

Literature.

ASHURST,

THE DAYS THAT ARE NOT!

CHAPTER XXII.

Maxwell had been buried. The grave, solemn words of the funeral service have, perhaps, been seldom said over a worse man. But it is one great beauty of that service, never heard until the mighty angel has claimed its victim, that it in man is not considered in his works but in his being; not for what he has done, but for what he is; a creature of God taken home to his Creator. The solemn words are spoken for the good and the bad, even as 'He lethe His sun shine on the evil and the good, and sendeth His rain upon the just and the unjust.' The congregation bowed very quietly after the blessing had been given, not without a feeling of relief that this terrible business was over. Only Messrs. Selwyn, Vincent, Brown, and John were turned together to Ashurst, to make the necessary arrangements with Mrs. Berkeley.

"It seems a terrible thing," said the soft-hearted Mr. Selwyn, as they went along together, "to go to a woman the very day of her husband's funeral, and after such a death, to force her to tell all her sins. Does it not, Brown?"

"My idea is that Janet came upon Mr. Maxwell dead or dying in the wood, and that it so turned her brain. I really do not believe that from that moment, and it is able to give a clear account of anything. She certainly was in a state of high excitement when she left our house that morning. Hugh then took heart of grace, and told the whole story of his love and troubles to the kind lady, suppressing only the special piece of history which had so rushed to burn Janet. With deepening color he told her in the ensuing conversation on the very day of the murder each had discovered the other's name, and they had confessed how they had parted. And he ended by conjuring Mrs. Selwyn to stand his friend with Janet's grandparents, and to contrive that he should have an interview with her as soon as possible; for indeed, he said, "I shall never feel safe or secure from some malign influence until I have her sweet presence again, with no doubts to come between us."

"Mrs. Selwyn listened wondering, and entered into the story with the interest that a woman always feels in a love tale, readily promising to do all she could for him."

Then, Mr. Brown, as unhappily I cannot consult my husband, I must beg you to act by my authority. In another year Janet will be of age, and will be ready to confirm it. As you have been so good already I hope that you will do us all the favor to manage the rest of this business."

Mr. Brown declared his willingness, and sought another interview with the ladies. The old maid, Mrs. Berkeley, would have some resistance, but upon comprehending instantly how useless objection was, and seeing the advantages of the plan proposed, over-ruled her."

Mr. Brown went away, and said to Mr. Brown, "and trouble them no more. Send the money to Paris under the address, 'Mrs. Alford.' I don't want any connection known with him. In Paris I shall find a career."

"Very probably," replied the lawyer, coolly. "And tell Hugh Cartton," she continued, with a slight tremor in her voice, "that I wished him joy of that pale doll—my sister! He little knows what I would have been to him."

"I had forgotten the whip entirely," he said. "I remember now I was riding from me in my rage as I talked in the road, that I might not be tempted to strike him with it. Cyrus must have found it on the ground. And you did this for me, my darling? You wish your little purple hands the instrument of death?!"

"You do not know," he began, "how horrible that conversation was—the unblinking, cold, and terrible determination, and the fierce determination, at all costs and by any means, to have you. He even dared to say—"

"But Janet put her fingers on his lips. 'Why should you repeat it?' she said. 'He is dead; let his sins and his threats die with him. There is nothing to part us now, Hugh, and it is easy to forgive and forget.'" "You must teach me to do it, my love," he answered; "teach me, by forgetting all this pain yourself, so that no grudge shall remain."

"I was growing late and cold, and a servant came to call them in. The moon was shining clear above the oaks as they returned to the house, and Hugh, holding back his fair companion, said, fondly: 'Now Janet, say what I begged you to say two years ago, looking at another moon like this. Say this is a happy day: 'This is a happy day,' she repeated, looking up at him as he passed. 'I have returned here. So happy, and after so much suffering! Oh, Hugh! let us pray that He will teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto opposing schemes, and wish for no over hers, and followed slowly the softly murmured words."

"It is now evident," continued Mr. Brown, that the *Desz* machine, or rather if you may so like to call it, the *Desz* negro, had who was probably avenging some base act, and your old German doctor. Of all the oddities in this world he is surely the oddest. He has not even a name, but the least idea of the state of the case, and tries to console Mrs. Maxwell for the husband whom she hated, and Miss Agnes for the father whom to speak mildly, she seems to love to lead. When Mrs. Maxwell would hesitate, or try to prevaricate, he would exclaim, 'Ah, yes, poor soul, he knoweth all; ease thy poor heart, by telling thy woes; thou hast been deceived by a weak one, and so on, until she was fairly bewildered.'

"I am almost as much bewildered," said Mr. Selwyn. "Unless she cared something for Maxwell, Brown, she would hardly have been so overcome at seeing him dead. I hear her shriek now."

"Women are queer combinations," said Mr. Brown, with a deprecatory look at the two Mrs. Selwyns. "Not easy to understand any of them, and such a specimen as this, fortunately, seldom comes in one's way. But you must remember, Mr. Selwyn, that she had also to shriek at being found out. Also there was the money for which she certainly does care. Herr Muller has no notion that her present distress is caused by so base a consideration."

"Well," said Mrs. Selwyn, as her wicked plots have failed, and she is brought to naught, I am glad that she has some one to be kind to her. I myself could not be—I and I do not choo Janet to see her. Tell me, gentlemen, what can we do to save scandal to my poor nephew's name?" "You will not, of course, wish to perpetuate the fraud by calling these persons by it," said George Berkeley. "I claim to have a voice there. Cousin Anna, let me suggest that you allow these women a certain pension, on condition that they go to some distant country, and assume rather assume, their proper name, which I suppose is Maxwell. And let the pension depend on their keeping all this very quiet, and making no attempt to call themselves Berkeley."

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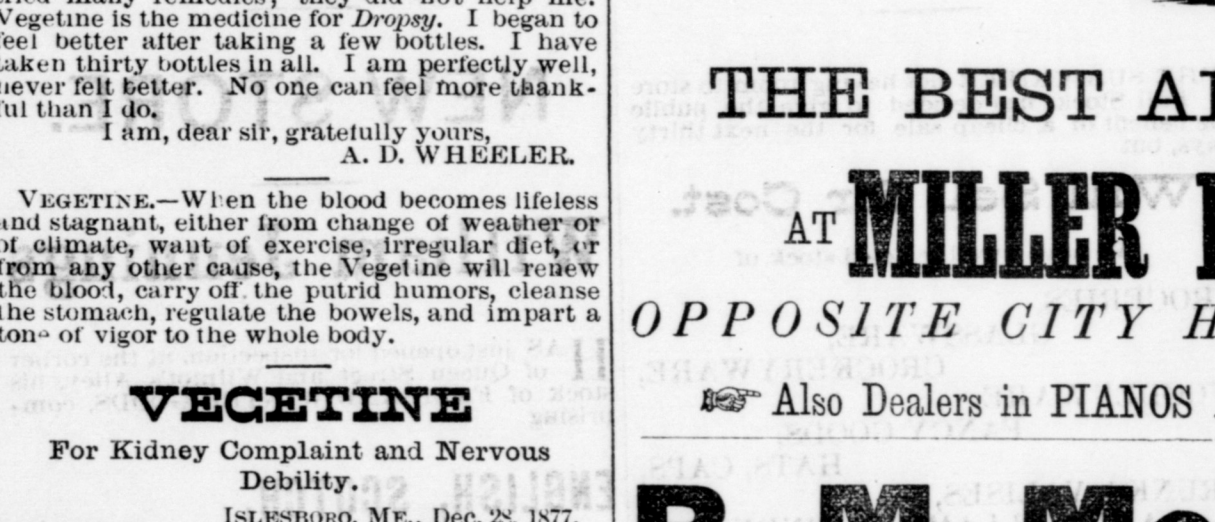
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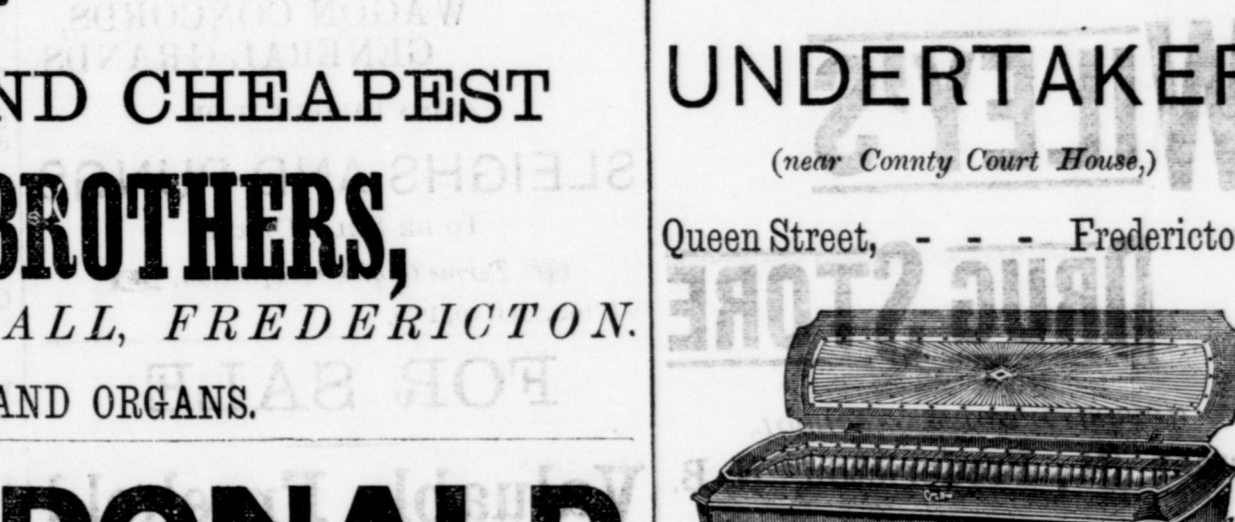
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