

22 THE DAGONET BALLADS

But she got all right in a minit, and, takin' her
 husband's arm,
She walked like a tipsey woman back thro' the
 fields to the farm.

In less than a month from that, sir, old Burton
 lay here dead ;
Here, at this level crossing—"Accident," so
 they said.

But I know, for the woman told me who'd
 seen her before the 'quest,
That for many a night he'd murmur, and talk
 in his troubled rest ;
And he'd wake in the night, and tell her, if it
 chanced that he should die,
That the hand of God would have freed her
 for a higher and holier tie.
And the eve as it happened he kissed her, with
 tears in his eyes, and said,
"Mercy, my darling! remember the *reason*
 that we were wed."

When he left her that night he told her he'd a
 lawyer to see in town.
He was crossing there for the platform when
 the engine struck him down.