

Being arrived there, he scarcely knew whither to bend his steps, as he felt confident that the officers of justice would soon be on his trail.

Undecided as to what he should do, he strolled about town until he found himself at the foot of Walnut Street. It is presumed that his natural propensities led him to that part of the city: Walnut Street, commonly called "The Hook," being one of the chief places of resort for women of ill-fame.

Here George Lampanas Shaftesbury lounged until the following night. Having spent the former part of the night in carousing with the inmates of one of the brothels, he made his exit about half past twelve o'clock, with the design of secretly leaving the city. As he approached the wharf by one of the narrow streets in that section, he discovered a female occasionally peering forth from one of the dark dens, looking up and down the street, as if anxiously watching the time when all should be quiet. Lampanas determined to watch her movements. He therefore stepped into the shade of an alley, where he could remain perfectly unobserved. After remaining in this position about an hour, he perceived the female drag something from the door, and make her way towards the wharf. Lampanas passed through the alley to the next street, and came round so as to meet her at the corner of the lower block. As they met the female let go her charge, and made an attempt at flight. Lampanas was too quick for her, and catching her by the dress, detained her. After he had secured her he gave her assurance that he intended no harm, and her struggles ceased.

An explanation then followed as to what she intended to do with the body—for it was nothing else than a human body that she was dragging to the wharf. At Lampanas' suggestion she concluded to leave it where it was, and she returned to her house, with Lampanas in company.

Lampanas now made it his business to find out the circumstances leading to the death of the man whom Marie Lavine (for that was the girl's name) had taken from the house.

The information he was enabled to gather was, that the man had been in the habit of visiting houses of ill fame, and when he visited Marie on this occasion, it was ascertained that he had considerable money in his possession; and Marie determined, by some means, to turn said money to her own account.

To accomplish her design, she managed to get her victim to par-