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## LITERATURE.

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### THE HAUNTED HOTEL.

Wilkie Collins's New Story.

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CHAPTER XVII.

It was only the 20th of September when Agnes and the children reached Paris. Mrs. Norbury and her brother Francis had then already started on their journey to Italy—at least three weeks before the date at which the new hotel was to open for the reception of travellers.

The person answerable for this premature departure was Francis Westwick.

Like his younger brother Henry, he had increased his pecuniary resources by his own enterprise and ingenuity; with this difference, that his speculations were connected with the arts. He had made money in the first instance by a weekly newspaper, and he had then invested his profits in a London theatre.

This latter enterprise, admirably conducted, had been rewarded by the public with steady and liberal encouragement. Pondering over a new form of theatrical attraction, Francis had determined to revive the languid public taste for the "ballet" by means of an entertainment of his own invention, combining dramatic interest with dancing.

He was now, accordingly, in search of the best dancer (possessed of the indispensable attractions) who was to be found in the theatres of the Continent. Hearing from his foreign correspondents of two women who had made successful first appearances, one at Milan and one at Florence, he had arranged to visit those cities, and to judge of the merits of the dancers for himself before he joined the bride and bridegroom.

His widowed sister, and her friends at Florence, whom she was anxious to see, readily accompanied him. The Montbarys remained at Paris until it was time to present themselves at the family meeting in Venice. Henry found them still in the French capital when he arrived from London on his way to the opening of the new hotel.

Against Lady Montbary's advice he took the opportunity of renewing his addresses to Agnes. He could hardly have chosen a more unpropitious time for pleading his suit, as she was then in the very midst of her grief for the death of her husband.

She shared willingly in the ever-varying occasion of amusement offered to strangers by the ingenuity of the liveliest people in the world—but nothing roused her: she remained persistently dull and weary through it all. In this frame of mind and body she was the other gentleman to receive Henry's ill-timed addresses with favor or even with patience. She plainly and positively refused to listen to him. "Why do you remind me of what I have suffered?" she asked petulantly. "Don't you see it has left its mark on me for life?"

"I thought I knew something of women by this time," Henry said, appealing privately to Lady Montbary for consolation; "but Agnes completely puzzles me. It is years since Montbary's death; and she remains as devoted to his memory as if he had died faithful to her—she still feels the loss of him as none of us feel it!"

"She is the truest woman that ever breathed the breath of life," Lady Montbary answered. "Remember that, and you will understand her. Can such a woman as Agnes give her love or refuse it according to circumstances? Because the man was unworthy of her was she less the man of her choice? The truest and best friend to him (little as she deserved it) in his lifetime, she naturally remains the truest and best friend to his memory now. If you really love her, wait; and trust to your two best friends—time and me. There is my advice; let your own experience decide whether it is not the best advice I can offer. Resume your journey to Venice to-morrow; and when you take your leave of Agnes speak to her as cordially as if nothing had happened."

Henry wisely followed the advice. Agnes made the leave-taking friendly and pleasant on her side. When he stopped at the door for a last look at her she hurriedly turned her head so that her face was hidden from him. Was that a good sign? Lady Montbary, accompanying Henry down the stairs said: "Yes, decidedly. Write when you get to Venice. We shall wait here to receive the letters from Arthur and his wife, and we shall time our departure for Italy accordingly."

word of explanation? Let the narrative follow him and find the answer of those questions at Venice.

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The Palace Hotel, appealing for encouragement mainly to English and American travellers, celebrated the opening of its doors, as a matter of course, by the giving of grand banquet and the delivery of a long succession of speeches.

Delayed on his journey, Henry Westwick only reached Venice in time to join the guests over their coffee and their cigars. Observing the splendor of their reception rooms and taking note especially of the artful mixture of comfort and luxury in the bedchambers, he began to share the old nurse's views of the future and to contemplate seriously the coming dividend of ten per cent. The hotel was beginning well at all events. So much interest in the enterprise had been aroused at home and abroad by profuse advertising that the whole accommodation of the building had been secured by travellers of all nations for the opening night. Henry only obtained one of the small rooms on the upper floor by a lucky accident—the absence of the gentleman who had written to engage it. He was quite satisfied on his way back, when another accident altered his prospects for the night and moved him into another and a better room.

Ascending on his way to the higher regions as far as the first floor of the hotel, Henry's attention was attracted by an angry voice protesting in a strong English accent, against one of the greatest hardships that can be inflicted on a citizen of the United States—the hardship of sending him to bed without gas in his room.

The American are not only the most hospitable people to be found on the face of the earth—they are (under certain conditions) the most patient and good-tempered people as well. But they are human; and the limit of American endurance is found in the obsolete institution of a bedroom candle. The American traveller, in the present case, declined to believe that his bedroom was in a completely finished state without a gas-burner. The manager pointed to the fine antique decorations (renewed and regilt) on the walls and ceiling, and explained that the emanations of burning gas light would certainly spoil them in the course of a few months. To this the traveller replied that, if possible, but that he did not understand decorations. A bedroom with gas in it was what he was used to, was what he wanted, and what he was determined to have. The complaint manager volunteered to ask some other gentleman, housed on the inferior upper story (which was lit throughout with gas), to change rooms. Hearing this, and being quite willing to change a small bed-chamber for a large one, Henry went on to the door of the other gentleman. The excellent American shook hands with him on the spot. "You are a cultured person, sir," he said, "and you will no doubt understand the decorations."

Henry looked at the number of the room on the door as he opened it. The number was Fourteen.

Tired and sleepy he naturally anticipated a good night's rest. In the thoroughly healthy state of his nervous system, he slept as well in a bed abroad as in a bed at home. He never slept at all. Without the slightest assignable reason, however, his just expectations were disappointed. The luxurious bed, the well-ventilated room, the delicious tranquillity of Venice by night, all were in favor of his sleeping on the door of the other gentleman. He never slept at all.

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could honestly answer, "I know no more than you do."

When night came he gave his comfortable and beautiful bedroom another trial. The result of the second experiment was a repetition of the result of the first. Again he fell into a sleepless night. And once more when he tried to eat his breakfast his appetite completely failed him!

This personal experience of the new hotel was too extraordinary to be passed over in silence. Henry mentioned it to his friends in the public room, in the hearing of the manager. The manager, naturally zealous in defense of the hotel, was a little hurt at the implied reflection cast on Number Fourteen. He invited the travellers present to judge for themselves whether Mr. Westwick's bedroom was to blame for his sleepless nights; and he especially appealed to a gray-headed gentleman, a guest at the breakfast-table of an English traveller, to take the lead in the investigation. "This is Dr. Bruno, the first physician at Venice," he exclaimed. "I appeal to him to say if there are any unhealthy influences in Mr. Westwick's room."

Introduced to Number Fourteen the doctor looked round him with a certain appearance of interest which was noticed by every one present. "The last time I was in this room," he said, "was on a melancholy occasion. It was before the palace was changed into an hotel. I was in professional attendance on an English nobleman who died here." One of the persons present inquired the name of the nobleman. Dr. Bruno answered (without the slightest suspicion that he was speaking before a brother of the dead man), "Lord Montbary."

Henry quietly left the room, without saying a word to anybody. He was not, in any sense of the term, a superstitious man. But he felt, nevertheless, an insuperable reluctance to remaining in the hotel. He decided on leaving Venice. To ask for another room would be, as he could plainly see, an offense in the eyes of the manager. To remove to another hotel would be to openly abandon an establishment in the success of which he had a pecuniary interest. Leaving a note to Arthur Barville, on his arrival in Venice, in which he mentioned that he had gone to look at the Italian lakes, and that a line addressed to his hotel at Milan would bring him back again, he took the afternoon train to Padua, and dined with his usual appetite, and slept as well as ever that night.

The next day, a gentleman and his wife, returning to England by way of Venice, arrived at the hotel occupied by Number Fourteen. Still mindful of the slat that had been cast on one of his best bed-chambers, the manager took occasion to ask the travellers the next morning how they liked their room. They left him to judge for himself how well they were satisfied by remaining in the hotel. His ghost walks in torpid until he can tell it! The living persons related to him the persons who feel he is near them—the persons who may yet see him in the time to come. Don't, pray don't say anything about it. I would not stay tonight here myself—not for anything that could be offered me."

Mrs. Norbury at once set her servant's mind at ease on this last point.

"I don't think about it as you do," she said gravely. "But I should like to speak to my brother of what has happened. We will go back to Milan."

Some hours necessarily elapsed before the maid left the hotel, by the first train in the forenoon. I that interval Mrs. Norbury's maid found an opportunity of confidentially informing the valet of what had passed between her mistress and herself. The valet had other duties to perform, and the circumstances in his turn, in due course of time the narrative, passing from mouth to mouth, reached the ears of the manager. He instantly saw that the credit of the hotel was in danger unless something was done to relieve the character of the room numbered Fourteen. English travellers, well acquainted with the pedigree of their native country, informed him that Henry Westwick and Mrs. Norbury were by no means only members of the Montbary family. Curiosity might bring more of them to the hotel after hearing what had happened. The manager's ingenuity easily hit on the obvious means of relieving them in this case. The number of all the rooms were enamelled on blue and white china plates, screw-down to the doors. He ordered a new plate to be prepared, bearing the number, "13 A," and kept the room empty, after its tenant for the time being had gone away, until the plate was ready. He then renumbered the room; placing the removed Number Fourteen on the door of his own room (on the second floor) which, not being numbered at all, had not previously been numbered at all. By this device Number Fourteen disappeared at once and forever from the books of the hotel as the number of a bedroom to let.

Having warned the servants to beware of promising anything on the subject of the changed numbers, under penalty of being dismissed, the manager composed his mind with the reflection that he had done his duty to his employers.

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"Now," he thought to himself, with an excusable sense of triumph, "let the whole family come here if they like. The hotel is a match for them."

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A Love-Tormented Elder.

The Nether Lochnaber correspondent of the *Inverness Courier*, in his latest contribution, says: The root of the male fern (*Pteris aquilina*) was at one time put to a curious use in the Highlands. Gathered at a certain season, and under a particular phase of the moon, the root, thoroughly dried and grated down into a fine aromatic powder, was the most potent ingredient in the *leann-talach*—a tincture of love-phillets of the old herbalists, who professed, by means of their essences and decoctions, to deal successfully not only with bodily, but mental ailments.

Properly prepared and cunningly administered, these love-phillets thought to be of very extraordinary efficacy and power. One herbalist, an old woman who, within the memory of people still living, practised her art in Lochnaber. She lived at Foder Wulm, and was visited by people from all parts of the country, who bore testimony to her skill in relieving their real or fancied ailments. The most important and lucrative branch of her practice was the preparation of "love drinks," so skilfully decocted that they never known to fail in sooner or later bringing about the desired result. So powerful, indeed, were the love potions prepared by this dame, that great caution was necessary in their administration, great care particularly that they were administered to the right person.

On one occasion a servant girl, falling in love with her master's son, and afraid that her affection might not be reciprocated either so speedily or as warmly as was desirable, applied to the cauldron Lussagrain, or old wife herbalist, to help her in the matter. A love-phillet of more than ordinary potency was at once prepared, but by some mismanagement it happened that the girl, instead of drinking it, should be drunk by the young man at bedtime, was very innocently drunk in a moment of thirst by the father instead, and the consequences may be imagined. Next morning the son for whom the potion was intended, though he of course knew nothing of it, went about his business as usual; but his father, a respectable man, well past middle age, and an elder of his church, was surprised to find his heart so strangely pit-a-pat all round. The old man was making a fool of himself and couldn't help it; and his wife and family were sadly scandalized, as was no wonder, with his conduct. The girl was as vexed and ashamed of her own share in the business, while the young man was wondering what it could mean. The girl at last, shrugging off in desperation to the herb-wife to tell her of this unlooked for and extraordinary case of ardent love by misadventure. The old woman was happily equal to the occasion. A second decoction was immediately prepared, and his wife having been let into the secret, the love-tormented husband got to bed, and to his relief at bedtime, which, acting after the manner of what the faculty, we suppose, would call counter-irritant, the old gentleman woke in the morning sound and sane, and unperturbed by any stranger or stronger affection than an unusually keen appetite for breakfast, and caring no more for his servant maid than any other tozied-headed, slipshod girl in the village. The matter ended happily after all, for our informant assured us that by the use of a little potent from the herb-wife, which the young man was fully got to drink, the girl at last found favor in his eyes. They were married and emigrated; and their grand children are extensive farmers and landowners somewhere in Upper Canada.

An Undeniable Truth.

You deserve to suffer, and if you lead a miserable, unsatisfactory life in this beautiful world, it is entirely your own fault. It is entirely your own fault, your unreasonable prejudice and skepticism, which has killed thousands. Personal knowledge and common sense reasoning will soon show you that "Green's August Flower" will cure you of Liver Complaint, or Dyspepsia, with all its miserable effects, such as sick headache, palpitation of the heart, sour stomach, habit, nervousness, diarrhoea, and all the nervous prostration, low spirits, &c. It is now ready every town on the Western Continent and not a Druggist but will tell you of its wonderful cures. You can buy a Sample Bottle for 10 cents. Three doses will relieve you. For sale by Amos Dixon.

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THE Board of Trustees of any School District is hereby empowered to provide for the School Funds under its control, not exceeding a first, second or third prize, in any School Term, for each School Department, and according to such conditions and regulations as may be prescribed by the Board of Education, provided that no such prize shall be awarded in respect of proficiency in particular subjects of the School course, or the discharge of particular School duties.—41 Vict. cap. 56, sec. 10.

In pursuance of the above enactment of the Legislature, the Board of Education has been pleased to prescribe the following conditions and regulations—which are to be carefully observed by Boards of Trustees and Teachers, in the offering and awarding of the School Prizes therein authorized—

1. The offer of the Prizes and the conditions of their award set forth below (in sections 2 and 3) shall be announced to the school, or department, on or before the first day on which it may be in session in any Term.

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4. At the close of each term the Teacher shall present a report, under his signature, to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, stating (1) the names, with the School Standing for the Term annexed to each, of the pupils having first, second and third positions; and (2) the name of any pupil who, while a member of the school, or department, was unavoidably absent, and whose actual average daily standing being allowed for such days of absence, not exceeding five in any case, would make him stand for the Term equal to that of the pupils who shall have been reported in the foregoing statement (1). The Secretary of the Trustees shall keep a record of the names of the pupils who have been reported in the foregoing statement (1), and shall make a record of the names of the pupils who have been reported in the foregoing statement (2).

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By Order,  
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Chief Superintendent Education.  
Education Office, St. John, N.B.,  
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Wholesale Warehouse,  
CANTERBURY ST. - ST. JOHN, N.B.

Received ex Hibernian, the Following

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1878 SUMMER ARRANGEMENT 1878

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Express for Halifax, and Way Stations, at 4.20 a. m., and 1.48 p. m.

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C. J. BRYDGES,  
Gen. Supt. Govt. Railways.  
Railway Office, Moncton,  
April 25th, 1877.

Spring Hill & Parrsboro' Railway.

ON and AFTER MONDAY, the 3rd June,

Trains will leave

PARRSBORO' for Spring Hill Junction at 9.30 a. m., arriving there in time to connect with the Express from Halifax for St. John.

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J. A. KILLAM,  
Railway Office, Parrsboro', May 21, 1878.

Albert Railway.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, the 29th

APRIL, Trains will leave

Hopewell Corner for Sackville at 5.30 a. m., arriving there in time to connect with the morning accommodation from Sackville for St. John.

Returning, will leave Sackville for Hopewell Corner at 11.30 a. m., after the arrival of No. 2 Express from St. John.

A Train leaves Hopewell Corner daily at 12.50 p. m., for Sackville, arriving there at 1.30 p. m., after the arrival of No. 2 Express from St. John.

A. E. KILLAM,  
Railway Office, Hopewell Corner, April 19th, 1878.

Special Notice!

IN order to meet the demands of our

numerous customers, we beg to announce that, we have added to our

extensive

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In all the Leading Styles.

By continuing, as in the past, to use

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2 GROSS THOMAS' ELECTRIC

1 gross Johnson's Liniment;  
1 gross Robinson's Emulsion of Cod  
Liver Oil;  
1 gross Syrup of Phosphates (Chemical  
Food);  
1 gross Doan's Hypophosphites;  
1 gross Doan's Kidney Pills;  
1 gross Doan's Catarrh Remedy;  
1 gross Doan's Lung Balm;  
1 gross Doan's Sarsaparilla;  
1 gross Doan's Corn Cure;  
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## Flax Culture and Linen Manufacture.

Journal of Commerce.

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written of late in regard to the

development of home industries, al-

most every branch of manufacture

having had its special advocate, but

singularly enough the manufacture

of flax, and from it of linen fabrics,

has attracted comparatively little

attention. We say singularly enough,

for many parts of this country are

admirably adapted for the growth of

flax; and the export trade in un-

dressed flax has persistently in-

creased of late years although no special

attention has been directed to the in-

dustry. After some research, we

are led to believe that the mills for

the manufacture of the heavier kinds of

linen fabrics might be set up in Can-

ada with profit to the manufacturer

and advantage to the community,

and at a time like the present, when

a multiplication of industries is im-

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than the production of flax and its

manufacture into linen.

Flax used to be grown in Canada