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A Tragedy.

BY DICK DUMPLING.

SCENE.—*A parlor. Young Baldash de Tracy, scion of a once noble house, and the charming Miss Evaldina Montaquirke seated on a sofa. Both look unutterably foolish. Balddash is mentally making a map of Manitoba out of the legs of his trousers, every check being a section of prairie mud. A sudden inspiration seizes him, he falls on his knees (and Evaldina's foot), and exclaims:*

"Oh, object of my deepest admiration!
Resplendant star of all the constellation!
More precious than the gems owned by a nation?
Thine eyes more black than anthracite formation.
Thy soul filled up with liveliest animation!
My head turns round and round in wild gyration,
My mind is filled with horrid consternation,
Lest thou should'st drive me unto desperation.
I'm poor, yet nobly born of rank and station;
My ancestors were held in veneration,
But father lost his all in speculation.
I've written a great book called 'The Formation
Of Cephalaginous Mintal in Rotation.'
Oh, damsel, spurn me not in degradation!
(My heart goes pit-a-pat in agitation)—
Oh show this bounteous, full commiseration!
My love for thee has no abbreviation,
Say but a word and fill me with elation.
Too long I've lived in mere anticipation,
And thought you mine—'twas but imagination.
My tears flow forth in flooding inundation—
Oh, spare the pain that's caused by hesitation,
Thou fairest flower that's bloomed since the creation!"

EVALDINA.—"Ah, Mr. Tracy, though my acceptation
Of all your love would be the elevation
Of *your* low spirits, yet the separation
From this rich home would bring humiliation
To *my* proud soul. I have no inclination
For love in cottages with stinted ration,
Therefore, I must decline the nomination,
Although I love you from the——"

Evaldina's pa rushes in, and catching Baldash by the nape of the neck, exclaims:

"Young man, explain why in this situation
I find you placed, and why in all tarnation
You chance to hover round this habitation.
Your quaking limbs show strange signification
That fires my quickening blood to inflammation.
List while I speak my deep denunciation:
Young man, your brain requires renovation,
And I'll assist you by the elevation
Of this my dexter foot, my sound foundation."

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And down the steps in great precipitation
The erring youth commenced his exploration!

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