

SINCERITY AT PARTING.

You signed such true grief at our parting
That I'm almost sure to believe it
I repaid with such black indifference
Your sorrow and your love.

Forgive, but my eyes are like sphynx eyes,
Prophetic, though young and still
And able to read in your heart's book
What your doom is inevitable.

They're read there the words that you
pledged me
And my name through a tangle of scratch
Though the serpent-like ether of falsehood
Wove mysteries over it all.

They saw how your wild anguish differed
From the grief of slanders low
As the flight of a wild-swept letter
From that of a sunny day's glow.

Then chide me not, being thus gifted
To see through the veil of your art,
On which you were breaking your heart.

THE WANTED PROOF.

Is it possible, Harley, you have not
given up your novel reading in this
period of your life? Do you know I believe
it a waste of one's time, and in this
work-a-day existence we certainly have
none to spare.

"I trust I shall never be so busy that I
cannot afford an occasional hour's read-
ing, Steve. In fact I believe it is es-
sential to my success as my study,
to say nothing of the recreation."

By the way, did I ever tell you how I
won my first case and laid the founda-
tion of my lucrative practice from read-
ing a story?

"A story within a story, eh? Well, I
don't mind listening as long as you are
the teller."

The speakers had been friends from
boyhood, though they had been sepa-
rated considerably of late years through
following their professions in different
towns.

"I was a young, brilliant lawyer in
Albany," began Harley, dividing my
time in story-reading, wondering where
I should get the money to pay my land-
lady and trying to decide what trade
would be the least objectionable to
when I should have to take my shingle
down to begin a new career. Fortune
was decidedly at odds with me, when
one afternoon there came a timid rap
at my door.

"Bidding the caller to come in, with-
out leaving my seat, expecting none
other than an importunate money-
seeker, you may believe I started to my
feet more lively than elegantly as a
young and attractive woman modestly
entered my Crusoe like den."

"Is this Mr. Harley, the lawyer?"
she asked before I had recovered from
my confusion.

"Of course I replied in the affirma-
tive, begged her to be seated with
what politeness I could command, and
hoped I might be of some assistance."

"She soon explained her errand, say-
ing she had come in the interest of one
Charles Grant, a young man of the
place who was then under arrest for
the murder of his uncle."

"I had seen the full particulars of the
tragedy in the papers and had followed
the details with more than usual atten-
tion, as it had seemed to me a peculiar-
ly unprovoked crime."

"The victim had been a man in mid-
dle life who possessed considerable prop-
erty, and it was understood, that his
neighbor living in a hurried manner, and
Mr. Blanchard had been but a few
months to young Grant's father—was a
bachelor—having a housekeeper, who
on the day of his death had been in the
house and was one of the most impor-
tant witnesses against the prisoner."

"At 11 o'clock p.m. she had heard a
gunshot, and fearing he had accidentally
shot himself, as she knew he kept a gun
in his room, she had rushed to the apart-
ment, to find him lying upon the floor
with a bullet wound in his left breast."

"No one was in the room, and as soon
as she had recovered from the shock of
her fright she screamed for help, when
some of the neighbors rushed upon the
scene."

"When the excitement had abated,
she told that she had seen Charles
Grant enter the house and heard him go
to his uncle's room about fifteen min-
utes before the shot was fired."

"She had not known of his leaving
the house, but a man passing the place
had seen young Grant come out of the
building in a hurried manner, and had
down the street at the top of his speed."

"He saw by the clock that it was
thirty-five minutes past twelve, and
would have given him just about the
time enough to have left the apartment of
his uncle after the shooting."

"These witnesses, who did not not to be
gained, while others declared there
had been a quarrel between the two
men, all of which, with the fact that
the prisoner had abruptly left the house
on the first train after the unfortunate
affair, made the chain of circumstantial
evidence so strong no one doubted his
guilt."

"Excuse me, for I should except the
pale young lady in my office, who, with
tears in her eyes, declared that she was
incapable of such a deed. I soon learned
she was his affianced wife, and, of
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"You will save him, won't you?"
she besought. "You shall be well paid,
and here is a hundred dollars in ad-
vance."

"With what pleasure I took my first
retainer fee I will not undertake to de-
scribe, but I promised Miss Matthews so
earnestly that I would do all I could for
her lover, she went away feeling quite
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of the death of his uncle, but puzzled
how I was going to prove it."

"I found the apartment about as I ex-
pected, even to the gun hanging upon
the wall. This weapon, which proved
to be the rifle Mr. Blanchard had carried
in actual service during the war, hung
in two pegs just above the door, and
beyond the lounge where he had been
lying and on the same side of the room."

"Naturally enough this firearm re-
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suggested, I know, by a story I had read
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velopment to the story had been found
a clever artifice of the narrator, but
when brought face to face with the the-
ory, I suddenly perceived that it was
probably just possible. At my rate, I
was resolved to test it."

"Accordingly, the next day I took
six persons with me, and knew would
make reliable witnesses, and I went to
the room I reloaded the rifle and restor-
ed it to its place upon the wall, being
careful to give it the exact position it
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