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And no word was spoken between them for some minutes. At last: "Heaven have mercy on you, most miserable of women!" said Miss Elmer.

And longer the friends talked, but the dreaded name was not again mentioned between them. The two children, who had been sent out into the garden to play, now came in, and the confidential conversation was interrupted.

Mrs. Russell showed her lodger up into her private apartments, where fires had been lighted, and her luggage conveyed, and bade her good-night at the bedroom door.

Laura entered the neat and quiet chamber, where the snow-white curtains of the windows and the bed, and the clean hearth and bright fire, diffused an air of purity and cheerfulness through the scene.

She could not sleep, but, drawing an easy chair beside the little table before the fire, she fell into deep and severe thought upon the subject of the probable assassin of the baronet.

Painfully and intensely as she thought, she was still, as it were, extremely conscious of the sound of her own breathing, and still she never changed her attitude; two, and she had not once even looked up, or remembered that it was at that witching hour on the preceding night that the awful cry of murder had rung through the hall, and appalled the inmates, arousing the sleepers, and still buried in thought between two and three o'clock, when she was startled by the sound of steps heard in the deep silence, coming up the walk from the gate to the cottage door.

"Who's there? What do you want?" "It is I, Ruth, and I want to come in," answered a low voice without.

"Oh, my Lord in heaven, have pity on us! Oh, why do you come here?" inquired the poor woman, in a low, wailing voice.

"Because I am dying to see you and the children, Ruth. Think what a long exile I have had from you both, my dear."

"Oh, where do you come from, and why do you come, knowing the danger?" "I come from abroad, because I could not longer live away from you, Ruth. I have been but a few hours in London, and have only within the last hour discovered your residence."

"But the danger, the danger of returning!" "My dear, I am forgotten; besides, the danger is very much modified by an agent that has occurred within the last twenty-four hours. But all this time you are keeping me out in the cold. Come, let me in, there's a duck."

"Oh, heaven of heavens, to what straits I am reduced!" again complained the poor woman.

in the east, when Laura Elmer, worn out by two nights' watching, dropped asleep in her chair and slept heavily for many hours.

When she awoke it was broad day; the sun was high in the heavens. She opened her eyes and looked around in astonishment at finding herself in a strange place, and it was some seconds before she could remember how she came there. Then full consciousness of her misfortunes returned; the murder of Sir Vincent Lester; the imprisonment of Ferdinand Cassinove; her own change of residence; the discovery in regard to Mrs. Russell's husband; and, lastly, the strange nocturnal visit, all recurred clearly to her memory.

Her resolution was soon taken. She arose and bathed her feverish face, and arranged her disordered hair, and then rang her bell.

Mrs. Russell, pale and haggard, as with fatigue and care, entered the room, saying: "No; I have not been in bed all night. I have something to say to you this morning, Mrs. Russell; but first sit down; you look, indeed, quite unable to stand."

Mrs. Russell dropped into the nearest seat. Miss Elmer resumed her easy chair, saying: "I am exceedingly sorry for you, Mrs. Russell, but that does not alter the course of my duty. I must tell you that I heard the arrival of your visitor last night, and overheard much of your conversation, by which I was enabled to identify the individual. This morning I must lay before the police all the particulars with which I have become acquainted, as well as my own private suspicions. As I cannot consistently continue in your house while engaged in this ungracious work, I must leave you to-day. But you will permit me to pay you for the whole term for which my lodgings were engaged; and I wish you, besides, to rest assured of my esteem and friendship, and willing services in everything in which I can aid you without incurring the cause of justice."

"Miss Elmer, I cannot complain, cruelly as I suffer in this affair; I know that you are perfectly right in all that you do, but poor as I am, I cannot and will not receive payment for the lodgings that you have occupied only a day, and that you leave this morning, not from caprice, but from a sort of necessity," said Mrs. Russell, weeping piteously.

"I am glad you perceive I can do no otherwise than I am about to do. But for your children's sake, I wish you to permit me to pay for the whole term for which I took the lodgings; it is usual to do so when one leaves before the term is up."

"Yes; but not when they have been occupied but for a day, and are left from us, Miss Elmer."

Laura perceived that to press this point would only wound the sensitive self-respect of the poor woman, and desisted.

"You forbear making any inquiries about my visitor of last night, Miss Elmer; yet this piece of information I will volunteer. He is off again, and I know not where he has gone, or when he will come back, or if he ever will return," said Mrs. Russell.

"And after the manner of such villainage, he has taken away all your funds with him," said Laura, indignantly.

Mrs. Russell evidently could not deny this fact.

ning to lose patience at the manifest weakness of the flesh betrayed by poor Ruth Russell.

"Ah! but you don't know. You haven't been tried in such a way. Besides, if ever you were to talk with him, you would not think so ill of him," said the meek little woman.

"I am very sorry for you. I do not willingly wound you, only I would be glad to see you with a clearer moral vision, and a greater moral strength," replied Laura, gently.

"I do not complain, and now, Miss Elmer, will you at least breakfast before you go?" "Yes, thank you."

"And when shall I order a cab?" "Immediately after breakfast, if you please," Mrs. Russell.

The landlady left the room to fulfill these directions, and immediately after breakfast Miss Elmer went out in a cab to procure new lodgings. Her circumstances did not permit her to be fastidious. She secured the most respectable lodgings to be found nearest to Newgate, and into them she removed in the course of the same forenoon.

She sent her new address to Dr. Clark, with a request that he would call upon her at his earliest convenience.

And the doctor, astonished at the change of quarters, for which he could not account, called on her in the afternoon.

He found Miss Elmer busily writing at the centre table of her gloomy new parlor. She arose to meet him, saying: "This is very, very kind, Dr. Clark. You find me making minutes of a chain of evidence, or rather of probabilities which I wish to submit to you. I feel convinced that I have got the clue to the real murderer of Sir Vincent."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the doctor, in amazement. "Let me hear!"

Miss Elmer commenced and related all the circumstances of her fragmentary acquaintance with Sir Vincent Lester's protégée, Helen Ravenscroft; the mysterious stranger that waylaid and followed her carriage; the midnight interview and angry words that passed between this stranger and the baronet upon the occasion when she accidentally discovered them together; and finally the conversation that had recently passed between herself and poor Ruth Russell, in which she was enabled to put certain disjointed incidents together, and identify the mysterious "light-haired man" with a certain notorious scoundrel who had fled from justice years before.

"Now, deep in my heart is the conviction that this man and no other was the assassin of this unfortunate baronet."

"Good heaven, and yet you do not know the circumstance that makes this the most probable thing in the world!" exclaimed the doctor.

Laura looked up, full of interest. "That criminal fled from trial and Sir Vincent Lester was the principal witness against him; indeed, without the testimony of Sir Vincent Lester, I doubt if it would have been possible to convict him," said the doctor.

"And there is the motive established at once for the assassination!" exclaimed Laura, with increasing excitement. "The very strongest motive that can possibly actuate human nature—that of self-preservation."

"Oh, then, let us go at once to some magistrate and lodge this information, procure a warrant for the arrest of this man, and if possible, an order for the liberation of Mr. Cassinove."

The doctor smiled compassionately, saying: "Ladies know but little of the formulas of law, my dear Miss Elmer, else you would be aware that though we may procure a warrant for the arrest of this man we cannot possibly procure the liberation of your Cassinove. Having been duly committed to prison to answer the charge of murder, he must remain a prisoner until his trial shall have ended in his acquittal or conviction."

Beresleigh House was one blaze of light. Crowds of carriage blocked the way for some distance up and down the street before the front of the house.

The occasion was this: The young Duke and Duchess of Beresleigh had returned from their bridal tour, and were receiving their "dear five hundred friends" at home.

The drawing rooms, superbly furnished, beautifully adorned, fashion and celebrity of society.

At one end the young duchess, the beautiful and happy bride, stood to receive her guests; the loveliest where many were lovely.

Her dress was arranged with her usual artistic taste. It consisted of a full lace robe, light as a gossamer, worn over rose-colored silk, delicate blush roses in her hair, and pearl ornaments on her neck and arms. Never had Rose been happier than upon this evening, though even now she was not perfectly happy.

We assure any of us at any moment of our lives. The shadow of Rose's light was the thought of Ferdinand Cassinove in his prison cell, and of Laura Elmer sorrowing in her gloomy lodgings. But the heart of Rose was full of hope; she had great confidence in the innocence of Cassinove, and great faith in Providence; she was doing, after her best, to do, all in her power to serve Cassinove; and she had in her own heart not a single doubt either of the perfect rectitude of young Cassinove or of his final acquittal and full exoneration from suspicion.

Therefore, she put away all her nervousness; turned her back upon the shadow and faced the sunshine; dispensed her smiles with equal sincerity and affability; and even, at length, joined the dance. It was while she was still dancing, that she noticed her own especial footman lingering near the door, as if anxious, yet afraid, to enter.

Seeing this, and surmising that he might be the bearer of some note from Laura Elmer, she took the earliest opportunity, when the dance was over, to move near the door, and beckon the man to her side.

He came in, and drawing near, said: "I beg pardon, your grace, but there is a person below who is very urgent to see you upon the most important business."

"Well, show him into the library, Miller, and say that I will see him there in a few minutes; will you yourself be there in attendance?"

"Yes, your grace," said the servant, bowing and retiring.

Rose entered the library, which was lighted but by one chandelier hanging from the ceiling over the central table. At this table stood a "stubby, genteel" looking man, with his hands turned, and his hands in his pockets.

Rose, kindly wishing to put this impoverished-looking gentleman at his ease, advanced toward him, speaking pleasantly, and saying: "You have come to me from Miss Elmer or Mr. Cassinove? Pray take a seat, sir."

"No, madam, I have not come from Mr. Cassinove or Miss Elmer," said the visitor, in a singularly sweet and clear voice, as he turned around and bowed deeply to the young duchess.

(To be continued.)

The Religious World

King Edward has appointed Rev. Prebendary E. A. Stuart to the canonry of Canterbury Cathedral.

Surrey Chapel, in London, an historic octagon-shaped building, has been turned into an automobile garage.

About \$140,000 of the \$200,000 required for Dr. Broughton's proposed institutional church at Atlanta has been subscribed.

Confirmations in the Church of England last year totalled 222,298, against 230,330 in 1905, and there was a still greater decrease in the number of communicants.

The Presbyterian Hospital Board at Atlanta hopes to secure for a great Presbyterian University, which was blocked by legal restrictions.

In the far away valley of the Okanagan, in British Columbia, a Methodist Conference is to be held in May, when many of the delegates will see the lovely region for the first time.

The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church South has authorized its ministers to present to their congregations the work of the charity tuberculosis sanitarium at Ironville, Va.

The Congregation is the latest denomination to set on foot a men's national organization similar to the Presbyterian Brotherhood, the movement having been started in Chicago.

A great rally is to be held in Carnegie Hall, New York, on April 30 by the Evangelistic Committee for the Summer Tent and Open-Air Work, in which many denominations are interested.

It is expected that the Easter contribution of the children of the Episcopal Church throughout the country will this year total over \$150,000, the offerings last year having amounted to \$137,000.

The County Council elections in Wales resulted in weakening the party most opposed to church interests in education, the distinctively church candidates in most cases having secured notable successes.

A great conference of representatives of the Roman, Anglican and Non-Conformist Churches is proposed by Rev. R. J. Campbell, of London, with a view to common action in regard to social and moral questions.

A Church Army League of Friends of the Poor has been organized in London, the object being not to raise money, but simply to get people to take a personal interest in and act as the friend of some poor family.

The Japanese branch of the Evangelical Alliance at its meeting in May will take up the matter of publishing a revision in Japanese of the Bible, no change having been made in the work since it was translated in 1887.

In four schools of Newark, N. J., and in a number of schools of Pennsylvania and New York, it is necessary for teachers to have certificates from the State Teachers' Association before work in the Sunday school is allowed.

An important movement is on foot among English Roman Catholics looking to the establishment of a college for young women of that communion at Cambridge University, the leader in the work being Miss Eleanor Warner.

to add to the work on which it is engaged that of raising money for the London Branch of the Clergy Pensioners Institution, it being hoped to devote upward of \$125,000 to this object in the next three years.

Ordained in 1850 for work in India under the direction of the Church Missionary Society and 30 years ago consecrated Bishop of Waiapu, New Zealand, Bishop Stuart, one of the most enthusiastic of the foreign workers in the Episcopal Church, has turned his attention to Persia.

The Beckman Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, in New York, has decided to introduce institutional work in the old church edifice, which will hereafter be known as the Beckman Hill Hall, a boys' club and a regiment of Rough Riders having already been established among the youth of the parish.

NATURE'S PRUNING

RELIED ON BY THE FORESTER—ARTIFICIAL PRUNING COSTLY.

One great difference between the forester's management of trees and that of the horticulturist or the arboriculturist lies in the manner of pruning. The horticulturist does not trust the tree to grow as it pleases; he carefully directs and prunes the branches so that it will best serve the purpose intended.

The forester leaves all this to nature; he trusts in what is called "natural pruning." His theory is this: that, in the course of the growth of the tree, the light will be cut off from the lower branches of the trees as branches are formed higher up. In order to grow—indeed, in order to live at all—these branches must have light; (whether they require much or little depends on the species in most cases having secured notable successes.) Consequently, when the light is cut off from them, they cease to flourish and finally die.

At the point where the dead branch joins the main stem of the tree new layers of wood are put on the tree, owing to the yearly growth in diameter of the main stem, and the dead branch is gradually weakened at this point until, through the action of the wind, the whipping of other branches or some other cause, the branch is knocked from the tree. All that remains of that branch henceforth is the knot in the stem of the tree that is still retained within the stem. In this way, as the tree grows it is cleared of branches to a greater and greater height until finally there is left a long stem of branches to a height of fifty, sixty or even a hundred feet. Such a tree will produce the better grades of lumber, free from knots, and hence the kind the forester most desires. The same result might have been attained by taking an axe or saw and lopping off the branches; but the original expense of this, together with the interest thereon, would amount to so large a sum that it would take a large proportion of the receipts of the sale of the timber.

PEEVISH AND CROSS.

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Built on the old snipper model, they sail like witches, and owing to their peculiar construction can be readily loaded and discharged. They require but little ballast, and having no heavy top-lampers, can, if necessary to the trade, take on immense deck loads. In the lumber traffic of the Pacific Northwest we find these vessels leaving port with huge deck loads towering ten to fifteen feet above the rail. Occasionally they get caught in a blow and have to sacrifice a portion of the deck load; but where one meets such a mishap, dozens reach their destinations safely and land their cargoes intact.—From "The Luck-Boat of Our Sailing Fleet," by James G. McCurdy in The Outing Magazine for May.

World's Submarine Cables.

The total length of submarine cables in the world is about 450,000 kilometers—270,622 miles, of which 80 per cent. are British, 10 per cent. American, a little more than 9 per cent. French, and about 7 per cent. German. A great advance in this domain has been made during the last few years by Germany, whose efforts tend to constitute an independent system, observes the Memorial Diplomatique.

Denmark and Portugal have agreed to submit all their differences to The Hague tribunal.

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After a period of work at Oakland, Calif., in the interests of the Seventh-Day Adventists, S. N. Haskell and wife are now on their way to headquarters, at Takoma Park, near Washington, D. C.

An odd feature of the history of the Moravian Church, which has reached its 450th year of existence, is the fact that there never has been a schism in the church, which is believed to be without parallel in any other religious organization.

There has been a remarkable work done in Los Angeles in restoring to its old glory the Church of Our Lady of the Snows, over \$5,000 having been expended in renewing the painting and draperies that once made the church famous.

Baptist ministers at Chicago have protested against an amendment to the school laws of the city requiring the scientific teaching of physiology and hygiene, holding that the sole purpose is to obviate the present necessity of temperance instruction.

With a site that is extremely valuable, and a congregation of only about 30 worshippers, the Church of St. Peter-le-Poor, in London, has been closed and its resources will be turned over to some struggling church.

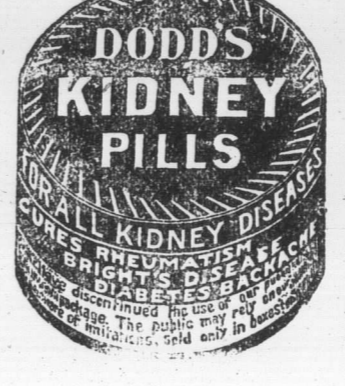
Probably the oldest minister in the United States in a point of continuous service, Rev. William Salter, still goes about among his flock in the First Congregational Church of Burlington, Iowa, having been with the congregation 60 years on March 15.

The committee of England will strive to form a body of young clergy especially fitted to defend the Protestant character of the church, and to this end hopes to establish scholarships for intending candidates for ordination.

The organist of the great cathedral at Durham, England, is a priest, Rev. Arnold Culley, his recent appointment finding parallels in the cases of Rev. T. H. Davis, who is organist of the cathedral at Wells, England, and Rev. W. D. Crofts, at St. Matthew's, Westminster.

The Prince of Wales will on April 29 lay the foundation stone for the new house in London of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, one of the greatest missionary organizations in the United Kingdom and in touch with nearly every line of church work throughout the world.

The London Diocesan Branch of the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund has agreed



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