der; and at the mention of "epi-demic," "contagion," she closed her doors to the world, to avoid contact

with it, and, if not detained by her duties at court, as lady in waiting

Although no letter had yet come

rom her father, Philomena allowed

nerself to see, in the long vista of

As she dreamed her pure dream

young lover who pleaded so humbly

handelasp that would bid him hope,

Jesus, save him from me, from us.

happiness with him, and the

patiently for one word, one

ity at once.

FIRST CHRISTMASTIDE.

across your frosty height, For the crown of every labor, and every flower the fruit, The happy earth inherits, Love being

born tonight! Over the vast abyss of nothing

Where the old gods go reeling cry of the new Name, Lean your untold bligges, and midnight bloom

With your throbbing gladness stes ing in a thousand points of flame. O Angel of all Innocents, your viol make more sweet.

your lute. O Angel of all heroes, your raptur tabor beat.

() Angel of all Lovers, touch

O Angel of all Triumph, sound timbrel's swift pursuit: For you hear the Voice above you, like

the breath of some strong flute. "Tonight, tonight, Great Love is born, and joy is absolute! Forget, O Voice untiring, Gethsemane

dark cup, Foretell not the heart-breaking des pair of Calvary's height,

For with boundless sweep and gyring all the universe moves up. The depth the dark forsaking with

this primal Christmas night ! While sinking at the warning of clear and mighty cry, Shall the evil that is hoary, with

dooming that was meet, In the void of night and morning She dressed herself hurriedly and mist dissolve and die, And death grow into glory now

A DAUGHTER'S HOLOCAUST,

J. M. CAVE.

In her situation she had much free time, and was indeed treated with ed berself, as she stood waiting for the utmost courtesy. If she had the servant to admit her. Though anything to complain of, it was that

The princess was a gay woman of the world. She loved her own freedom, and believed in being very indulgent to o hers. "Her own life was all roses without thorns; why should she annoy others?"

They surrounded her, and would have her re-enter with them, for she was a great favorite with all the family, but she excused atmosphere in which she lived, and she liked everything in keeping. Superlative luxury and perfection in everything that was hers was her aim and desire.

To have a real countess as her daughter's governess, and moreover, no message for him?"

They had come too late. Already the yellow hospital coffin held all that the yellow hospi

be a real countess as berdaughter's governess, and moreover, one heautiful, young and highly accomplished, was only fitting. Money ould not procure this luxury every day; so Philomena was treated in every way like one of the family, that is to say, surrounded by every luxury.

Madame's daughter was a lovel girl too, but a spoiled one in every way. She did just what her own sewest will suggested, at all times. She was supposed to be studying every known science; that is, professors and teachers of these soiences were engaged for her, but she learned what she chose, which was little enough. What she learned without studying much was to be perfectly graceful, charming, to dress exquisitely, and to speak three or four foreign languages. This seems much but having heard and prac-

foreign languages. This seems him. him. "Her tears are sacred," she tised them from her cradle, she may thought; and opening a tiny book

made grimaces (a thing in very bad taste, she emphatically declared) to her duty to-day, she might take at it to-morrow of her own free will. wishes, he had proceeded to take the

wishes, he had proceeded to take the measures inexorably laid down for one hour, she laughingly admitted, would be the subject of ridicule the next. Only do not let the young princess speil her face by frowns or pouts; let her be gay, happy and without care. Above all, do not give her any bias, or teach her any fixed principles that might be anacying in the future. Who knows what kind of a marriage she was destined to make. An English duke would profer a Protestant wife, a

destined to make. An English duke the whole profess a Protestant wife, a French prime a Catholic one, while, should she marry at home, she must daughter drove away.

An hour later a bired carriage left toontained Philomena be thoroughly Orthodox."

An hour later a hired carria
"No, no, beware of bias, it was a
the door. It contained Phil

dangerous thing." In other words, and a hospital nurse.
do everything for the body: never
mind the soul, was Madam's law; mined to force an aver Edouard called the next day determined to force an avowal from Philoand she was a very fair specimen of mena's own lips. To urge her by every argument in his power, to yield The very name of any kind of illher happiness into his keeping.
Oh, how impatiently he waited to ments of children, made her shud-

the opening of those great barred, and double-barred, princely doors, that hut her away from him. They opened at length. "Mlle de Pavlewski?"

"She is not here." "When will she be at home?" "She has gone away."
"When will she return."

"She will not return. "Where has she gone?" The man shook his head, and herself to see, in the long vists of the future, a great happiness for looked impatient to close the door. A gold piece brought the hurnedly And not only for herself, but for him, she thought; because, could she keep him near her, and watch over him, she might withdraw him over him, she might withdraw him the faccinating avil influences.

"Taken to the 'bolnitza'" (hospital).

from the fascinating evil influences to which he was so fatally enslaved. "The hospital! My God, what hospital?" cried the young man, with

orror and surprise.

The closed doors gave no answer. He beat upon them and rang the bell, and called, and beat upon them | alone ! again, with all Lis strength. For a long time, an eternity anguish for him, no answer. Then

she smiled through happy tears. Ab, could it be that the future held this in store for her? was this great love an upper window opened, and a piece to atone for the weary years of of paper fluttered down to him waiting; for the long years of slavery, that ministered to a father's Novaya Hospital. That was all.

disgrace? Could it be?
The poor young head bowed again, the fair hands trembled, and The house was closed. The family had fled the moment Philomena's ill-ness had been announced, and half an rain of bitter tears fell on them, hour later she was transported to a as Philomena saw before her the hospital, outside the city, accomdisgraceful picture of the ruined gambler and his notorious companpanied by a hospital nurse. The ser ants left in charge, had received strict orders to hold no communica-"No! no!" she murmured, "i tion with any one; all information must never be! Sacred Heart of needed was to be obtained only hrough the police.

That prayer was for the young lover. She arose, with a strange How desperately the poor young look on her poor, pale face—a look of sudden determination, blended nan worked that day to gain admittance within the walls of that horrible with poignant pain. "I am to blame," she murmured. "Oh, that it may not be too late!" building, who shall say? "Not possible before three o'clock," they told him.

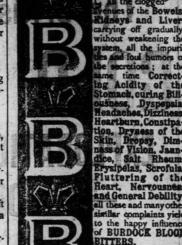
At three o'clock the doctor who made her way to the Nevsky. signed the permits was not to be found. hours was quickly told. "I was sent,"

There, at the foot of the cross, she All day he was driven about, from said the nurse, "from the hospital in issues as they present then de complete!

—McClure's Magazine.

The duty she one official to another; until night a closed carriage, to the house of the

"Her tears are sacred," she inspired him with a feeling of intense passionate love. Her rare and admirable character, her touching and



continued to wonder about the hous where she had lived, and the hospita where "they said" she had died. "What proof had he of her death? there was some mistake. Oruelty there surely was; perhaps there was foul play too; for how could she, that noble and beautiful one, high born and high bred, how could she have been thrown into the ditch, from a hospital bed, like the veriest beggar,

or the refuse of the street !" His blood boiled with indignation and wrath, and he madly sought ven geance for so fearful a crime, if it could be true that she was really dead. At every step of his inquiries he was met by stolid officials, not one of, whom would acknowledge any respon

"To law," be cried, "What law could send a young and beautiful lady, like any pauper, to such a place as Novaya Hhspital, at midnight and

request of the Princess Verkamoff an experienced nur e had been sent for the patient.' "Where was she, this experienced

nurse?"
"At the hospital." When at length Edouard succeeded in seeing this nurse, he heard from her lips the narrative of that terrible He had some difficulty in opening

her lips; she had been prejudice against the friends of the dead lady, who, it was whispered had made trouble and declared the hospital authorities guilty of her death. "I accuse," said Edouard, "those who thrust her from their door."

His haggard face, sunken eyes and agonized expression touched the wo man's heart; and she told him freely all she knew.

prayed for strength. The duty she had set herself was hard indeed.

From early morning she had pondered upon it, and almost missed deed upon it, and almost missed the was held, hoping hourly for Thursday, January 25, to bring admission; then the gates closed and the trong almost missed the stood outside, battling, as best he could, with his desperate grief.

Nearly frantic with angoish, he moon visible. The night was intensely cold, and there was no moon visible. The night of the stood outside, battling, as best he could, with his desperate grief.

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What had come over her?" she ask-laid some gold coing on the table. What had come over her?" she asked berself, as she stood waiting for
the servant to admit her. Though
the sacrifice had been made suddenThe man turned away.

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there might be heart trouble, but
there was throat trouble, too, and
that would authorize her being re-

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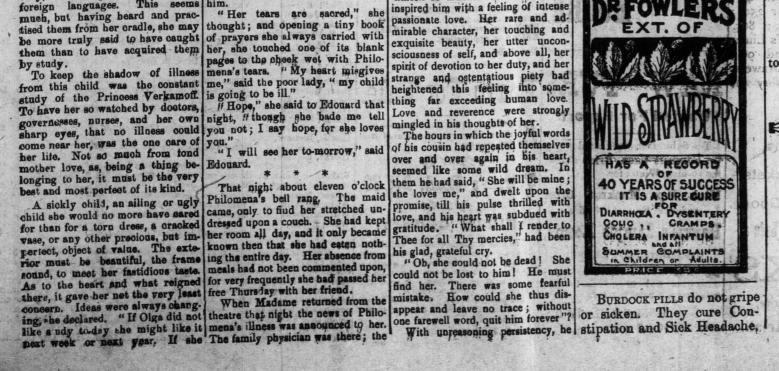
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