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## Poetry.

### Warming A Serpent.

OR,

### GRYLE DASKAM'S REVENGE.

BY LEON LEWIS.

CHAPTER XV.

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Senator Heath regarded the girl with a look of love and reverence that lighted his noble countenance with a splendor.

And she calm, and determined, beautiful as any statue carved in marble, yet with brown eyes flashing, stood facing her enemies, the glittering knife grasped firmly in one small hand above her breast.

In the midst of the embarrassment which had thus seized the Gregory and his followers, holding them spellbound, Crimp entered the room, and with a heavy tread. He had become impatient at the delay in the bringing out of the prisoner.

"The rope's ready!" he exclaimed. "Why don't you bring out your prisoner?" Then, with a reverence, made him fully comprehend the state of affairs.

He joined the group, his bold eyes flaming at sight of Miss Palm's cool defiance, his ruffianly face flushing with ferocious and roughness contrasted strongly with the polished villainy of his employer.

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Gregory took no notice of his assistant. He scarcely heard him. He was planning how he could best subdue the girl, disarm her, and remove her from the scene. As he pondered, a conception of his powerlessness came before him. To carry out his nefarious purpose towards Neal Heath, he must sacrifice the life of Garnet Palm also, and his love, a greed of gold—all that made his evil life dear to him.

Was there no way in which he could gratify all his passions?

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Crimp laughed loudly and heavily.

A wave of scarlet passed over the girl's face, leaving it whiter than before. Scorn, indignation, and murderous deeds, that tickled your emotions.

The Yankees' grand Centennial fete, With all its six months' wonders; Their public whims and diddling arts, And legislative blunders. Their rings and cliques, and bankrupt feuds, State scandals, and domestic, Their boisterous election brawls And all its farce majestic.

You've read how Britain's Premier too, From Britain's purse ungenious To India sent, per visit of Wales, Of which a trifle remains precious Which generous pair, per gratitude, (As Punch has quaintly written) "A British Empress gave to Jud, A Jewish Lord to Britain".

I know your philosophic mind Will not object to this rehearsal; 'Twas meant to show our episodes Were somewhat universal. I see them o'er myself, sometimes, And couch at this conclusion: That life's a mystery not full merged From primary confusion.

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Well, not that Providence is wise And frugal of its favors, The moral balance would be lost, Spite virtues best endeavours. You shrine where Mammon's incense burns The conscience so depraveth, That oft poor wavering human worth Its glittering lures enslaveth.

Our own Dominion prospers well, In status fast advancing, Which proves the worth of Clear-Grit rule All good reforms enhancing. Its provinces, with British pluck, A Bride bravely on together, And never dream as shand'rers hint, To slip the filial tether.

But now, as time is on the wane, And other calls are pressing,

Greeting.

Greet you all the social host, Health, peace, and love, for yule; With the flame of your merrie mirth, And power fitting, in abiding worth, Whereso'er your lot be cast, In either Land or Ocean, Emotional virtue light your path And poise your souls devotion.

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## The Death of the First Napoleon

The *London Times* publishes the following story told by an old soldier who was one of the guards of Napoleon I. at St. Helena:—

"Bonny was the fattest man I ever saw: the calves of his legs, and his cheeks too, you might see them shake as he was walking, and yet he had not the ruddy, healthy look our people had. He would carry a stick, about as thick as my walking stick, with an iron spud at the end of it, and if he saw a weed he would always spud it up, anywhere he went. Four nights out of seven I was on sentry, and would fall asleep while walking, and stray off the path; and then my hair would stand on end with fright and raise my cap, for I knew if I were caught napping I was safe for 300 lashes. Napoleon died on the 5th of May, 1821. Two priests were in attendance. We who had to lift the body were not allowed to touch the coffin until the priest had sprinkled us with holy water. We started at three o'clock.—The corpse was very heavy. We carried it six at a time, and the man that were lowest down carrying him suffered all the punishment. I was one of these.—All the garrison was assembled about the Emperor's quarters and followed him to the grave, the bands playing a dead march. It was reported that Napoleon had requested to be buried with the honors of royalty, twenty-one guns to be fired, the number assigned to a general. We carried the body where a cart with oxen could not go, but in certain parts of the distance the men were relieved, and the body drawn upon a cart. The Roman Catholic priests who had been in attendance on him conducted the funeral service."

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## Local and General News.

### Deferred Articles.

The following local items were crowded out of our last issue:—

DUNCANNON.

OYSTER SUPPER.—Our much esteemed school teacher, Mr. Hand, was treated to an oyster supper in Black's Hotel, by the young men of this place. A very pleasant time was spent. The usual toasts being drunk Mr. Hand gave an appropriate address thanking the people of Duncannon for their courtesy and kindness to him while among them, regretting that circumstances caused his removal. We believe Mr. Hand has secured a school near home, much to the regret of the people of this neighborhood, who were well pleased with Mr. Hand as a teacher.

PORT ALBERT.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—A very successful examination of the pupils of School Section No. 1, Ashfield, was held in the school house at Port Albert, on Friday, 22nd Dec. The pupils were examined in the different subjects taught in our public schools, and acquitted themselves in a manner very creditable to themselves and their teacher. The school is at present under the management of Mr. Henry Horton, of Usborne, and judging by the manner in which the pupils answered the questions put to them, he has proved himself to be an excellent teacher. Mr. Horton has resigned his position here, much to the regret of both pupils and parents, who will sustain by his departure a great loss. He is engaged as teacher for the ensuing year in Lumley, Usborne.—A VISITOR.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

PRESENTATION.—On the evening of Saturday, 23d Dec., Mr. J. R. Arnold, teacher of S. S. No. 1, Goderich Township, was presented with a beautifully embellished writing desk by the members of his singing class and the people of the section, accompanied with the following address read by Mr. John Hincks: "Mr. John R. Arnold,—We, the members of your class, knowing that we are about to part with you, feel unwilling to do so without expressing our gratitude to you for the great interest you have taken in teaching us. Desiring, therefore, to give you some slight token of the high esteem in which we hold you, we ask your acceptance of this writing desk, with our best wishes for your future happiness and success."—Signed on behalf of the class and Section." Mr. Arnold was completely surprised by the unlooked for present, and in responding said he would always remember with pleasure and profit the year spent with the people of S. S. No. 1, Goderich Township.

### A Merry Marriage Party.

A droll marriage procession was seen in the Bois de Boulogne the other day, when a happy couple and their friends all went out on velocipedes. Each gentleman had a lady *en croupe* behind him. The party occupied 15 velocipedes, and was led by an active fellow who worked his way with 'feet, and used his hands with an astonishing amount of equilibrium in playing lively airs on a violin. Next to the fiddler came the bride and bridegroom, then the bridesmaids behind the best men, and the elderly folks pulling up the rear. But every male of the party seemed to be a more or less accomplished velocipedist. They make the tour of the lakes in the park, and alighted at the Chalet restaurant of the cascade, where an excellent dinner was served. In the evening the happy party remounted their velocipedes and delighted the wonderers in the great avenue of the Champs Elysees on their return to Paris, the only difference in the *tenue* of the procession being that the man on the leading velocipede bore a lamp—the torch of Hymen probably—instead of a fiddle in the evening.

### Canadian News.

Manning's bakery, Windsor, was damaged by fire on Wednesday, to the extent of $2,000.

Special meetings for prayer on behalf of the drunkards of the city, were held in Montreal last week, and were well attended.

It is reported that the difficulty between the locomotive engineers and the management of the Grand Trunk Railway has been arranged, the engineers of all three grades accepting $2.75 per day.

At Montreal, Wednesday, a Grand Trunk Freight Department clerk stood into an air hole and would have been drowned, being so benumbed, but that his comrades from to the rear on a pole.

A man named Thomas McQuillen fell on the street in Guelph, on Tuesday evening and broke his leg. Walter Laing, a butcher on the Guelph market, burst a blood vessel in lifting a quarter of beef. He is in a precarious condition.

Mr. Vernor, the weather prophet, makes the following statement:—We shall have a great deal of snow in January, and there is a considerable amount of snow in store for us during the winter of 1877. There will be another cold snap in January, as well as a general thaw, and another severe spell in February.

A fashionable marriage took place on Wednesday afternoon at Sloman Lodge, near St. Lambert. About one thousand invitations were issued. A special train and special station for the party were noteworthy parts of the programme. A special road across the ice was done for the guests from Montreal.

A young man named Robert Hall, twenty-six years of age, who has been many years from California to visit his friends at Tra vellers, Rest, C. E. I., attempted an absence of eleven years, while again labouring under mental aberration, was killed at Morrisburg on Wednesday by getting under the express which came in from the west.

One night last week a number of men went to the house of a man named Gilliver, in Belleville, a witness for the prosecution in several liquor cases, and threatened to take his life if he appeared and testified; and further that he would be killed if he remained in town. In consequence he left a few hours later, and the cases in which he was to testify were laid over. An effort is being made to discover the perpetrators of the outrages, who have also threatened to shoot Mr Ross, the License Inspector.