

Mrs. Jas. Clark.

A well known lady of Commands, Ont., says: Some time ago I was greatly troubled with Headache and Constipation. One bottle of Laxa, Liver Pills cured me.

A MASS FOR THE DEAD.

I hear the rolling at the gate— The hearse, the tramping, and the rest. All are for me, and soon or late, Will lead to what is worst or best.

A year, a month, an hour, a day, That wooden chest shall come for me,— Me shall the bearers yonder lay, And others see what now I see.

They bear me on the ghostly track; For me the priest his chant intones; Not his but mine the friends in black, For me the weeping and the groans.

Out to the deep, damp grave they go; And as they go they sing and pray; They let the coffin down below, On me the clays and cloths they throw, And silently they go their way.

Jeau, shield me— Sweet Mary! Oh, let me feel this awful power! Open my eyes and make me fear! —Ave Maria.

Beats the Doctor.

Mrs. B. M. Bowler, Cambridge, King's Co., N. S., says: "I was troubled with a running sore in my ear, for which I tried all kinds of doctors, but could not get cured. I was recommended to try Burdock Blood Bitters, which I did, and the sore was completely healed."

A Victim to the Seal of Confession.

A True Story, by Rev. Joseph Spillman, S. J.

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CHAPTER XIX—(Continued)

The impression made by this speech delivered in a masterly style, might be seen from the countenances of the jury. The audience in the stranger's gallery exchanged glances which intimated as plainly as words could have done, that they considered the prisoner's fate to be sealed. Father Montmoulin himself listened with closed eyes, pale, but perfectly composed, his lips occasionally moving in silent prayer. When his counsel rose to answer, he looked up at him almost compassionately, as if to say: My dear Sir, you have a difficult, and I fear a thankless task before you.

Mr. Meunier was a conscientious lawyer, but as a speaker he was by no means equal to the prosecutor. His defence was carefully elaborated, but it was dull and tedious, more suited to influence the judges than the jury. He began by portraying at considerable length the early years of the prisoner, depicting him as a clever pious boy, an exemplary Seminary student, a model priest, from whom the enemies of the clergy in general could not withhold a tribute of praise. And now they were expected to believe that this gentle, guileless, unselfish man was a thief and a murderer! He, who would share his last crust with the poor, was said to have robbed his benefactress of a sum which was the property of the poor, and for the sake of this money, he could easily have obtained possession some other way—for instance, he might have said it had been stolen from his desk in the night—he had assassinated a woman most helpful to him, and moreover done so in such a clumsy manner as to cause suspicion to fall upon him immediately! Who would be so credulous as to believe this possible? They were not in presence of a psychological problem, but of a psychological impossibility. Such a man could never have done such a deed!

There must be another answer to the question, Who committed the crime? than that given by the prosecutor, and any and every solution of the puzzle would appear more probable than his. The court might perhaps think it ridiculous on his part, but in reality, he would sooner believe the extraordinary suggestion of the old servant, than believe an excellent a priest capable of the work of an assassin.

But it was not necessary to have recourse to the preternatural, to find a key to the enigma. The sacristan Loser was just the sort of man to be guilty of such a deed, and the alibi proved by the prosecutor rested, as a matter of fact; only upon the evidence of one railway guard who might well be mistaken. Indeed he must have been mistaken, as was shown by the evidence of the barmaid of Croix Rouge, as she confidently asserted that she had seen the sacristan on the morning of the crime, and under very suspicious circumstances. True, the girl was a somewhat awkward in her statement, but it did not require very much of the skill of a lawyer, for the possession of which he so eagerly envied his learned colleague, to confuse and bewilder an ignorant peasant girl. Then Loser's mysterious

disappearance immediately after the crime had been committed seemed a corroboration of his guilt. How could it be that every effort to ascertain his whereabouts had failed? A man with a clear conscience would not hide in that manner. Finally he must say that he considered the prosecution had taken matters too much for granted in regard to the alibi, which he thought anything but satisfactory, and justice required more thorough search to be made for the missing man than the time and means at his disposal had permitted him to make.

Had the counsel closed his speech at this point it might have been better for his client. But in the conscientious desire to leave no argument untried, he wished to give an explanation of the embarrassment exhibited by the prisoner when first confronted with the Mayor, on which the latter had laid great stress, as a proof of guilt. He admitted that it looked as if the priest were at least privy to the crime, and might be accounted for by his having been acquainted with it. He then in a long, sedate, and dignified manner, which, in consequence of a confession made to him, a priest might acquire the knowledge of a crime, and yet be unable even indirectly to reveal it. His client had of course not given him a hint as to this being so in the present instance, yet he could not help surmising it to be the case, as this supposition alone would explain all that now appeared unintelligible. At any rate it was a possible solution, and he begged the gentlemen of the jury to take it into serious consideration in pronouncing their verdict. He related the story of the Polish priest, which bore so singular a resemblance to the case before them, and which was no fiction, but an incident which occurred quite recently, reported in all the public papers. He asked the jury to beware lest they should inadvertently condemn as a common murderer one who was a victim of the sacred duties and solemn obligations of the priesthood.

Father Montmoulin followed the latter portion of this speech with the closest attention. Hope again sprang up with him, and he secretly renewed the vow he had made that, in case of his acquittal, he would, with the permission of his superiors, enter a Missionary Order. But the reply of the prosecutor blighted all his hopes.

Mr. Joubert rose to his feet almost before his opponent had uttered the last word. Some excitement was visible in his manner as he indignantly repelled the imputation of having neglected to take any step which could in the remotest degree further the interests of justice. No means had been left untried, he said, in order to find and produce the sacristan Loser, for he knew that the defence would require his presence. Only when it became evident beyond a doubt that the man could not have been at St. Victoire at the time, was the fruitless attempt to trace him finally abandoned. He then cast a bitter scorn on the seal of confession, of which mention had just been made in the theory propounded by the defence, declaring it to be at variance with the canons of equity and the law of the land. The instance adduced by his learned colleague bore the stamp of falsehood, but even granting it to be true, no one could see any analogy between that and the present case as regarded Loser. Loser, who was known not to have been to confession for many years, and whom, for that very reason the clergy had endeavored to

Danger Signals!

Do you take cold with every change in the weather? Does your throat feel raw? And do sharp pains dart through your chest? Don't you know these are danger signals which point to pneumonia, bronchitis, or consumption itself? If you are ailing and have lost flesh lately, they are certainly danger signals. The question for you to decide is, "Have I the vitality to throw off these diseases?" Don't wait to try SCOTT'S EMULSION "as a last resort." There is no remedy equal to it for fortifying the system. Prevention is easy.

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prevents consumption and hosts of other diseases which attack the weak and those with poor blood. SCOTT'S EMULSION is the one standard remedy for inflamed throats and lungs, for colds, bronchitis and consumption. It is a food medicine of remarkable power. A food, because it nourishes the body; and a medicine, because it corrects diseased conditions.

oust him from his post; could it be credited that so "stubborn a sinner" having committed so heinous a crime, would have crawled with blood on his hands to the foot of the cross? Credit Judaea Appella! Rather than admit such a supposition as that, he would believe in the intervention of preternatural agency, and declare with the devout old cook that the devil had conveyed the sacristan to the spot to commit the murder, and then hurled him body and soul into hell!

After this rally, which provoked an outburst of laughter, the prosecutor proceeded gravely to describe Loser, whom the clergy abused and presented, as an enlightened and most respectable man, a thorough patriot, who had risked his life and shed his blood in the defence of his country. He was one of the little band of heroes who on a bitterly cold January night, in 1871, succeeded, in a district occupied by the enemy, in blowing up the bridge at Fontenay—a deed which might have resulted in the destruction of the hostile army, had there been a leader capable of following up this hostile advantage. And this was the man on whom the counsel for the defence almost at haphazard—or perhaps on the principle: the end justifies the means—was determined to fix the charge of murder! "And as for the argument wherein the defence mainly rests; Such a man could not be guilty of such a crime, it is valueless; for one may reverse it, and draw from it this conclusion: The man who has committed such a crime, who is proved to have committed it, is not the saint which the counsel for the defence would make out the prisoner to be, but an impostor, a hypocrite, from whose countenance the mask was torn; And as such he stands before us—behold him, when I cast this accusation in his teeth, an accusation which would arouse the indignation of every man of honor. What does he do? He turns up the whites of his eyes, he looks sweetly at the crucifix as if to say: Lord, I thank Thee that I am not as these sinners, who calumniate Thy servants—I have done; I have nothing more to add but this: Gentlemen of the jury do your duty."

The prosecutor had spoken fluently and ably; he had carried his hearers with him, especially when he spoke of Loser as one of the heroes of Fontenay, he woke an echo in the heart of every lover of his country. Meunier felt that he was defeated; he replied in a few sentences, reiterating his former arguments, and asserting that with all his rhetoric, more befitting a demagogue than a barrister the prosecutor had actually disproved nothing. Now, as before, there was really nothing to support the charge except the testimony of one railway guard who was supposed to be infallible. He emphatically denied the statement that the seal of confession was morally wrong, because it was contrary to the civil law; for the divine law was above human law. The prosecutor had scoffed at the example of the Polish priest, but for all his sarcasm he could not show it to be fictitious. And as for the laurels Loser professed to have won on the battle field, far be it from him to pluck one leaf away, only it must be acknowledged that a sharpshooter of the Voges, who boasted of the blood he had shed, was a more likely person to have done the deed in question than a peaceful, law-abiding priest. (Here there was a disturbance in the gallery, quickly silenced by the president.) Finally, his client had been denounced as a hypocrite, and his heroic courage, his truly Christian behaviour during the whole of this terrible period of trial, pronounced to be mere deceit. Had matters come to such a pass in France, that a man in deep affliction whose honor and whose life were at stake, could not breathe a prayer, or look to Heaven for help, without encountering mockery and scorn? Never in the course of his experience, he could confidentially assert, had he seen a prisoner who bore so completely the stamp of innocence as the prisoner at the bar. It might be expected of him in conclusion, to urge some plea which might dispose the jury to clemency. It would be easy to do so, he need but remind them of the aged and heart-broken mother, who if her son were condemned to death, would lose in him the staff of her declining years. But he would not enter on this theme, as he would be acting contrary to the expressed wish of the prisoner. "I do not ask compassion of my judges, but simple justice. Life and liberty would be worthless to me, unless I was fully and freely acquitted of the charge brought against me." Such were the words the accused had addressed to him, and all that remained for him on his part to say was this: Gentlemen of the jury, weigh what you have heard in the scales of justice, and there is no doubt that you will fully and freely acquit the prisoner.

Mr. Meunier then bowed to the president of the Court, to intimate that his task was ended; and the president forthwith proposed to the jury the question to which they had to return an affirmative or negative answer: Is the prisoner at the bar guilty of the crime of murder laid to his charge? He then

addressed a brief exhortation to the jury, and they retired to consider their verdict. The judges also withdrew, and the prisoner was removed to a place of solitary confinement. A hot discussion immediately commenced in the stranger's gallery concerning the prospects of the accused. Some considered his guilt as proved, others reluctantly admitted it, because of the absence of anyone else who could have committed the murder. The reference to the incident at Fontenay during the Franco-German war was a happy hit on the part of the prosecutor, as it gave Loser a place amongst the military heroes of that unfortunate period. Joubert was universally acknowledged to have pleaded his cause with far more ability than Meunier; yet the victory of the former was, as a man who had some acquaintance with legal matters informed Mrs. Lenoir, not yet certain. For the law provided that if all the judges present were of opinion that the decision of the jury was erroneous, the prisoner might be tried again at the next Assizes before another jury. Or, if the jury gave the verdict of guilty by a majority of one only, the judges were to vote, and reckon their votes with those of the jury, whence it might happen that the prisoner whom the jury had condemned on the majority of one vote might be acquitted.

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It strikes terror to a mother's heart to have her child, wake up at night with a croupy cough.

Child can scarcely speak, can hardly breathe—seems to be choking. There is no time for delay—apply hot poultices to the throat and upper part of the chest, and give Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup—nothing like it for giving prompt relief—will save a child when nothing else will.

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Fighting the Fires.

Hard life the plucky fireman lead; out in all sorts of weather, losing sleep, catching cold and straining their backs.

Hard to have strong, well kidneys under such conditions. That's why firemen, policemen and others, who are exposed to the weather, are so often troubled with Weak, Lame Backs and with Urinary Troubles.

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MISCELLANEOUS. KILLED BESIDE THE MODDER RIVER.

I wonder God aloses sic things— I widas, and I'm just his mither; My lad that only jined last year Is killed beside the Modder River. It's awfu' what the he't can bear— An only son, a widow mither; I keen he cried up' my name When dying by the Modder River. They speak o' glory when I greet— As if I could do any o'er! I'm ower wae to ye proud o'er yet Wha fell beside the Modder River. I kenna what the war's aboot, I only ken that niver, niver My Jamie will come back again— He lies beside the Modder River. I hope I'll no be long abent, I ken I'll not be lang a liver, I'm sixty and he's twenty-two— Ower young to lie by Modder River. —J. K. M. in People's Journal.

ANXIOUS MOTHERS find DR. BOW'S WORM SYRUP the best medicine to expel worms. Children like it—worms don't. The days are growing longer now, And—as of course they oter; So things won't clash and go to smash— The nights are growing shorter.

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