



A Wedding Ring.

BY JAMES HILLY.
Only a piece of gold.
Yellow, shining and bright;
Only a tale of trouble told;
Only a heart's deep sigh.

TOO STRANGE NOT TO BE TRUE

BY LADY GEORGIANA FULLERTON.

We could not, dared not, stop her work. She would have obeyed her commands, but the effort would have destroyed her more quickly than the work itself. What that child effected in three years is almost incredible. How many she instructed, converted, and reconciled to their fate. How many she brought to the sincere Christians, instead of nominal converts. How many she saved from cruel treatment; for she sometimes succeeded where the magistrates, and even the governor himself, had no power, and priests no influence. There was scarcely a slaveowner in the neighborhood who would not listen to her when she begged, on her knees, the remission of a sentence or the pardon of a runaway slave. She was so beautiful, so engaging, so eloquent, M. de la Bourdonnais, that great and good man, now in the Bastille, for having dared to defend the cause of humanity and good faith against the passions and prejudices of interested men, used to say that when discouraged at the sight of evil, which all his efforts could not prevent, stole upon him, the sight of Miss de la Bourdonnais, strengthened and cheered him. And the poor negroes of our own plantations, how they worshipped her! And with what wonder those freshly imported from Africa looked upon the white angel who met them on their arrival! Many of them, when they landed after the horrors of the passage, were sunk into sullen despair. They were perished that landing but torture and death awaited them, and would not listen to any white man, whether priest or layman. But Miss de la Bourdonnais could always gain a hearing. She had learnt the Angola language, which most of them speak; or, if they belonged to other tribes, her early acquaintance with the use of signs gave her facilities for communicating with them. I really believe that at first they took her for a celestial visitant. No other European woman came near them. The sight of their wounds—the stretch of the places they inhabited on first landing—kept them away, even from the vicinity of these buildings. But she used to go with her father or with Antoine. I can see her before me, even now, starting on these errands of mercy; her face literally beaming with joy; her large straw hat shielding it from the sun; the wide pockets of her green silk apron filled with sweetmeats and biscuits, whilst some of our own slaves carried behind her fruit and wine and cooling drinks. The angel in the fiery furnace, breathing a most refreshing wind through its flames, could scarcely have been more welcome to that dear child than those haunts of woe. She used, her father told me, to kiss the children and embrace the women. He sometimes liked to see her do so, so loathsome sometimes were those poor wretches; but the effect was uplifting. Their hearts were touched, and despair vanished before her like a dark mist before the sunshine. And it was all done so simply, so joyously! It was such a real joy to her. When notice was given of the arrival of a ship laden with slaves, her impatience to rush to the port, her active preparations, her solicitude as to the selection of her little gifts and offerings, was like that of an affectionate child anticipating the arrival of much-loved relatives. M. de la Bourdonnais, and I, know you? "Madame, I remember once saying to your angelic daughter, that next to fighting battles, I loved to hear of them. Next to the happiness of performing heroic deeds, it is that of listening to the record of such life as hers."

time, she received one from him, and the expression in her face whilst she read it immediately showed me that its contents were deeply interesting. An exclamation burst from her lips; she then the letter dropped, and clasping her hands together, she bent her head over them, pouring forth thanksgivings, as I found afterwards, but at the moment I felt uneasy, not knowing if she was sorrowing or rejoicing. But the instant she raised it, I saw it was joyful emotion which filled her soul. "What is it dearest?" I asked, still feeling anxious. "I am too happy!" she cried. "Oh, too happy! It is what I have longed and prayed for. Outara is going to be a priest. Oh, my dear friend, I will do for him what I could never have done. Mamma, you know the Indians were my first love, though I am so fond of our poor negroes now."

mairechal attempted to express sympathy, but broke down in the attempt. He could only murmur: "God knows I feel for you, madame, and I admire your fortitude. Has it never broken your heart?" Her lip quivered. "There came a time when it gave way, Maurice. For seven years we remained in the place when she was gone. Her father took up her work, and as long as he lived he was calm on those long, dreary days, when for a while resignation was only despair, I loathed the sight of all that natural beauty and that moral misery. I longed for obscurity, silence, and shade. Not that of the forest, not that of the green glade or the quiet valley. I fled the inhospitable did just what the whole of a city. The dark, cathedral, the obscure dwellings of the poor, the crowds that take no heed of a stranger, and this little room in an unfrequented street, are more congenial, more soothing to me now than nature's loveliest scenes, more peaceful than its most silent haunts."

PROTESTANTISM.

A SECULAR PAPER'S TESTIMONY TO ITS DECADE IN GERMANY.

Complaints are everywhere rife enough that Protestantism is declining, but now here does it exhibit such unmistakable signs of atrophy and dissolution as in the German Empire. It is a fact verified by every traveler that in the larger cities the Protestant churches are deplorably empty, while in rural districts the pathway to the Lutheran Evangelical houses of worship is rank with grass and weeds to the very door. How can we account for the eclipse, so complete and apparently so hopeless, which has come over the Church founded by Luther and Melancthon. About the facts there is no doubt. They have lately been set forth in great detail by PROF. VON SCHULTE, in the Contemporary Review, and again in the last number of the Edinburgh Review. It is unnecessary to note only that a far larger proportion of Catholics than of Protestants attend church in Germany, but that there is a much greater number of Catholic than of Protestant clergy in proportion to the population. In Protestant churches, with one clergyman, public worship is only held once on Sunday; among Catholics it is very often held twice. It is natural that pastors should grow tired of haranguing empty benches. It resulted from an enquiry into the condition of the Lutheran Church in the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg that

he returned an answer that needs no comment: "That two and five make seven," he wrote, "thou canst comprehend with thine own reason; but should your ruler declare that two and five make eight, THOU ART BOUND TO BELIEVE IT," however, contrary to thy knowledge and feeling." With such encouragement and the highest spiritual authority, it was natural that every ruler should exact prompt and absolute conformity from all his subjects. The abrupt and sweeping alterations of creed imposed by successive sovereigns were, of course, fatal to anything like religious convictions. In a hundred years the Palatinate passed through ten changes of religion, and since the beginning of the present century the tiny principality of Gluchau, governed alternately by counts of pietist and rationalist opinions, has regularly changed its pastors with the sovereign, the one sect preaching belief in the atonement, and the other laughing that tenet to scorn. Under these circumstances, the dilatoriness of religious observance, while it rigorously proscribes a specific form of worship, exhibits a significant indifference to the articles of belief professed. This system of drift and uniformity in the externals of the Church, means no more than the presence of the Bible in the knapsack of every Prussian soldier. It is a rule of the soldier's subordination to his ruler, not of their solicitude for his religion. Even the army chaplains, it is said, are free to inveigh against the most sacred dogmas of the Christian faith, so long as they preach obedience to military superiors. That indifference of religious difference, whose logical outcome is indifference, was finally accomplished by the Calvinist sovereigns of Lutheran Prussia about forty years ago. Frederick William IV, the brother to the present Kaiser, embodied Lutheranism and Calvinism under one denomination, called

houses of the Protestant residents were as gracefully radiant as any of their neighbors. In most of the houses every pane of glass in the windows had its taper burning; in others the lights were arranged in pretty devices, and in many, lights Roman candles and magnifying glasses flashed out here and there along the track of the procession. A huge tar-barrel was set lighting like a pinnacle of flame upon the top of the ancient castle at the entrance of the town.

BETTER THOUGHTS.

A man must be excessively stupid, as well as uncharitable, who believes there is no virtue but upon his own side. One of the most grievous things in this world is the narrowness of absolute praise or blame.—Madame Swetchine. The bridge is human life upon a leisurely survey of it I found it consisted of three sort and ten entire arches. Catholics who sell liquor on Sunday, will look to it, how far they will be made miserable by the young men whom they keep from Mass on that day. Whenever you find a great deal of gratitude in a poor man, you may take it for granted there would be as much generosity if he were a rich man. Modesty in woman is like colour on her cheek—decidedly becoming if not put on. Let no one overlook you with favors; you will find it an insufferable burden. The soul is immortal and with its natural love for other souls, it follows them into their eternity and asks them for help or prays God to grant those souls eternal rest. Confession is the healing medicine of the soul, and we must not wonder that, in the providence of God, it is somewhat bitter; yet we ought to be ready to use it for our soul's health, as we take a medicine for the good of the body, however distasteful that medicine may be. The world is nothing but a scene at a theatre, where we come to play our part, the actors of a moment, who disappear directly the curtain falls. The only thing good in us, the only one which does not die, is our soul; yet that is the only thing about which we do not occupy ourselves in the least.—St. John Chrysostom. Revenge is a momentary triumph which is almost immediately succeeded by remorse; while forgiveness, which is the noblest of all virtues, entails a perpetual pleasure. It was said by a Roman emperor that he wished to put an end to all his enemies by converting them into friends. So I learned then, once for all, that gold in its native state is but dull, unornamented stuff, and that only low-born metals excite the admiration of the ignorant with an ostentatious glitter. However, like the rest of the world, I still go on underrating men of gold and glorifying men of mica. Common-place human nature cannot rise above that.—Mark Twain. In point of virtue, that which costs nothing is worth nothing. "Sacrifice," says De Maistre, "being the essential basis of virtue, the most meritorious virtues are those which are acquired with the greatest effort." There can be no true development of heart or mind, nor growth in grace, where selfishness is the predominant principle. The man of faith is mild, kind, and courteous; he is a man of mercy, generosity, sympathy, and sincerity; an invaluable friend, a wise counsellor, and an edifying companion; his temper is always even; his conversation ever cheerful and easy; and amidst the variety of duties which incident to human nature, he is always ready to assist his neighbor.—Rev. H. M. Cobden, G. S. A.

RETURN HOME OF THE ARCH-BISHOP OF CASSEL.

THE ARCH-BISHOP OF CASSEL received a royal welcome home to his little cathedral city of Thuring on Friday evening, rather a welcome that royalty could not purchase for many reasons. His Grace's visit to Rome has come to be accepted as one of the most important events of the time, and has influenced the affection of his people to the pitch of downright enthusiasm. His priests and people determined to signalize his return by presenting him with a testimonial; a great public banquet in his honor was another of their plans, and both prospects were on the high road to accomplishment when his Grace sternly refused to submit his people to sacrifices in his honor, and forbade the banquets. But the affection of the people was not to be banished more easily on Friday evening an infinitely more touching way of showing itself. The Most Rev. Dr. Croke left Kingbridge for home by the one o'clock train, reaching Thuring at 4.30 p. m. The Thuring railway station and its approaches were thronged with men, whose

Protestant residents were as at any of their neighbors...

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THE STATE TRIALS.

The Irish state trials have commenced. The British government, lodged in the speeches of its leading members to bring about a reform in the Irish land system, decided some months ago on the prosecution of leading Irishmen who publicly demanded that their pledge be redeemed.

afford. The Irish tenantry are not the lawless anarchical class which some writers declare. They are a peaceful and law-abiding people, and by those who know them it is admitted that nothing short of gross and repeated outrages could drive them to seek revenge on those who wrong them.

THE EPIPHANY.

Yesterday the festival of the Epiphany was observed with becoming solemnity. The Epiphany or Twelfth Day may be called the last of the Christmas holidays. The word Epiphany signifies manifestation or appearance.

bers, that all mankind may feel and acknowledge the wondrous mercy of God shown in the birth of the Saviour at Bethlehem.

SPAIN AND THE VATICAN.

The King of Spain in his speech the other day to the Cortes, assures the nation that his relations with the Vatican are cordial and satisfactory.

MR. BRIGHT AND LORD CARNARVON.

Mr. Bright and Lord Carnarvon have both been before the British public for many years. In every agitation for the advancement of his fellow-countrymen Mr. Bright has been ever found on the side of right and of the people.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

AND now the threatening letter business is beginning to be adopted by the landlord class.

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UNFORTUNATE IRELAND IS GOVERNED BY THE LAWS.

UNfortunate Ireland is governed by the laws, as it were, of a cruel step-mother; laws which have destroyed her trade, turned her peasantry into slaves who starve in toiling and wretchedness.

THE IRISH QUESTION

LETTER BY THE MOST REV. DR. J. J. LYNCH, BISHOP OF TORONTO.

Independent and general

It is acknowledged on all the great questions to evil in the public press, and in the public press, and in the public press, and in the public press...

lazines, priestcraft, and want of thrift. This has been time and again proved un- Irish, by the position and prosperity of the Irish out of Ireland. They prosper in other countries, notwithstanding the great drawbacks of poverty at the start, and moreover, are helping in the export of American produce and other goods to England. This will altar ver considerably the position of landlords, or rather land-kings, and their tenants; and will tend to ameliorate the condition of the poor of Ireland and England.

darkest spot on the scutcheon of England besides her weakest point in Europe? Is a father of a family justified in giving away to his landlord in rents the food which is to save his children from starvation in a few months, or to throw them on the charity of the world to prolong a poor existence? And yet this has been done in years past; but the people have become more acquainted with the common rights of humanity and will stand up for them. The starvation of last year has left an indelible lesson behind it.

6th. That the Irish tenant has, generally speaking, according to the Government scheme for the payment of the disaffected church funds, paid over and over again for his land by exorbitant rack-rents. 7th. That sooner or later a patient and just God will punish evil doers, nations as well as individuals.

Rev. Father Brennan expressed himself highly pleased with the progress the pupils had made during the year. Congratulations addressed were also delivered by Messrs. Sills and Washburn, two of our prominent townsmen. SCIENTIA.

mayor and Mr. Wm. Watt. Last year the contest was between the same gentlemen, and there were but about fifty votes of a difference. The friends of both gentlemen are working hard, and both parties feel confident of winning, which will be a very difficult matter. Of the candidates for alderman in the field three are Catholics, viz: D. Hawkins, John Whalen, and Joseph Quinlan. The two first were on last year's board.

CANADIAN NEWS.

A little girl, daughter of Mr. Jas. Davidson, of Union, was instantly killed on Sunday while playing with a penknife. It seems she went to close the knife, and in order to do so pressed it against her body, when the blade penetrated to the heart. Death was instantaneous.

Two boys, aged respectively 5 and 7 years, sons of Mr. George Nevell, carriage-maker, of Aylmer, were on Wednesday playing with a revolver, when the eldest boy shot his brother. The shot took effect below the right eye. A physician was called, but up to the present has failed to extract the bullet. It is feared that the shot will prove fatal. The pistol has been lying around for a long time, and was supposed not to be loaded.

A Brooke farmer named George Johnston went out hunting a few days since. While standing still for a time one of the dogs jumped on him in a fondling manner, causing him to throw his hand back, and the muzzle of the gun at the same time. Just at this time the gun was discharged by the dog, the charge passing through his hand entered under the jaw, severing one of the numerous arteries. He died from hemorrhage within an hour after the accident.

Liverpool, Ont., Jan. 3.—A George McKeever and William Baird were driving out of the town this afternoon they were met by a team driven by two men named Hannah, of Elma township. A dispute took place about the right of way, which resulted in a fracas. McKeever and Baird were severely beaten with sleigh stakes. Baird is probably fatally injured, and was left senseless until assistance came. McKeever escaped without any serious injury. Warrants have been issued and constables despatched for the arrest of the Hannahs.

An exciting contest was witnessed at the Roman Catholic Casino in the Grand Hall, St. Thomas, on the evening of the 31st. Upon the platform stood a capacious arm chair with a label attached bearing the inscription, "For the coming Mayor," and the ownership was decided by an election between Messrs. Vanbuskirk, Still and Roe, candidates for the Chief Magistracy. Votes were cast at a cost of five cents each, and so intense did the competition become that about 294 was realized by the ladies. The trophy finally was won by Dr. Vanbuskirk.

QUEBEC LETTER.

The festival of Christmas was observed as usual in this city by the celebration of MIDNIGHT MASS in all the churches and chapels. At eleven o'clock the bells of the Basilica made the night air resonant with their music; the bells of the other churches took up the refrain and at times even those of Levis, across the broad St. Lawrence, as well as those of St. Roch and St. Lawrence, could be heard adding their melodies. The streets were alive with people, as always at broad mid-day in the busiest hour—all going to their respective parish churches. Midnight on Christmas Eve in a large Catholic city must be experienced to be realized; description fails.

There was an immense congregation, including more than the usual number of strangers, attracted in great part to hear the first performance on the new organ. It is a very elaborate instrument, but as it is not yet completed the critics have withheld their opinions—a course which I intend to follow; not that I haven't an opinion in the matter. I don't like the doing away with old landmarks—and such is my feeling about the removal of the figure representing "Erin" holding a harp which was so familiar to all on the old instrument.

In all the churches High Mass was celebrated at the usual hour in the day time. His Grace the Archbishop pontificated at the Basilica and the sermon was preached by Rev. Doctor Lewis Paquet. The Quebec branch of the LUXE LEAGUE was finally organized by the election of officers on Tuesday night.

Even during the holy season of Christmas the destroyer has been at his fell work. Mrs. Michael J. Murphy (nee La Roche) was swept away after only a few hours' illness in childbirth on Christmas morning, to the sorrow of a large circle of friends.

A well written and appreciative article on the question of the hour appeared in the "Canadian" of this city this week. Up to now a very confused, if not erroneous impression prevailed among French Canadians on the "Irish Question."

LOCAL NEWS.

The Sacred Heart Academy will reopen on January 10th. We hope the old pupils will be present in their usual places, and that many new faces will be added to the roll of this truly excellent educational institution.

H. D. Wright, an accountant, for some years a resident of London, committed suicide in Detroit a few days since. A fire took place in Penbrooke on the 25th, which destroyed property to the extent of \$11,000.

A man named Nelson Stanley has been arrested by Detective Murphy on a charge of swindling. There is reason to suppose he was the escaped third party in the recent Clarke burglary.

One of our city papers gives among the "Personals" the intelligence that Sarah Bernhardt intends to go to Quebec in the spring. Respectable people are not at all interested in her movements. The loss said about her the better:

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Queen has been pleased to confirm Mr. Charles Colmore Grant in his title of Baron Grant (an ominous name, sure enough, of Longueuil; this is a title originally conferred by the French King when Canada was a French colony. This knocks our Knights and "barrow-knights" into a cocked hat!

The annual meeting of the St. Bridget Asylum Association, at which the election of Trustees for the ensuing five years will take place, will be held this evening. A paper at the annual statement with which I have been favored shows the institution to be in a most flourishing condition on the eve of the close of its first quarter of a century's existence. The asylum was founded by Rev. Father McGeivray, now of Goderich, in 1856. Next week I shall give you some details.

BRANTFORD LETTER.

Now that the holidays are over, with the accompaniments of hand-slacking, and kind wishes, and little presents, and good resolutions, and many judgements, it may not be out of the place to bring up to date our record of the every-day going on in this city.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

CITY OF LONDON.—Mayor, John Campbell. Aldermen, No. 1, Ward, Messrs. Pritchard, Wilson, Smyth; No. 2, Cowan, Murray; O'Mahony, No. 3, Jones, Stringer, Love; No. 4, Milroy, Hiscox, Higgins; No. 5, Brown, Glass, Adams; No. 6, Buckle, Boyd, Scarrow; No. 7, Sherman, Wyatt, Partridge, jr. Water Commissioners, Messrs. Powell and Muirhead. It has been decided to retain the present exhibition grounds by a majority of 95 votes.

Prizes have been awarded to the kind friends that were so mindful at the joyous Christmas season of the poor little orphans at Mount Hope. The generosity of the people of London is well known, and when it is exercised in behalf of the poor orphans that these good ladies so kindly care for, it cannot but bring upon the donors the blessings of heaven. We hope next year that we will have the opportunity of publishing a much more extensive list of donors than that which we now publish.

DONATIONS TO THE ORPHANS.

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NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN PICTON

Wednesday last was an auspicious day for the Catholics of Pictou, as it was the day selected for the blessing and opening of their new and beautiful school-house. Precisely at half-past nine a. m., our beloved pastor, Rev. Father Brennan, accompanied by acolytes bearing a crucifix and lighted tapers, entered, and after addressing to those present a few words in his usual forcible and touching style, proceeded to bless the school-house with all the solemnity, beauty and impressiveness which characterize all the ceremonies of our holy religion.

TESTIS IN CALO FIDELIS!

It is difficult to change all at this once, but if it can be done, Scotland is comparatively satisfied because her religion and national prejudices are respected. If England fails now in justice to Ireland her troubles are only commencing.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

For this they are accused by many well-meaning persons of holding down the veins whilst their life's blood is being drained from them. How many deeds of revenge might have been committed were it not for the religious influence of the Irish clergy! The weightiest argument on their side is that no people, no matter how much oppressed, have a right to revolt without a moral certainty of ultimate success, as their condition would be made worse by failure.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of the Father Mathew T. A. S. of Hamilton held recently, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, the Supreme Author of our being, to remove from our midst our beloved and worthy member, Andrew Smith, who departed this life November 11th, 1880, and as it therefore resolved, that by his death this society has lost one of its most devoted members, one who was ever anxious to assist in advancing the cause of temperance and who by his sterling qualities and amiable disposition won for himself the admiration of all who formed the circle of his acquaintance.



HUMOROUS.

A Toronto alderman of the typical ample dimensions, wandered around for a while on the first of April, with a placard on his back, inscribed: "Widened at the expense of the corporation."

"Do you pay for poetry?" asks a young lady in Ohio, "We do. If written on white paper it is worth a cent a pound. Most papers do not pay for poetry, but we want to encourage genius in a substantial manner.—Atlantic Monthly.

Artemus Ward once told us that the funniest story he ever heard was about an incubated reporter who leaped over the railing of the reporters' gallery in the English House of Lords, and enquired, "Will shun noble lord please a comic shong?"

Lord Dufferin is said to have related, with great gusto, to a friend, that when he came home from India to be married, he found no carriage awaiting him at the little Irish railway station, and had to hire a common jaunting-car. Going along he asked the driver if there was any news. "Nothing," said he, "except that pretty Kate Hamilton is to be married to that one-eyed Dufferin."

Board Schoolmaster, desiring to explain the word conceited—"Now, boys, suppose I was always boasting of my learning; that I knew a good deal of Latin, for instance, or that my personal appearance was—that I was very good-looking, 'y' know—what should you say I was?" "Stright-forward boy—'I ah' say you was a liar!"

A person who has recently called into court for the purpose of proving the correctness of a doctor's bill, was asked by the lawyer whether the doctor did not make several visits: "The patient was out of danger?" "No," replied the witness, "I considered the patient in danger as long as the doctor continued his visits."

Dr. Chalmers said, just before his marriage: "Diminishing all anticipations of heaven upon earth, may I betake myself soberly and earnestly to the duties of the married state." Whitfield informed his fiancée that he was free from the giddy passion that the world calls love. "You're married because his confessor advised it, telling the poet that by that means he might overcome his unfortunate propensity for making verses."

A story is told of a certain Irish magistrate, noted for his severity, that, on one occasion, upon an offender being brought up for sentence, he confessed to his brother magistrate his intention of inflicting the full rigor of the law. Then, turning to the prisoner, he began to rebuke him upon his situation. "The fellow's face brightened, and he burst forth in a rapturous expression of thanks. "What do you mean?" said the surprised magistrate: "what have you to thank me for?" "Ah, sure I know you Honor'd never have the heart to be hard on a poor fellow after jokin' him that way!" The Justice felt the rebuke, and imposed a much lighter sentence than he had intended.

DIVORCE AND CHASTITY.

WHAT NEW ENGLAND THEORIES OF DIVORCE LEAD TO. [From the Boston Congregationalist.] It is sometimes urged that a strict divorce law would discourage marriage and increase licentiousness. Then a loose law ought to produce the contrary effect. But if we take the State of Massachusetts in 1860-1870, the ten years covering the change from the strict to the loose system of divorce, we shall find these facts: Divorces become more than two and one-half times as numerous; but marriages were only about ten per cent. more frequent in the last five years of the period than in the first five—and this while the population of the State had considerably increased.

Take the leading crimes against purity by periods of five years—one at the beginning, and the other at the end of the period of twenty years—and we find that in the first there were 134 convictions for adultery, against 367 in the last five years. The convictions for adultery, however, had increased only one-third. The convictions for fornication rose from 243 in the first five years, to 934 in the last five; and even polygamy does not seem to be avoided by increased legal facilities for the exchange of wives, for convictions for this crime rose in that period from eighteen to fifty. Conviction for one or two other lesser offenses gained but little; one suspects because the law against them was not vigorously enforced. But during this period of twenty years, all convictions of crime taken altogether, aside from so-called liquor cases, have increased only twenty per cent. "Hills, then, crime generally is increased but not so much as against chastity are three times as numerous as formerly.

The explanation of this alarming fact is not unattended here. The reader is left to draw his own conclusion.

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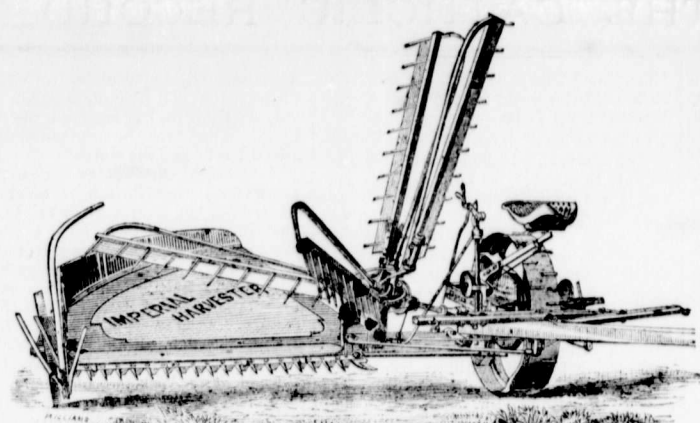
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