

Poetry.

DRIFTING.

The river goes drifting past me
On toward the great wide sea,
Dangling here with the lilies,

Literature.

RETRIBUTION.

CHAPTER XXIV.

Lord Durward, on recovering from the stupor or faint in which he had fallen upon beholding the supposed ghost of Madeline, found himself benumbed with cold and terror.

to me," she breathed, with an intensity that startled him.
"Caroline, I had no idea that you cared for him like that; the earl said gravely.

Madam instantly closed it and laid it on the table, a smile of pleasure lighting her grave face.
"Nina cared to talk upon any subject, raising at once to her side a chair, and bending over her, she kissed the pale, beautiful lips, adding:

"Yes, I have looked at all the facts in every possible light," the young wife said, sorrowfully, "but the letter and proposition came from Kenneth himself, and you know as well as I, that he is a man who will never be dictated to regarding such a matter."

"I should find it right to use all my powers to prevent its success," Nina replied, with something of her old spirit.
"Let that alone," she added, with a deep sigh, "for a moment. I know that Kenneth has acted independently in this matter, the fact has doubtless gone forth, and all that I can do is to wait."

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