

in the same way—lest, perhaps, they might be wasted?

Mrs. Spider persists in her butchery until winter has commenced, and then becomes more or less dormant; but winter usually spells her doom, especially when she becomes old and feeble. A sudden and unexpected frost sometimes overtakes the exhausted spider that has toiled to spread a net for the last fly of the season, and then we may often find that Nemesis has at last overtaken the too greedy and ferocious lady spider (Plate XII).