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Richard Latimer, in a flaring headline announcing the success of the Prohibition Bill.

"Richard Latimer," she mused, "I wonder—surely that can't be Dick," then as she read his speech, her face flushed.

"Surely it must be," she thought, then her doubts were speedily set at rest by the entrance of Dick, himself.

"Well?" he asked her gently, glancing at the paper she still held. "What do you think of it now?"

"It's splendid, Dick! I was just wondering if it were really you," she said earnestly. "Why didn't you tell me you had grown to be such a distinguished personage, Dick? You must let me congratulate you. I am so glad that you at least, are in a fair way to realize your old ambition."

"One of them," he corrected her gently. "In those old days Marion, I used to have two ambitions. I wonder if you ever guessed what the other one was?"

"No," she replied, wonderingly, "I don't think so."

"All the time you like, dear, if you'll only promise that your thinking will end the right way." And as he looked down into her eyes, and watched the color flush her sweet face, his arm slipped around her, and somehow they both knew that for them, things were ending "the right way"—at last.

### Vain Seeking

Written for The Western Home Monthly by Hugh S. Eayes.

The other day, while walking with a friend

I saw again what oft I saw before, Nor ever counted fit to be remarked, Tho' it were right we all might notice take.

A train was speeding on the steely track,

With many a groan, and hissing spurt of steam

And sound reverberating, as anon it passed

Beneath a bridge, and as I looked, a dog Ran in its wake, and yelp! and barked the while



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"No, I don't think you ever did, Marion," he went on quietly, "and yet it was the stronger one of the two. But—I waited too long to tell you, then Thoriston came along, and—it was too late. Now do you know?"

She made no reply, and after a moment's pause, he continued, slowly, "you never knew that I loved you, in those old days, Marion, but I did. I won't say that it has spoiled my life, because I hope I've done my duty in the world just the same; but it certainly did spoil my happiness. Always your face has come between me and any other woman I even thought of, and now that I see you again, I find that I love you just as I used to. Tell me dearest, is it too late yet?" and taking her hand in both his own, he waited for her answer.

"I don't know, Dick," she murmured uncertainly. "This is all so new to me. I never thought—never—I—you must give me time to think," she finished, quite after the fashion of heroines in fiction.

As tho' in anger that it could not bridge The ever widening breach between.

And then Reflecting on this common sight I mused, And saw its moral; for that silly dog Was wasting time and strength to catch that train.

If he had got the thing for which he tried,

What good! He was no better off, because

He could not use it, nor for work, nor play

And so his chase was futile. Thus it seems

That all of us spend many golden hours

And waste our strength and opportunities

In striving to procure what, if 'twere ours,

Were nothing useful to us. Better far

To strive to gain the things that really matter;

Hope, honor, love and acts of kindness scatter.

## The London Column

London, England.—A most useful—in fact quite indispensable—department of the English Post Office is the "Insufficient Address Department." Few people know of its existence; still fewer know what its work is. Yet it deals with thousands of letters a week, and saves many a forgetful letter-writer the annoyance of having his communication returned to him. For it is here that all letters bearing an address insufficient or too indefinite for them to be delivered, are scrutinized by a staff of experts for clues as to the rightful recipient.

Indeed, many are the stories of the strange inscriptions which have from time to time been consigned to the kindly mercies of the English Post Office for delivery. When the cult of shorthand was in its infancy, aspirants of the new science were addicted to indicting the superscription of their letters in the Pitman form. Unfortunately Postal Officials and Postmen are busy men, and within a few weeks a new postal law was framed making it irregular to write addresses in shorthand cypher. However, in spite of the regulation, so tender-hearted is the Post Office, that even still an envelope addressed in shorthand cypher would ultimately arrive at its destination.

At the time Sir A. Conan Doyle was writing for the Strand Magazine his first Sherlock Holmes stories, one of the most popular of which was the famous "Adventure of the Dancing Figures," somebody for a wager posted a letter written (including the address) in the peculiar "dancing figure" code; nevertheless this letter was delivered, with the seal unbroken, to the addressee, with only a couple of days delay.

We more than once have had letters delivered to us which have borne only the two words 'Curzon, England,' and on one occasion a forgetful gentleman in Ontario sent an order and Twenty Dollars addressed merely "The World's Largest Measure Tailors, London." But they seemed to know who "The World's Largest Measure Tailors" were, and the letter was duly delivered to us at Curzon Brothers, 60-62, City Road, London.

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