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EDITORIAL NOTES

The Dominion Government's statement of revenue and expenditure for the first five months of the current fiscal year...

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The Fishery Commission has adjourned until January 4th. Hon. Mr. Foster has returned to Ottawa...

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Mr. J. J. Curran, the indefatigable member for Montreal Centre, has at the request of the congregation of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church...

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when she heard I have been here. Well, I have been kind to her since when I felt it requisite to 'break her in,' as we say of a willful horse. I loved her once madly, devotedly, now, it is mingled with an undying hatred; for where I stand, she stands and yells and screeches; where she stands, I stand and screech and yell. It is a wreck, her eyes are dimmed with weeping for husband and child, her form has lost its splendour, she looks pale and stony, and I am her Nemesis; were I not, I should be a wretch, not a man.

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unblinking, but there's one thing to please in you, Martha, you come straight to the point at once without any useless beating about the bush; how much money do you want?
'One hundred pounds, Captain.
'It is impossible,' he replied, 'unless you have a very good reason, but I cannot be always applying to him for money. What can earth do you want with so large an amount? Is it for that disreputable connection of yours?'

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Martha took a dash of water; she never leaves him; she accompanied him to the Landing-Stage and went with him on board the tender which was to convey the passengers to the vessel which was to bear her and her shifty, reckless husband far from the shores of England.
At the last moment a touch of the old feeling which had subsided between them came over him, for drawing her aside he said:
'Look you, Martha, we have each of us failed to secure ourselves of an apothecary before long.' was the reply which she always knew to be in this way. 'I will tell you what has occurred to-day. I went into her room when she was at the piano with Mrs. Lester's child, and what should I see but the bed covered with all her little girl's clothes; on a table his toys were spread out, on another his books. Really it made my heart ache to see it.'

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Well, Martha, you have come to re-probation as usual. I suppose; how are things going on? said Captain, placing a chair for the maid.
'She will have to be placed in an asylum before long,' was the reply which she always knew to be in this way. 'I will tell you what has occurred to-day. I went into her room when she was at the piano with Mrs. Lester's child, and what should I see but the bed covered with all her little girl's clothes; on a table his toys were spread out, on another his books. Really it made my heart ache to see it.'

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