trembling slightly, "how dare you enter my presence?"

"How dare It" he cried, scornfully.
"How dares the wolf enter the sheep-fold?" and making a dash toward the cradle in which Gracie lay, and seizing her before her mother could prevent the action, he rushed from the room.

Love lends strength to action. Mrs. Henson, as soon as she beheld the villain run away with her babe, started madly in pursuit, crying,—
"Give me back my child?"

But her cries were unheeded. He had entered a carriage that was standing in front of the house. Under the stinging lash of his whip, the horses dashed wild yaway.

when Charles Henson left his wife that evening, for the purpose of telling his friends that he could not meet with them, it had been his firm intention to return home as soon as he had performed his errand, but his purpose had been thwarted by an unforseen incident. He was somewhat surprised when he entered

Charles Henson was, at the commence ment of our narrative, quite a young man, being slightly past twenty-four version, and the pass and slight hair graceful, and gentlemanly, and had won many friends by his genial and obliging disposition. He had his faults. Unreasesonable generosity was one of them, and forgetfulness and carelesaness was the others. He seldom hung his clothes up in their proper place, but left them dangling over the backs of chairs. One of his exploits had been pouring together yine gar and molasses, spoiling both, greatly to the provocation of his wife. At another time he inadvertently left his hat on the floor while he stepped out of the room, and on his return he stepped on the first proper place, but left them dangling over the backs of chairs. One of his exploits had been pouring together yine gar and molasses, spoiling both, greatly to the provocation of his wife. At another time he inadvertently left his hat on the floor while he stepped out of the room, and on his return he stepped on the provocation of his wife. At another time he inadvertently left his hat on the floor while he stepped on the provocation of his wife. At another time he inadvertently left his hat on the floor while he stepped on the provocation of his wife. At another time he inadvertently left his hat on the floor while he stepped out of shape. He had broken a French mirror by tipping back against it in his chair. Mrs. Henson, however, readily forgave these faults of her husband in the deep love she bere to ward him. She was a very pleasant woman somewhat below the average height, with long tlowing hair, and soft black eyes, but her chelf attraction was her work and an analytic and the saverage through the stepped on the complete her work and the building was ablaze, and the wind, as though the wind, as though to six in the wind, as though to six in the wind, as though the street was the wind, as though the street with disparted with the wind, as though the wind in the work of the wind, as though the wind in the work

Mary Henson had told her husband of the threatening words that had been addressed to her by Charles Wallis previous to her marriage, but he laughed at her, and treated them lightly. Still she could not banish their remembrance from her mind, and was daily in fear that they would be put into execution.

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"I wish you would not go away this evening, Charles," she said, laying her hand on her husband's shoulder.

"Why not?" he asked, looking worderingly into her face.

"I had such a terrible dream last night," she said.

"What has that to do with my going away?" he asked, smilingly.

"A great deal to me, dear," she answered. "I thought that Gracie and were alone in the sitting-room, when the door opened and Charles Wallis entered. He rushed toward me, and I shrunk from him as I would from a wild beast, but it seemed that it was not his purpose to attack me. Before I could divine his intentions, he seized Gracie and rushed out of tha youn. I shriped mocking, and hurs word to restore hered with success. She opened her eyes and gazed at him, but with the word of the played mocking, and hurs word to restore hered, he remained has it was not his purpose to attack me. Before I could divine his intentions, he seized Gracie and rushed out of tha youn. I shriped mocking, and hurs word to be a more difficult task that the top of my voice, but he laughed mocking with the same three the control of the played mocking with the same time that we have a coward; but for her own fate. For a short time she gazed at him, here with the promise might be will be a strong love. I would from a wild beast, but it seemed that it was not his purpose to attack me. Before I could divine his intentions, he seized Gracie and rushed out of thap you

Brought to Justice,

GRACE HENSON'S ABDUCTION

BY FRANK A. MARSH.

stood, not long ago, near the

"I'll go and bring her back," he said hough he felt that his promise might be

his story, and begged him to eccompany him home, and they forthwith set out.

When they entered the room in which sat Mrs. Heanon, 'she arose and rushed towards the doctor.

"Wretch," she shrieked.

He held her gently, then turning to Charles Henson, he said,—
"Your wife's mind is a little unsettled by this great shock, and it is impossible to tell at present whether the malady is permanent or not." He then administered a narcotic and departed, leaving the poor, young man in great grief.

The prospect of the restoration of his wife's mental faculties appeared less probable to Charles Henson than the recovery of his child. His sorrow could not have been much grave, had there not been a faint light of hope burning in his bosom that her reason would again return. He was now to her a stranger. She had no more preference for him than for one whom she had nower known. Insanity drives love from the soul; it turns friends into enemies.

bright eyes gazing sweetly into the mindow looked out for some time, partly interested by the scene without, and partly by the winning ways of the babe; but finally Gracie's eyes closed, and Mrs. Henson laid the child down in its cradle, kissing it tenderly. She then took her seat by the window. Suddenly she looked around. The sound of footsteps had broken her reverie. At first her heart beat with gladness, for the thought came to her that they were her husband's, but that impression was soon put to flight by that impression was soon put to flight by the appearance for Wallis, her anemy, in the room. Her tongue refused to perform its office; she had no strength to cry out. She could not rise; she was bound to her chair. anadestill more strenuous efforts to recover his child. He offered a large reward for her recovery and the arrest of her abductor. On the restoration of Grace depended, as Charles Henson believed, the return of his wife's reason. For the present, at least, he was induced to send her to the insans awalum.

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The following week he rented his house—hopes of the restoration of his family forbade him to sell it. He left H—telling no one his destination; he knew not himself. How long he was to be gone, whither his steps tended were hid-an in the dark depths of the future. There was one object in his mind—there covery of his chind and the punishment of its abductor.

(To be continued.)

VARIOUS MATTERS.

America took the prize for paper at the Paris exposition.

What insect does a blacksmith facture? He makes the fire-fly.

"Ladies' hats will be felt" this says an exchange. So will the bill

The man who gets up last in the ming ought to make the best reporter, cause he always gets the latest snooz

More than 6,000,000 human beings ha died from starvation within a year Asia. In China whole districts have bee depopulated.

Who was the author of that little poer

"One half of the world don't know how the other half live!" exclaimed a gos-siping woman. "Oh, well," said her neighbor, "don't worry about it, 'tisn't your fault if they don't know."—[Ex-chance.

A fellow at a cattle show, where he made himself completions by his bluster, cried out: "Call these prize cattle? Why, they ain't nothing to what our folks raised. My father raised the biggest calf of any man around our parts." "No doubt of it," said a bystander; "and the noisi-

weighs less than eighty jounds, but has enjoyed better health during the last two years than for the previous ten. Sie sets off every Wednesday alone from her home, near Shoemakertown, Pa., to attend the Race street Friends' meeting in Phila-delphia.

Somebody says that the woman who runs into a neighbor's because it thunlers, and screams at every flash, will, when she goes home and finds the fire ow, hurry it up with kerosene turned on rom a gallon can, as calmly as a doctor giving a baby a spoonful of narcotic oothing syrup.—Lowell Courier.

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"Doctor, you must really prescribe something for me." "My dear lady, you have lady and then you'd be as well as ever," "But, loctor, surely fought to be given some medicine of some sort or other. You've only felt my pulse—examine my tongue." (He dpess so," "Probably, madam, your tongue needs rost, too."

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An old darkey was endeavoring to explain his unfortunate condition. "You see," remarked Sambo, "it was in this way as far as I can remember: Fust my fadder died, den my mudder married agin; and den my fadder married agin; and somehow I loosal's seem to have no parents at all, nor no home, no nufflin."

"There stands a wooden one."

An old gentleman said to his son who was just starting in business: "Don't'a take adversity too hard, my boy. Prosperity is what will really try you: it is the most difficult thing in the world to stand." "Well, father," answered the son, "lift is, I should just like to have enough of it to try me to the utmost. I'd give any-

Abe one the bright mountain of payer.

BLISSFUL IONORANCE.—She was a Boston girl. She was visiting her Whitehall country cousin. While walking out, several butterflies passed her.

"Oh, dear me, what charming little bird. They are perfectly exquisite."

"They are not birds, my dear," replied her country cousin, "they are butterflies."

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