

imbecile and very troublesome. If there was a Protestant Home for imbeciles in this city, I could supply several every year. They are sent here and remain fixtures, their want of intellect preventing them from getting employment."

No. 453.

"We never had an inmate in the Home who made more trouble and noise than this one, yet, when we think of the enormity of her crime, the battle for her rescue was worth fighting. She came late one night, and had her child before morning. A few days after, a man called, and asked for 'Miss A———.' Without permission he walked past the woman who opened the door, and up-stairs to the woman's bed-room.

"When I was told of it, I went up immediately, and asked him who he was. He said 'Her friend.' Well knowing what these poor deluded girls' 'friends' are, I ordered him out, but he refused to go, and it was not until I said I would call in the aid of a constable that he went after using a great deal of insolent and bad language. He returned again in a few days, and the same trouble had to be gone over again. A third time he returned, accompanied by another man who proved to be a policeman in plain clothes; I did not know this until I had sent for a constable to take them both out, as neither had any right to go into the sick-room. He was very outrageous, but such is the insanity of crime that his own furious conduct betrayed the dreadfully guilty life that he and the young woman had been living. The devil often overleaps himself, and surely he did in this case.

"The girl told me her whole life's history. The wicked man, a well-known resident of this city, had married her aunt 17 years ago, and failing in his effort to seduce the girl, his niece, he made her believe he had never married her aunt and married the girl privately, both women being in the same house, the aunt knowing nothing of this state of affairs. Abortions had been procured by city doctors. This outrage on society and the law has been going on in our midst, and yet the defiant villain goes unfettered and unscathed! When he came to take the girl away, he was firmly told that he had no claim on her, as she had asked my protection, and I was determined she should be sent to her father, which was done, she taking her infant with her."

No. 454.

"Before mentioned as an imbecile. The other women were afraid of her as she sometimes gave them a stealthy blow, so I had to return her to the St. George's Home; she was meanwhile a month in the Hospital."

No. 455.

"A flash looking girl, wearing a gold watch and massive chain. Said 'she had got into a little trouble and had parted with all her jewellery, except her watch, which was a keepsake from her brother.' I had a suspicion she would have to part with that too, her personal equipment made me suspect her source of income, so, a day or two after, I asked Detective