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So spoke Mrs. Bonnington, the vicar's wife, laying down the law; a law, indeed, which most English women are ready to take for granted. Mrs. Rose, a tall, thm, pale lady, who had "nerves," and who, on this bright April morning, wore a woolen shawl half off her shoulders as she sat in the warm sun by the dining-room window, assented readily.
"That's what I always say. Espe-

cially a widow. I'm sure if anything were to happen to my husband," went on Mrs. Rose, euphemistically, last thing I should think about would be my dress. I should be far too unhappy to trouble myself about the fit of my gowns or the shape of my bon-

Now, this was perhaps true, as Mrs. Rose, though she spent as much money and as much thought upon her clothes as her compeers, never succeeded in looking as if they had been made for her, or as if the subject of "fit" were of any importance.

Mrs. Bonnington shook her head with vague disquietude, and resumed her "I assure you the matter has caused me a good deal of anxiety. You know how solicitous both the vicar and I are about the tone of the parish."

"I do, indeed," murmured Mrs. Rose, sympathetically. You know how hard we work to keep up a high standard. Why, everybody knows that it was through us

At the other end of the room, a young face, with grey eyes full of mischief, was turned in the direction of Mrs. Bonnington with a satirical smile Mabin Rose, the overgrown, awkward step-daughter of Mrs. Rose, who hated the vicar's wife, and called her a busybody and a gossip, brought her darning nearer to the table, and dashed headlong into the fray.

"Papa wouldn't thank you if you did drive the Solomons out of the parish, as you did the people at Colwyn Lodge, Mrs. Bonnington," broke in the clear young voice that would be heard. "He says Mr. Solomon is the best tenant he ever had, and that he wishes that some of the Christians were like him."
"Hush, Mabin! Go on with your work, and don't interrupt with your rude remarks," said Mrs. Rose, sharp-"I am quite sure your father never said such a thing, except, perhaps, in fun," she went on, turning apologetically to her visitor. "Nobody is more anxious about 'tone' and all those things than Mr. Rose, and he saying only yesterday that he would rather I call upon this Mrs. Dale until something more was known about her.

Again the young face at the other end of the table looked up mutinously; but this time Mabin controlled her inclination to protest. She looked down again, and began to darn furiously, to the relief of her feelings, but to the injury of the stocking. Mrs. Bonnington went on: "You were quite right. It's not that I wish uncharitable. "Of course not," assented Mrs. Rose,

"But a woman like yourself, with daughters to take care of, cannot be too careful. Young people are so easily led away; they think so much of the mere outside. They are so easily dazzled and taken in by appearances." Mabin grew red, perceiving that this little sermon by the way was directed at herself. Her step-sisters, Emily and Ethel, one of whom could be heard "practicing" in the drawing-room, were not the sort of girls to be led away by anything.

with fervour.

"But why shouldn't a nice face mean something nice?" put in the rash young woman again. The fact was that Mabin had been charmed with the sweet, pink-and-white face and blue eyes of Mrs. Dale, their new neighbor at "The Towers," was mentally comparing the widow's child-like charms with the acidulated attractions of the vicar's dowdy wife. "And why," pursued Mabin, as both the elder ladies seemed to pause to gain strength to fall upon her to-gether, "shouldn't she be just as sorry

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Snaps in Wall Paper for her husband's death because she looks nice over it? It seemed to me, when she sat near us at church on Sunday, that she had the saddest face I had ever seen. And as for her core I had ever seen. And as for her corrupting us by her 'tone,' she won't have anything to do with any of us. Mrs. Warren has called upon her, and the Misses Bradley, and Mrs. Peak and a lot more people, and she's always "not at home." So, even if she is "not at home." So, even if she is wicked, I should think you might let her stay. Surely she can't do us much harm just by having her frocks better made than the rest of us.

When Mabin had finished this outrageous speech, there was an awful pause. Mrs. Rose hardly knew how to administer such a reproof as should be sufficiently scathing; while Mrs. Bonnington waited in solemn silence for the reproof to come. Mabin looked from her step-mother's face to that of the vicar's wife, and thought she had better retire before the avalanche descended, so she gathered up her work hastily, running her darning-needle into her hand in her excitement muttered an apology and excuse for her disappearance at the same time, and shot out of the room in the ungainly way which had so often before caused her step-mother to shudder, as she did

When the door had closed upon the girl-closed, unfortunately, with a bang-Mrs. Bonnington sighed. "I am afraid," she said, unconsciously assuming still more of her usual clerical tone and accent, "that Mabin must be a great anxiety to you!" Mrs. Rose sighed, and closed her eyes

for a moment, wearily. "If you could realize how great an anxiety," she murmured, in a solemn tone, "you would pity me! If it were not that Mr. Rose gives his authority to support mine in dealing with her, she would be absolutely unmanageable, I assure you." "A froward spirit! And one singularly unsusceptible to good influences,"

said the vicar's wife. "However, we must persevere with her, and hope for a future blessing on our labors, even if it should come too late for us to be witnesses of her regeneration."
"I am sure I have always done my best for her, and treated her just as I have my own children. But you see with what different results! The seed is the same, but the soil is not. I don't know whether you knew her mother? But I suppose Mabin must and asked him if he had a revolver. take after her. She is utterly unlike "She is, indeed. Mr. Rose is such a

particularly judicious, upright man. The vicar has the highest respect for Mrs. Bonnington paused to give full effect to this noble encomium. Mrs. Rose acknowledged it by a graceful bend of the head, and went on: "The great failing about poor Mabin is that she is not womanly. And that is the one thing above all that my husband asks of a woman. Let her only be womanly, he always says, and will forgive everything else. Now

my own girls are that, above everythat those objectionable people at Col-wyn Lodge went away, and how we fault of our age, Mrs. Rose. Girls are and was not more than 30 years of "Ah!" exclaimed Mrs. Bonnington, would do anything to rid the place of no longer brought up to be contented age. terrible Solomons at Stone to be girls. They must put themselves hold of her imagination by nothing but her fashionable clothes!" Mrs. Rose put on a womanly air of

absolutely helplessness. "Well, what can I do?" said she. Mrs. Bonnington came a little nearer. "In the case of this Mrs. Dale," said she, in a lower voice, "go on just as you have begun. Do not call upon her. Do not have anything to do with To tell you the truth, it was about her that I came to see you this morning. She has already brought mischief into our own peaceful home. She is a dangerous woman." "Dear me! You don't mean that?" said Mrs. Rose, with vivid interest. "Unhappily, I do. My son Rudolph came back from his ship only ten days ago, and already he can think of "After having had the unpardonable

nothing but this Mrs. Dale." insolence to leave your call unreturned, she has got hold of your son?" gasped Mrs. Rose. 'Well, not exactly that, as far as I know," admitted the vicar's wife. "He says he has never spoken to her. And the dear boy has never told me an untruth before." "But if this dreadful woman has entangled him, of course she might make him say anything!" cried Mrs. Rose, in sympathetic agonies. 'I should not like to accuse a fellowwoman of doing that," replied Mrs. Bonnington, severely. "But I think it is a bad and unnatural sign when my son, who has never taken the least notice of any of the young girls in the

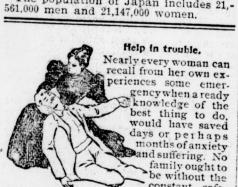
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The adjourned inquest into the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of James Tuttle at the Music Hall on Friday night, was resumed before Coroner Flock at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the court house, and place was filled with spectators. Mr. James B. McKillop represented the crown, and Mr. J. H. Flock, Q.C., looked after the interests of the prisoner. THE TESTIMONY. P. C. Robert Egelton, the first wit-

ness, stated to Mr. McKillop that on Friday he was on duty at the front of the Music Hall. After hearing of the shooting he went upstairs. He saw the dead body of James Tuttle lying on the stage floor in a pool of blood. Emerson said: "I did this in self-defense; I had to do something to protect my-Emerson put his hand up to his mouth; it was bleeding, and his lips were badly swollen, the blood running down his chin and on to his neck. Emerson said: "I give myself up to you," and witness placed him under arrest, and warned him that anything he said would be used against him as evidence. Emerson said: "It is better for me not to say anything." Witness put Emerson pointed to a revolver on the shelf and said: "There it is." Q.—Did you do anything when you got to the station? A .- I examined his mouth and found

his lower lip bleeding and apparently cut from his teeth. Q.-What about the revolver? Did you examine it? A .- Yes: it was a 38-calibre self-act-Cross-examined by Mr. Flock-Did you examine the revolver to see whether it required a hard or slight pull at the trigger to discharge it? A .- No; I would not like to try without first taking out the chamber.

on the same footing with their brothers. Mabin is in the fashion, and no doubt that is all she desires. You

Dela has cought. Dr. Drake, examined by Mr. Mc-Killop, said he had been sent for on Friday night after the shooting; he went to the Music Hall, where he found Tuttle lying on the floor, dead, with his head and shoulders supported by

Q.-Did you find any wounds? A.—Yes, two; one a small cut on the bridge of the nose. After further examination witness said he found the ball had entered the left eye. On the following day he made a post-mortem, with Drs. James Campbell and Ardeil. The ball pierced the left eyeball, passed upward and backward through the roof of the bony orbit, and in its course severed the large vassalry artery leading from the base of the brain. It continued its course to the lower lobe of the brain, and spent its force at the lower parietal bone of the skull. He removed the scalp and found an opening about an inch in diameter in the one, and in this opening was the bul-There were also a large number of small pieces of bone there, held in position by the scalp. He also found a great amount of blood between the scalp and the skull, probably for four five inches around this opening. There was also an abrasion over the left temple. The cause of death was hemorrhage and injury to the vital parts of the brain, resulting in death three or four minutes afterward. To Mr. Flock, Dr. Drake said Tuttle was a man of splendid physique, apparently athletic, with muscles well de-

Mr. McKillop-Did you notice any-Witness-There were probably 40 or 50 small powder marks spread over Tuttle's face. Dr. James Campbell corroborated Dr. Drake's evidence. He produced the bullet, which was about the size and shape of a marble broken in half. William Newman, an employe of the Music Hall, saw Emerson on the stage about ten minutes before the shooting; he was walking around the stage, apparently waiting for the curtain to go He noticed Emerson speak to Wesley and go away, and then Emerson spoke to different members of the ompany. Witness did not know what

Emerson was saying. When Wesley came back he went to Emerson and gave him something. Mr. Newman corroborated the state-Tuttle arrived he asked witness where defense. Wesley was, and went to the latter's dressing-room. Tuttle spoke to them and then went to some of the other dressing-rooms, and then to the right stage entrance. Witness went in at the left stage entrance, and got on the stage just in front of Tuttle. erson was there and Tuttle asked him if he wanted to see him (Tuttle). Emerson said to Tuttle, "I want my money up to date." Tuttle replied,
"Then you won't get it." A moment
afterwards Tuttle made a motion as
if to strike Emerson, but witness did not see whether he did or not. Witness verified statements about the shoot-ing and what followed, and Emerson's saying, "I did it in self-defense," and asking for an officer.

Dr. Flock-Was Tuttle angry? Witness-Yes, he appeared very angry when he spoke to me. Q.-Had you often seen him angry? A.—Several times, and he appeared to get angry very quickly, but I never saw him attempt to strike any-

Cross-examined by Mr. J. H. Flock Q.C.—Did you see any violence of temper at the box office on Thursday A.-Yes. Mr. Tuttle wanted to get into the box office. He came to me and asked me for a key. I said "Mr. Harvey has it, but I will go and get it?" Mr. Tuttle said, "I'll not wait; I'll smash the door in." Witness saw the window smashed in the next morning. Geo. Grisman (examined by Mr. McKillop) corroborated the evidence of the previous witness. When Tuttle came up, he asked witness why the curtain had not gone up, and witness told Tuttle that Emerson would not allow it to go up until he got his Q.-Did you hear anything said be-

A-No; not a word.
Witnesses' evidence regarding the

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shooting and Emerson's actions and remarks was virtually the same as that given by other witnesses.

Dr. Flock—When Tuttle came up to you how did he appear?

Witness—He appeared to be mad.
Q.—Did he say any more than ask you that question?

A.—No, sir; but he was very angry.

John Weaver, 427 Wellington street,
said he was an employe of the Music
Hall. He saw Mr. Emerson on Friday night talking to some of the company. He corroborated the statements of other witnesses regarding what took place between Mr. Wesley and others. When Wesley was talking to Emerson he had his wife on ing to Emerson he had his wig on, and then went to the dressing-room and took it off before going down

stairs. His story regarding what was said and done when Mr. Tuttle came up was the same as that sworn to by others. After the shooting witness did not hear Emerson say anything. He was about seven feet away from Emerson when the shot was fired, but did not know which hand the revolver was in.

Percy Fitzgerald, 594 Dufferin avenue, told Mr. McKillop that he had seen Emerson on the stage talking to somebody about \$150 his wife had lost. The next time he saw Emerson was on the stage, about 8 o'clock. had not seen Tuttle come on to the stage, but heard the conversation between Tuttle and Emerson, when the former refused to give Emerson his money to date.

Q.-What did Tuttle say? A.-I heard him call Emerson a Tuttle then struck him. Q.-What then? A.—There was a pistol shot, but I did not see the flash. Q.—Where were you standing at the time?

A.—Quite close to Emerson. Q.-How long after the blow before the pistol shot?
A.—It occurred right away.

Q.-What did Tuttle do? A.—He put his hand to his face, and then fell in a heap on the floor. His legs were curled up, but he straightened Q.-Did you hear Emerson say any

A.—Yes. He said, "I did that in self-defense." Q.-To whom? A .- I don't think it was to anyone in particular.

Witness said he saw no flash, and saw no smoke after the flash, although he was quite close. He had seen Emerson in the dressing room after the constable arrived. A WITNESS ABSENT.

It was now after six o'clock, and counsel for prisoner rose and said if ing revolver, with five chambers, all ined he wished a postponement. The prisoner had been laboring under a very great strain all day. Mr. McKillop said there were three or four other witnesses whom he had not called. John Leigh, stage carpenter, had been referred to several times, but he did not think that the

conversation that passed between Tuttle and Leigh would throw any light on the matter, or would be per as evidence. Leigh was in Brantford, and he was not called because the crown wanted to save time. Dr. Flock said he would like to have had Leigh called, so that the jury might have some idea as to what mood Tuttle was in and how he received the message from Wesley regarding Emerson's refusal to play. According to the statement of Fitzgerald, Tuttle did not utter such a vile epithet with a smile on his face, and certainly did not give the prisoner a love-tap with his fingers. The coroner's jury was not sitting to convict the prisoner, but to inquire into the cause of death. anything Leigh might say would benefit the prisoner, and show greater extenuation of circumstance, it might materially affect the verdict. crown should show the prisoner every The

Mr. McKillop pointed out that while such evidence as Dr. Flock wished to put in might be taken in this trial, it certainly would not be admitted in the higher courts. Dr. Flock-Mr. McKillop, I may not have as great a knowledge of the law as you have, but you have not any greater knowledge of justice than I

Counsel for prisoner agreed with the coroner, who had the right to bring in any evidence he thought proper in ection with the case. The prisoner might be placed on trial for his life, and as his counsel he wished all the facts brought out. Mr. George Taylor, foreman of the ury, said: "I think I speak for the jury, said: whole jury when I say that I think sufficient evidence has been taken for

us to decide without calling any more Mr. McKillop said he had no objection to calling Leigh if they so desired. He had been subpoenaed.

THE VERDICT. This was satisfactory, and at 6:30 the court room was cleared for the jury to deliberate. One hour elapsed before they concluded, and then returned the following verdict: "We, the jury empaneled to investigate the cause of the death of James

Tuttle, do find that death was caused by a pistol shot, received at the hands of William D. Emerson, when said Emments of the previous witness. When a state of great excitement, and in selferson was under great provocation, in Mrs. Emerson waited with her baby in her arms for the return of the verdict, and as the jurors filed out, each

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