are of less weight than 3 carats. There are just 240 diamonds in this trifling article of adornment.

A large emerald and diamond necklace of magnificent workmanship, has 250 large diamonds and an equal number of emeralds. There are large diamond and emerald eardrops to match the above. Bracelets of emeralds and diamonds complete this set. An article of adornment that would make half of Murray Hill sigh with envy is a coral and diamond necklace. The coral is of a fine pink hie and the diamonds are of large size and great brilliancy, attaining a striking and dazzing contrast. Eardrops and bracelets complete the set. A butterily hair ornament has the body of an insect composed of a fine long pearl of yellowish white. Pearls, sapphires, rubies, and emeralds compose the wings. There is a second butterily hair ornament. A fine, large opal of magnificent colors compose the body, while the wings are made of diamonds, pearls, and rubies, arranged to represent the national colors. A vinsigrette of solid Roma gold has a solitaire diamond in the centre resembling a fair-sized calcium light. In this superb collection are such trifles as two solitaire diamond and rubies; four magnificent diamonds and rubies; four magnificent diamond and apphire rings; and two large diamond sard such each in gold with turquoise diamonds and apphire rings; and two large diamond star since buckles to match the seeklace. The total value of this fortune in jewels is \$250,000. It is to be expected that this product of the American bonanza era will make a sensation when she appears not alone, among the effete menarchies of the other side, but in the English and French capitals as well. It is understood that she will endeavor to make life endurable abread by the aid of such accessories as a \$100,000 letter of credit, maids, nurses, and so on.

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What's this? A tear, one only?
It blurs and troubles my gaze.
In my eye it has hung and lingered
A relic of olden days.

LEGAL TENDER. I almost doubt," said Nelly, blushing, "whether It's quite the thing to squeeze my hand so tight nd close as we have viewed the moon together, I really fear you're not behaving rightly."

BY PROXY.

BY JAMES PAYN.

WAS WILL DIE EINSAME THRANE. one to my father—to the man who has parted you and me? No: I have lest you both. He stooped down quietly, kissed her Ir blurs and troubles my gaze. It blurs and troubles my gaze. It blurs and troubles my gaze.

Her white panied lace was passed enough.

"I am sorry, very sorry, Nellie darling. Have you counted the cost? Are you quite sure of yourself, my pet?"

"Quite sure, dear friend. I pray you never speak of it to me, again." She was quite sure, and if she had counted the cost, it was because it was incalculable: but the subject was one she henceforth shrank from even in thought.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

From the day on which Raymond came and went so suddenly there fell a change on Nellie, and, as it seemed, for the better. She no longer affected her own company, or sought seclusion; her manner was cheerful, though a close observer might have thought is studiously so; she rather encouraged than otherwise her hostess's little expeditions of pleasure. One day, when Mr. Wardlaw was with them, she said, "Suppose we dine at the table d'hote ?"
This unexpected suggestion was received.

had died without a word of rarewell, and spel had a vague hope that this man might bring one, or at all events explain that mysterious silence.

"Your father was captain of my company, Miss Conway, and the best friend I had an the regiment, though indeed he was everybody's friend."

"And you were with him up to the time le the Shanghae on that fatal journey?"

"Oh yes," he was going to say, "and even later," but stopped short, remembering, with a quick shudder, what that last sight had been. "Mr. Pennicuick, you know, so companied him alone; but afterwards, when he returned in hopes to save him, and procure the reprieve that was unhappily saeless, I went back with him to Dhulang. That was the name of the pris—the place where your poor father got into trouble."

"We could not understand that," said Nelly saily !" I mean, how my father, of all men, could have committed..."

"Nor I," broke in alliburn suddenly, "nor anybody who knew him. The whole thing was a mystery, and still remains so." Unhappily, however, what happened afterwards was certain enough."

"Yes."

Never was monosyllable more fraught with significance.

"You reached Dhulang too late. You never saw him?"

Milburn shook his head. "He perished before our arrival, thanks to the treachery of the Chinese government. I trust they will still be made to pay for it; but it is so difficult to punish the true transgressors in such cases. Moreover, supposing the facts to be as reported, it was not a casus bells."

"I am arre my poor father would have wished no war to be made on his account," said Nellie carnestly.

"I hat is quite true. He was gentleness itself, though as bold as a lion, and had always a keen sense of responsibility. But as for me, when I saw—I mean, what I heard what had taken place, I should have liked to have burnt that temple about its rascally my like and taken place. I mean, what I heard what had taken place, I should have liked to have burnt that temple about its rascale what had taken place, I should have liked to have burnt that temple

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opinion."
"I am quite sure of that, my dear," observed her husband confidently, and resumed his perusals of the doings at the auction mart in yesterday's Times.

in the same quarter of the little hotel, and come of come tipe the same roof, so that it between the consideration the way and the same the consideration this was decided in the affirmative, and she and Nellie equipped themselves for out of-doors, and then sailed down the passage to their port—about four doors off. They found brother and sister both at home. Perhaps the former had remained in order to receive them, as it was his custom to spend his whole time out-of-doors, whereas Miss Milburn. on the contrary, was rather a hot-house flower. She had more pretensions to good looks than Mrs. Wardland shown herself willing to allow, but by day she looked considerably older than under the gasilight of the table dhote.

"No chicken, my dear," was Mrs. Wardlaw's ashsequent verdict on her in confidence to Nellie, and she was certainly some years senior to her brother. There was, as has been said, no family resemblance between them, and the contrast of his suburnt cheeks with her pale and somewhat freckled features, made the dissimilarity even stronger than nature had done. She was straight as a poplar, and rather of its color, but not without a certain grace of movement, which as opported the second of the color, but not without a certain grace of movement, which as oppolar, and rather of its color, but not without a certain grace of movement, which are only the figure was thin, and she seemed to be studied. Her eyes were gray and very expressive; her voice soft and even musical; her features were clearly cut—they were politely called "classical" by her admirers—but her lips was thin, and she seemed to smile rather to show her excellent teeth than her good nature.

She received her visitors, however, very graciously indeed, with a greater demonstration than her brother, who seemed more silent and reserved that he had been when he had made his own "call" that morning. The usual topics were discussed; the climate of Sandybeach; the hotel and its table d hote; and the scenery.

The Devastating Deluge

Damage done by the Great Foods in the Sacramento Valley—An Inland Sea. A correspondent of the Son Francisco Chronicle writes from Antioch, Feb. 24, describing the flood in the Sacramento valley. As we glance across Grand Island at the point toward the Isleton sugaries, there is nothing but an immense lake. There is a succession of breaks of probably seven hundred feet, alternating with a few strips of sound leves for a mile or two. The depth of water on the island can best be described by aaying that only the tops of high and substantial hay barns are barely projecting from the terrible flood. The horizon shows nothing but one vast expanse of waters. We all tried to estimate the area of land covered by this flood, but could only arrive at some wild estimate that a section of land some fitty miles by twenty-five was submerged, except a few portions—say Randall's Island, on the San Joaquin side, and the Montezuma district. Passing along we find more levees broken, through which the water was flowing into the river. On many points cattle are still standing, and in the trees roost chickens, looking bewildered. Here and there the busy Chinamen are striving to

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A thorough inspection of the everflowed districts below Sacramento, while it leads one to believe that it is impossible to estimate the damages with any correctness during the intense excitement that prevails, also demonstrates that it will not reach \$10,000,000, even including all prospective and consequential damages. After conversation with experienced men in several sections of the country. I believe that, so far as it is possible to estimate at present, the following calculation will in the main be found approximately correct: Cost of rebuilding, repairing and strengthening leves, \$2,000,000; of profits by destruction of anticipated crops, (outside figures), \$3,000,000; cesting them from submerged districts to high grounds. \$25,000; destruction of functive and household goods, \$200,000; expenses of boarding homeless families, \$50,000; cesting them from submerged districts to high grounds. \$25,000; destruction of fornary \$7,000,000 and even allowing for further disasters through a rise of the wind and waters, and consequent increase of devastation, will cover the ruin in the district referred to.

And now let us refer to one bright spot in the picture. In the first place there is not doubt but that many thousands of acres of the submerged districts will be vastly bene-

Be Social and Genial.

(From the Hong Kong Mail.)
At Tientsin, on the 7th of Januarible calamity