

ANNABEL OR THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XIV.

DICK MATTOCKS IS BROUGHT TO DAY. "I assure you I mean nothing evil to-

wards you, but something of very great advantage," answered Hayes.

"All right, come on then; and I'll take you to the kind of crib you want."

He wheeled about as he spoke and made for the door. The lawyer rose and followed him.

As they passed the entrance where Mother Crimp sat at the receipt of custom, Dick regarded her with a grinning leer.

"You're in luck to-night, old lass. Double fees. You ought to make your fortune."

"Two 'thrups' won't go far in that way," muttered the virago, with a nod.

"But who knows if I'll see your face to-night again? The cove may take you to the flashy ken, where a bob's the mark."

Only mind to go there when your next smash wants nursing.

"Don't stomp the high horse, old mother," answered Dick, flinging the words over his shoulder.

"I'm not going to any flashy ken as I know of; and as for nursing, I don't mean to wait that again in a hurry."

Saying which he walked out, the lawyer keeping close in his wake, and feeling considerably relieved at quitting a place so dangerous and disagreeable.

Traversing the murky alley, Dick Mattocks led the lawyer across the narrow street from which it ran, and into another passage lighted at the far end by a solitary lamp.

Immediately under this lamp was a door, the middle panel of which was covered with raised knobs.

A series of these particularly placed was pressed by Dick in succession, and as his fingers touched the last, a low, whirring noise of machinery was heard, and the door glided open.

"In with you—quick," said his conductor, giving the lawyer a violent push within the doorway, which sent him staggering a yard or more into the passage beyond.

Considerably astonished as well as alarmed by this rough usage, Hayes wheeled quickly round, and was just in time to see his companion leap simply in his wake, and so escape the swing of the reclosing door, as with another whirl it shut of itself.

"No time to stand on ceremony when Iron Jim is a working," explained Mattocks. "If you or I had been caught in the doorway we'd a' been squeezed to jelly."

The lawyer was thankful to find that Dick's violent action meant nothing threatening. The latter, caring little what he thought or felt, once more led the way along various dimly lighted passages, with doors placed here and there on either side.

Then he ascended a narrow winding stair, and threaded other passages with the readiness of one who was thoroughly acquainted with the intricacies of the place, and at length opened a door where the room within seemed to be in total darkness.

"Come on; I'll give you light in a jiffy," cried Dick. "Take care, though; there's a step up."

This warning came rather late, for as it was uttered the lawyer tripped on the step in question and fell, precipitated forward with a force sufficient to bring him sharp against the table which stood in the middle of the room.

At the same moment Dick turned up the gas, which revealed the interior of a small dingy apartment, with the usual plain public-house furniture, added only by a curiously arranged brass shelf close against the wall at one side, and about a yard from the floor.

New Publications. We have received from the publishers the Atlantic Monthly, and Our Young Folk for May, (J. R. Osgood & Co., Boston.)

The former of these two is so well known as to need but a few words. The contents of the number are varied and interesting.

"The Two Letters," by L. P. Hale—supposed to be written in 1635-36, are startling in their truthfulness to the time.

Celia Thaxter's "Child Life at the Isle of Shoals" will be read with interest and pleasure, as also the several articles which follow.

The attractive item in the number, however—at least to most readers, we imagine—will be "Scanderbeg," a lengthy poem by H. W. Longfellow, a composition of much merit and interest.

The chats upon recent literature, art, music, &c., will also, doubtless, be read with much pleasure.

"Our Young Folks" is one of the best publications we know of for the youngsters, and the present number fully sustains its reputation.

It is well illustrated, well printed, and attractively got up. We have not space to do more than allude to it, but we must mention that some of "Our Young Contributors" exhibit considerable talent.

"A Question," by A. E. Worcester, aged sixteen, will be read with much pleasure. We cannot omit the question—

"But the violet eyes half opened When I laid her down to rest, And, as I stooped to kiss her, She murmured, in her nest, 'I'll be the bestest baby, And go to Heaven, I guess; But when I has dot white wings on, How shall I button my dress?"

"A Spring Carol," by E. M. Stone, aged 12, is also a very pretty poem, and exhibits considerable merit; and the several prose articles show that the rising generation has, at least, got talent of its own.

THE ALPINE for May, is a magnificent number of a most superb publication. It contains two full page engravings, "The Lee Shore" by M. F. H. de Haas, and "The New Post Office, Chicago." We might also mention a little gem after the original of Monginot, "Unhidden Guests" representing some playful kittens making havoc among the dishes on an epicure's table. Quite a number of engravings are illustrative of the progress in Chicago since the fire. The literary part of the number is excellent; and altogether we have seldom seen a more exquisite number of this beautiful art magazine. Jas. Sutton & Co., publishers, New York.

THE QUESTION OF THE DAY (J. Lovell, Montreal.) is an earnest, eloquent, and exhaustive lecture on the Temperance question, delivered before a Montreal audience, by Lieut. J. Newton Emra, and now published in full. We recommend it to all Temperance Societies as a most important addition to the Temperance literature of the day. It is got up in pamphlet style, glazed covers, &c., and will be sent post free for 15c., or \$1.50 per doz. The Daily Witness, speaking of it says it is "of such sterling merit that we advise its immediate publication and circulation;" while the Canada Casket calls it a most eloquent and instructive lecture.

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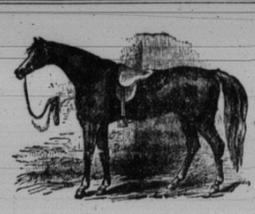
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