

forehead—it was cold as marble. The bell of the cathedral tolled the hour of one—again its sound called up to his fancy the events of years—a glare of fire seemed to fill the apartment—a rushing in his ears as of a flood of waters overwhelming him. He raised his hand—the small ray of the taper glittered brightly on the blade of the dirk—the next instant his arm descended—the dirk was buried in the heart of Margaret De Vere! Flinging himself beside her, he pressed his lips to her's—no mighty struggle convulsed her frame—no groan; but with a gentle heave of her fair and innocent breast and a murmur on her lips—a murmur of the name of him who knelt beside her; so passed away her gentle spirit.

Rising from beside the inanimate form, Lionel gazed upon it several minutes. "There," exclaimed he, "beautiful as is that clay, what is it in comparison to the divine spirit which has left it? Yes, she is now an angel, and I! Yes she will plead for me—I shall be forgiven. We shall dwell together for eternity—Margaret! dear Margaret!—I come to thee!" Once more the dirk entered the earthly tabernacle of a spirit—a spirit which fleeing to the region where sins are forgiven and sorrow is unknown, was instantly received by our band and united to its kindred spirit. Thus, in our blessed abode will they ever dwell together—thus, amid and in the presence of our resplendent company, was consummated the *Spirit Bridal*.

Carlton, 10th February, 1843.



ANECDOTE OF LOVE.

It is not long since the following extraordinary adventure is said to have taken place in one of the districts of Hungary:—

A number of workmen, being engaged in opening a communication between two mines, discovered the body of a miner, apparently about twenty years of age, whose position showed that he had fallen a victim to one of those accidents of frequent occurrence in these subterranean excavations.

The men remarked that the body seemed to have lost nothing of its flexibility and suppleness; and the state of perfect preservation, likewise, in which it was found, was attributed by scientific men to the effect of the vitriolic water in the mine.

On being exposed to the air the body became stiff, but the features and expression of the face were not changed. Still it could not be

recognized, although there was a confused collection in the neighbourhood respecting time when the accident occurred, report through the village to have been above half a century ago.

No farther inquiries, however, were made and they quietly proceeded to inter the corpse according to the usual forms; when all at once there appeared an old woman, hastening as fast as her crutches would carry her toward the spot. On hearing of the circumstances she had quitted her bed, where she had been confined during many years, and insisted upon seeing the features of the deceased. Spite of the wrinkles and fixed expression of her countenance, it betrayed uncommon agitation and anxiety, mingled with a singular air of satisfaction, which had in it something almost supernatural and inspired.

She approached, and fixing her eyes upon the features of the corpse, threw aside the hair that concealed part of the forehead, and burst into tears and piercing cries. She exclaimed, that she had found the body of her lover, to whom she was on the eve of being united sixty years before, when he suddenly disappeared. When her tears had ceased to flow she returned thanks to Heaven for having permitted her to behold once again the object of her first attachment, adding, "Now, indeed I shall die content."

The violence of her feelings had been more than her feeble frame could support. The peasants wished to carry her home; but her mind seemed to have broken the last links that bound it to earth, and she was laid in the same grave with him from whom she had been so long and strangely separated.

☞ "Rise and Fall of the Moors in Spain,"—a subject which fills a considerable portion of our present number, is condensed from an able article, written by M. M. No. of the New York press.

☞ Our correspondents must excuse us for not giving a place to their favors—in our next however, we will endeavour to comply with their wishes.

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