

Most always do, the easiest method take
As death by drowning is but little more than
Sleep, and such would be in death by electricity.
Therefore, to assure the peace against great crimes,
The well tried style of hanging, is the only means.

S. D. Oh! That a writ of pardon or reprieve,
Would come to me, ere the sentence of the court
Be carried out to its full extent.
I dreamed but yestern night that a petition
Hath been sent, to the executive authorities
At Ottawa, shewing circumstances, by
Which Dardanus' crime is much mitigated :
And a possible chance for pardon or reprieve.
But in the meanwhile I must well prepare,
To carry into effect the law, to the bitter end.
Therefore, to-morrow at sunrise, at the jail we'll meet.
The cap, rope and scaffold, are now ready :
Also, I have ordered to be prepared, a most
Sumptuous breakfast, for the man condemned,
So that he may with strengthened nerves be blest,
To walk with firmness, to meet his coming doom.
Now let us part and seek our grateful couch,
And meet to-morrow, at the break of day.

Exeunt Omnes.

SCENE VI.—In rear of County Jail.

Enter Sheriff Dickson, Walter W. Tench, Donald
Green and others.