other's tails, were the admiration of the beholder.

Mrs. Stott, while regarding these parodies

upon mankind with a contemplative air, was very busily—indeed, literally within half an inch or so—paying a great penalty for her philosophic abstraction. A ribbed face baboon of gigantic size, looking not unlike one of Mr. Cooper's Indian heroes in his war paint, made a snatch at her fingers, which loaded with rings, happened to be ungloved, for she had been taking refreshments.

Your charms even vanquish the brute creation, Mrs. Stott, observed the clerk; the enamored animal seeks your hand.

Yes; but like the rest of the male sex, for what is it, or on it, replied Mrs. Jones, who had been as before in a small way, till her husband removed from her that invidious distinction by spending all her money.

The ribbed face baboon screamed with disappointment, and swung by his rope head foremost and with his eyes shut for the rest of the evening.

It was a man, and the chief constable's wife had been in bed since midnight, but she had not yet fallen asleep. She was awaiting the arrival of Mr. Stott, in hopes that he might have some good news to tell her, or to comfort her with his sympathy in case he hadn't any.

It was a beautiful night and she had left the window open, through which the soft fresh air came gratefully enough after the atmosphere of the menagerie. She would be able to catch the majestic footfall of her lord while it was yet a great way off, and she was listening for. Presently through the deep summer stillness sounded a human step, while albeit not that she was expecting, seemed familiar to her. It was a step which although it moved with quickness, had a slight limp such as she had noticed in the gait of Mr. Shaw. Yet he had himself assured her that very evening that he was a man of early habits, and always shot up his house on wheels before 12 o'clock.

It was most unlikely that on the night of his fate, of all other nights, he should have made an exception to this salutary practice; and yet she knew no other step than his like that step. It stopped beneath the window, and then there was a sliding, scrambling noise, as though a melting were struggling up the water-pipe that ran down the side of the house, and she felt as once that the mystery of these nightly thefts was about to be solved.

She was frightened of course, but she did not shut her eyes and put her head under the bedclothes, as some ladies would have done under the circumstances; on the contrary, she started so hard at the window that the sides seemed to meet and leave no window at all.

Or was it the space had become obscured by the presence of the marauder! Yes, that was it; and what a marauder!

The face of the marauder she could not see but she saw that he was quick, very, inadequately attired, and provided with a long tail. That last had impudent reply of hers to her husband, "that the devil has wings," came into her mind with terrible emphasis. No wonder the chief constable's vigilance had failed to—

Ah, that face! There was no mistaking those very strikingly marked features! It was his about-don't-her admirer, the ribbed face baboon, and whether from motives of delicacy or fear, Mrs. Stott did give under the bedclothes then, with only her nose left out to breathe through, like the elephant when under water, as Mr. Shaw had instructively informed her the a hours ago.

She could hear a little however, as well as breathe; and she distinctly caught the quite casual of her visitor, and the clink of her rings as he swept them off the dressing table with his hair paws. Presently there was a shrill whistle from below, and chuckling ceased and then came the sliding, scrambling noise again. The ribbed-face baboon had put the ring in his mouth—having no pocket—and slid down the water-spout to his master with the spoil.

John, cried Mrs. Stott when the chief constable put in his long wished for appearance, and as soon as he had got in side the door, I've found it all out.

Pshaw, said her husband contemptuously. Lor, cried she, well you are a wonder—How ever did you find it out was Mr. Shaw and his ribbed face baboon?

Never you mind madam, rejoined Mr. Stott with his old confident air, I have found it out And now let me hear how far your testimony goes in corroboration of my views.

The next day, from "information received," as he darkly hinted, the chief constable approached his house on wheels with such effect that all the stolen property was recovered.

Mr. Shaw it appeared, had trained the ribbed face baboon to climb up water spouts and sweep from dressing tables all articles that glittered, which accounted for his taking the plated inkstand and municipal mace. If his education had been suffered to progress, he would doubtless in time have been taught to carry off bank notes and railway dividends.

But thanks to Mrs. Stott, his occupation was henceforth gone, the chief constable, however, got all the credit for the discovery, and was held by everybody including his wife in higher estimation for sagacity than ever. It was true that he had been at fault at first, and in more than one instance; I may still say as no

man ever took me in twice,—for this was not a man, but a Hape.

## A QUAKER DETECTIVE.

### A Story of the Road.

BY JUDGE CLARK.

We were five passengers in all; two ladies on the back seat, a middle-aged gentleman and a Quaker on the middle, and myself on the one in front.

The two ladies might have been mother and daughter, aunt and niece, governess and charge, or might have sustained any other relationship which made it proper for two ladies to travel together unattended.

The middle-aged gentleman was sprightly and talkative. He soon struck up an acquaintance with the ladies, towards whom, in his zeal to do, he rather overdid the agreeable—bowing and smiling and chattering over his shoulder in a way painfully suggestive, at his time of life, of a "rick" in the neck. He was evidently a gray Lothario.

The Quaker wore the uniform of his sect and confined his speech, as many a parliamentarian would save his credit by doing, to simple "yess" and "nays." As for myself, I make it an invariable rule of the road to be merely a looker-on and listener.

Towards evening, I was aroused from one of those reveries into which a young man, without being either a poet or a lover, will sometimes fall, by the abrupt query from the talkative gentleman:

Are you armed, sir?

I am not, I answered, astonished, no doubt visibly, at the question.

I am sorry to hear it, he replied; for before reaching our next stopping place it will be several hours in the night, and we must pass over a portion of the road on which more than one robbery is reported to have been committed.

The ladies turned pale, but the stranger did his best to reassure them.

"Not that I think there is the slightest danger at present," he resumed; "only when one is responsible for the safety of ladies, you know, such a thing as a pistol in reach would materially add to one's confidence."

Your principles, my friend, addressing the Quaker, I presume are as much opposed to carrying as to using carnal weapons.

Yes, was the response.

Have the villains murdered any of their victims? the elder lady nervously inquired.

Or have they contented themselves with—plundering them? added the younger, in a timorous voice.

Decidedly the latter, the amiable gentleman hastened to give assurance; and as we were now, such a thing as a pistol in reach would materially add to one's confidence.

Then, after blanching his thoughtlessness in having unnecessarily introduced a disagreeable subject, the gentleman quite excelled himself in efforts to raise the spirits of the company, and had succeeded so well by the time night set in, that all had quite forgotten, or only remembered their fears to laugh at them.

Our genial companion fairly talked himself hoarse. Perceiving which, he took from his pocket a package of newly invented "Cough Candy," and, after passing it first to the ladies, he helped himself to the balance, and tossed the paper out of the window.

He was in the midst of a high eulogium on the new nostrum, more than half the efficacy of which, he insisted, depended on its being taken by suction, when a shrill whistle was heard, and almost immediately the coach stopped, while two faces, hideously blacked, presented themselves, one at each window.

Sorry to trouble you, said the man on the right, acknowledging with a bow two lady like screams from the back seat; but business is business, and ours will soon be over, if things go smoothly.

Of course, gentlemen, you will spare, as far as may be consistent with your disagreeable duty, the feelings of these ladies, appealed the polite passenger, in his blandest manner.

Oh! certainly, they shall be first attended to, and shall not be required to leave their places, or submit to a search, unless their conduct renders it necessary.

And now ladies, continued the robber, the barrel of his pistol, glittering in the light of the coach lamp, be so good as to pass out your purses, watches, and such other trinkets as may be accessible without too much trouble.

The ladies came down handsomely, and were no further molested.

One by one the rest of us were compelled to get out, the middle-aged gentleman's turn coming first. He submitted with a winning grace, and was robbed like a very Chesterfield.

My own affair, like the sum I last, is scarcely worth mentioning. The Quaker's turn came next. He quietly handed over his pocket book and watch and when asked if he had any other valuables, said, "Nay."

A Quaker's word is good even among thieves; so after a hasty good night, the rob-

ber thrust his pistol in his pocket, and with his two companions, one of the leaders, was about taking his departure.

Stop! exclaimed the Quaker, in a tone of more command than request.

Stop! what for? returned the other, in evident surprise.

For at least two good reasons, was the reply, emphasized with a couple of Deringers cocked and presented.

Help! shouted the robber.

Stop! the Quaker again exclaimed. And of one of the sinful companions advances a step to the relief of the spirit it will surely move me to blow thy brains out.

The robber at the opposite window, and the one at the leaders' head thought it a good time to leave.

Now get in said the Quaker still covering his man, and take the middle seat; but first deliver up thy pistol.

The other hesitated.

These had better not delay, I feel the spirit beginning to move my right fore finger.

The robber did as he was directed, and the Quaker took his place by his side, giving the new comer the middle of the seat.

The driver, who was frightened out of his wits, now set forward at a rapid rate. The lively gentleman soon recovered his vivacity. He was especially facetious on the Quaker's prowess.

You're a rum Quaker, you are. Why you don't quake worth a cent.

I'm not a "Shaking Quaker," if that's what these mean.

Of the "hickory," or rather of the "old hickory" stripe, I should say, retorted the lively man; but the Quaker relapsing into his usual monosyllabic conversation flugged.

True speed, and sooner than we expected, the coach stopped where we were to have supper, and a change of horses. We had deferred a re-distribution of our effects till we should reach this place, as the dim light of the coach lamp would have rendered the process somewhat difficult before.

It was now necessary, however, that it should be attended to at once, as our jovial companion had previously announced his intention of leaving us at this point. He proposed a postponement till after supper, which he offered to go and order.

Nay, urged the Quaker, with an approach to abruptness, laying his hand on the arm of the "business-to-force-pleasure" and for business there is no time like the present.

Will thee be good enough to search the prisoner? he said to me, still keeping his hand, in a friendly way, on the passenger's arm.

I did so, but not one of the stolen articles could be found.

The man turned pale, and struggled to release his arm. In an instant one of the Deringers was levelled at his heart.

Sit a hand or a foot, and you're a dead man!

The Quaker must have been awfully excited so completely as to forget both the language and principles of his persuasion.

Placing the other pistol on my hand, with directions to fire on the first of the two men that made a suspicious movement, he went to work on Lothario, from whose pockets, in less time than it takes to tell it, he produced every item of the missing property, to the utter amazement of the two ladies, who had begun, in no measured terms, to remonstrate against the shameful treatment the gentleman was receiving.

The Quaker I need scarcely add, was no Quaker at all; but a shrewd detective, who had been set on the track of a band of desperadoes of whom our middle-aged friend—who didn't look near so middle-aged with his wig off—was the chief. The robbery had been admirably planned. The leader of the gang had taken passage in the coach, and after learning our defenceless condition, had given the signal to his companions by throwing out the scrap of paper already mentioned. After the unexpected capture of the first robber, it was attempted to save the booty by secretly passing it to the accomplice, still believed to be unsuspected, who counted on being able to make off with it at the next stopping place.

The result was that both for season, did the Statesome service.—N. Y. Ledger.

The Jubilee period produced an extraordinary demand for flowers, and greenhouses in all quarters within reasonable distance were put to a contribution. The quantities sold were such that men had to work day and night during the whole week making bouquets.

An English nobleman drives a public coach from London to Windsor just for the fun of it.

A patent has been obtained for the manufacture of water-proof paper. It will be an uncommon thing, by and by, to carry a quart of milk home in a paper bag.

Garibaldi is stated to be in very bad health—so bad that some of his physicians think it very doubtful whether he will recover.