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Poetry.

THE SURE ESTATE.

What signify the care and pain
That I must yet endure,
The loss of love—the love in vain,
The crime of being poor?
I've an estate of solid earth,
Nor broad nor very deep,
Where wild winds blow and daisies grow,
And moonlight shadows sleep.
'Tis six feet long and two feet wide,
Shut out from sorrow's call;
It shall be mine some happy day,
Enough though it be small.
Till trump of doom it shall be mine,
And make amends for all—
Lost health, lost heart, lost love, lost hope!
More than amends for all.
—Charles Mackay.

Select Tale.

THE SUBJECT FOR DISSECTION. OR THE STUDENT'S RUSE.

(Concluded.)

"Take hold," said Waltham; "let us lift her out without disturbing the natural position of the body. These were the professor's orders."

Clair made no reply, save by pushing back the others with a motion of his hand, but stood entirely still, gazing upon the corpse as though he were spell-bound. The roguish, merry light so habitual to his eyes, had entirely left them, and their expression had become sad and earnest. Eldridge again pushed impatiently forward.

"Come, come, we are losing time!" he exclaimed, somewhat roughly.

"Yes, let us have it over," said Waltham. "The sooner the better; for I do not feel in the right spirit to attend to such work to-night."

"Hold back! We will proceed no further—'twere almost sacrilege!" cried Clair, in a voice whose altered tones vibrated between persuasion and command. "What!" continued he, in a low, changing tone, trembling with an excess of tender feeling even I had not thought him capable of, as he bent over the subject, that appeared to thrill his too often heedless being, "run the cold steel along the arteries of that lily neck, mar with rude hands the faultless symmetry of that marble bust; bare that high, pure brow from the brain that nourished it into the promise of so lovely a womanhood? Great heaven forbid it! No! not for a hundred professors would I attempt the deed. Wild and reckless I acknowledge I have been in my time; but I am no poor girl has been, and I swear, by her present memory, that I will not assist in putting knife in this subject!"

"For heaven's sake, do not be raising up private theatricals at our expense!" cried the more matter-of-fact Eldridge. "But, in the name of Esculapian what else are we here to do? I confess that I like the work no better than yourself—and, to speak the truth, would much rather be at the Academy this moment—but there is the report to be made out, and we cannot allodge the subject."

"Leave that to me," said Clair. "It is enough for the benefit of the practice that the willful felon and murderer are secured to us; those who have justly forfeited their lives by crimes against society can have no claim upon our sympathies, but this case is different. The professor, by his absence, has put upon us a work repugnant to our feelings, and he need not blame us for shirking the unattractive responsibility. I am confident that I can make out a full report without desecrating the repose of this lovely form; for the professor has so well drilled every nerve, sensation and reflection of my brain with so much knowledge of the great aorta and the little aorta, with all their full details, that I am morally certain that I need not this last experience to perfect perfection."

"Be it so then," said Eldridge, "we all need rest this wretched night, and I, for one, have much to attend to before I leave for home."

But Waltham seemed unsatisfied, and debated as to the proper course to pursue; finally, after conversing with me, he left the room to summon Westhaven for his advice upon the subject.

I stepped forward to the side of the coffin, while Clair held up the fluid lamp, throwing the full brilliancy of its light across it. I started involuntarily back, awe struck at the first glance within, and as I again looked upon the face and form of the intended subject, the nameless thrill that shot through my nerves made me no longer marvel as to its effect upon Clair. It seemed to me that it held me bound by the same spell of terrible fascination. The face had once been very fair to look upon, but there were strange, startling symptoms about it, that troubled and oppressed me then, but which, thro' the course of my further practice, I could better account for. The jetty bands of hair were smoothly parted from off the marble brow, and white buds and blossoms were interwoven among the heavy braids. The bridal dress of white silk was made low in the corsage, and robes of soft, delicate lace shaded the white neck and rounded shoulders. The shortened sleeves did not hide the contour of the shapely arms, and the ungloved hands were simply folded across the bosom, displaying the engagement ring whose brilliant crimson tones caught and reflected back a thousand dazzling rays from the light of the lamp held by Clair. But the face—the face—it was the effect of that above all the rest that for a time held my tongue spell-bound, as sharing his emotion, I stood looking over the shoulder of Clair.

We had stood together, and gazed upon the face of the dead, when borne from many a scene of panic and terror: upon many who had lost life suddenly or lingeringly, both through disease and the accidents of machinery and workshops which are of so frequent occurrence in a large city, but none had looked like this. The calm and peace of death were not there! The black arching brows were set in a deep frown, and a look of agonized terror seemed to pervade the whole expression of the face, yet blended with a sort of appealing interest I can scarcely describe. It looked to me at the time like the spirit of a Nemesis.

"See there!" I whispered to Clair, still under my breath; "look at that purple spot upon the left cheek!"

"Petechie," he murmured.

"Do you want to know what I think?" He looked quietly round, evidently startled at the tone of my voice. "This subject has never come to a natural death. The agonized contraction of that young brow was never the effect of the subdued exhaustion that invariably succeeds acute suffering. The strangely set teeth under those parted lips show too terrible a sigh for peaceful dissolution—and feel, the arms are still quite limber!"

"If I thought that," replied Clair; "but stop—there is Eldridge at the door, bringing in Westhaven; I will stand back, get his opinion, he was always sharp and quick at diagnosis."

Clair stepped aside as Eldridge and Westhaven advanced towards the coffin. The former was explaining the position of affairs to the latter. I glanced uneasily at Westhaven, his face was very pale, and the usually gentle expression of his eyes had given place to a look of deep trouble; impulsively I reached out my hand and drew him to my side by the open coffin.

"Look!" I cried, "she does not look as though she died a natural death. Mark that expression of wild terror! See the knit brows and set teeth."

And I looked eagerly in his face to see if his impression would coincide with my own. He turned his head slowly as though preoccupied with other thoughts, then wildly started back and took another look—a look of such terrible, heart-felt agony, that I can never forget its expression till my dying day. Then with quivering nerves, he bowed his head over the body, crying out in tones of acute suffering:

"Leonore! Leonore! my murdered bride!"

And as we, who stood round, beheld his terrible anguish, we felt as by intuition that this was indeed the fair girl that rumor had so long spoken of as his affianced wife. With an aching heart and tearful eyes I passed my arm around him, trying to offer the mute support words failed to give.

"Leonore! oh, Leonore! have they bowed your sensitive spirit to the dust? Have they, at last broken the heart I was no longer there to uphold? Did your tried endurance at last fail?" he cried, with touching emotion, as he bent down for a brief period, forgetful of everything but the weight of sorrow.

Yet as he gazed upon the painfully contracted features before him, other and stronger emotions succeeded each other, causing him to rave so wildly, that I began to fear that the shock would unsettle his reason.

"Show me the cowardly wretch who has hurled that false marriage announcement upon her unsuspecting ear, that I may lighten the load of my soul by taking vengeance on him, or that he may complete his cruel work by rending my heart too—for I no longer wish to live. Life to me has forever lost all attractions."

And he struggled on my arm with the strength of a madman.

"I will hunt him through the world!" he cried. Hardly had the last words left his lips, when Clair, who had listened horror-struck at their import, rushed forward to his side.

"Here, take your vengeance!" he cried, "it was I! I alone wrote that false advertisement. None other shall suffer for my misdeeds; great was my error, and bitter my repentance—but take your vengeance!"

"Away, fool! do you not see the state he is in? Add not daring to folly!" I exclaimed, as with my disengaged arm I endeavored to push him away, but too late, for Westhaven was already closing upon him, and a struggle was literally commencing over the coffin.

"Help! help!" I cried, as I found that all my efforts to separate them proved unavailing. Eldridge—Waltham—will you have murder done under your very eyes? Do you not see that Clair is almost suffocating? Great heaven! be quick!"

They came forward, trying to separate the two who now seemed verging on a mortal struggle, but in the sudden rebound the burning lamp was thrown upon the body in the coffin, and the next moment the light lace was all ablaze, as the heated fluid ran over the neck and bosom of the lost Leonore. At that awful sight, Westhaven relaxed his hold, and Clair fell almost lifeless, from his frenzied grasp. Shocked from his temporary madness at the scene, tears came to Westhaven's relief as he endeavored to assist me in subduing the light flame from the body still so dear to him. Gently pushing me aside, he bent down, and with his linen handkerchief carefully wiped the remains of the fluid from the scarred neck; then with a sudden impulse, he clasped the body to his heart, and pressed wild kisses upon the purple lips. Then with a nervous thrill he started back, looking at the face with a gaze that made me doubt his sanity.

"She lives! she lives!" he cried. "Oh, for the sake of heaven, bring restoratives—restoratives!"

I gave one wild look of doubt—it was even so. The apparent dead was restored to life, as many had been before, and may be yet again, in seasons of panic and consequent premature interments.

Westhaven stood beside the coffin, leaning upon his breast; supported by his encircling arms was his lost yet recovered Leonore, shivering in every nerve, yet with strongly increasing powers of respiration, strangely yet surely coming back to life. Her long, deathlike trance at last so suddenly broken, by the momentary agony of the burning fluid so awfully spilled.

We soon applied the most powerful restoratives the Materia Medica afforded, and had the satisfaction of seeing the fair girl fully restored to the possession of all her faculties, though still weak, and suffering some pain from the action of the fluid upon her neck and shoulders.

"Then you were not married after all? 'Twas like a fearful dream!" were the first words uttered from her lips.

"Never will be to any but your own dear self, my Leonore. The thought that I could not come in time to contradict the false report has well nigh driven me distracted. The presentiment of trouble never for a moment left me. How could I live without you?"

The drooping head pressed closer to his bosom, while the white hand tenderly clasped his encircling arm, the dark brows unknit, and the despairing agony that had darkened the young face gave place to trust and love.

"Oh, it was so weak in me to believe it even for an instant, but I was not myself. I had caught

the fever while tending the bedside of a lone neighbor, and my nerves were unstrung; yet I was getting better when they brought the news, and showed me the advertisement. The shock was too great for my unstrung nerves, and I swooned away, and lay without power or motion, yet feeling a terror within me that knit my brows, and clenched my teeth and hands like an iron vice. Like a horrible nightmare, and yet not like a nightmare, for I was still keenly alive to everything that was going on about me. Though susceptible to every sound, I was paralyzed by the stagnation of power that clogged my nerves with loss of action. Oh, the terrible memory of these dreadful hours. The suffering of a lifetime seems compressed within their space. The horrors with which I heard the students decline to dissect me—for even that were a charity compared with a living death in a tomb—besides being then my only hope of resuscitation. Oh! the terrible effort of agonised will I made to move the sluggish current of my blood! Ah, while these fatal memories rise fresh upon me, promise me—promise me one thing?"

"By all my hopes of heaven I promise."

"Promise that when I seem to die never to bury me until decomposition actually commences to take place."

"Never, my Leonore! You shall never leave this earth until necessity alone demands the sacrifice. And your dreadful experience may be the means under Providence, of saving the lives of others in these days of sudden epidemics and hasty interments."

And the pair so terribly restored to each other were soon comfortably accommodated by the professor's lady, who had been summoned in from the adjoining house, and we carried the covered litter that held the light form of Leonore through the communicating doors in the back entrance, thereby hushing up the matter from public curiosity, which it was our rule always carefully to avoid.

The professor's family extended a hospitable welcome to the affianced bride of Horatio Westhaven, and the orphan girl was soon surrounded with all the evidences of motherly care and kindness; under his influence and the watchful love of him who declared he never more would be separated from her, she soon recovered bloom and strength. The benevolent professor had been the most surprised of the party, and thenceforward his favorite study was said to be that of suspended animation.

A short time afterwards the marriage of Horatio Westhaven and Leonore Montelure was solemnized at the residence of the professor. And upon that occasion, amid the social employments of the evening, I had the satisfaction of reuniting the broken bonds of peace between the groom and Howard Clair, who humbly and, I believe, truly promised to have done with ruses, both practical and impractical for ever. And, I believe, that was the last as it was the worst of his many attempts at practical jokes.

The Davenport Manifestations.

The following has been addressed to the London papers:—

Sir,—A seance by the Brothers Davenport and Mr. W. Fay took place in my house yesterday, in the presence of Lord Bury, Sir Charles Nicholson, Sir John Gardner, Sir C. Lennox Wyke, Rev. E. H. Newenham, Rev. W. Ellis, Captain E. A. Ingfield, Messrs. Charles Reade, James Matthews, Algernon Borthwick, L. Willes, H. E. Rideout, Robert Bell, J. N. Mangles, H. M. Dunphy, W. Tyler Smith, M. D., E. Tyler Smith, T. L. Coward, John Brown, M. D., Robert Chambers, and Dion Boucicault.

The room in which the meeting was held is a large drawing room, from which all the furniture had been previously removed, excepting the carpet, a chandelier, a small table, a sofa, a pedestal, and twenty-six cane-bottomed chairs.

At two o'clock six of the above party arrived, and the room was subjected to careful scrutiny. It was suggested that a cabinet to be used by the Brothers Davenport, but then erected in an adjacent room, should be removed into the front room and placed in a spot selected by ourselves. This was done by our party, but in the process we displaced a portion of this piece of furniture, thus enabling us to examine its material and structure before we entered it. At three o'clock our party was fully assembled and continued the scrutiny. We went to a neighbouring music-seller for six guitars and two tambourines, and that the implements to be used should not be those with which the operators were familiar. At half-past three the Brothers Davenport and Mr. Fay arrived, and found that we had altered their arrangements by changing the room which they had previously selected for their manifestations. The seance then began by an examination of the dress and persons of the Brothers Davenport, and it was certified that no apparatus or other contrivance was concealed on or about their persons. They entered the cabinet and sat facing each other. Capt. Ingfield then, with a new rope provided by ourselves, tied Mr. W. Davenport hand and foot, with his hands behind his back, and then bound him firmly to the seat where he sat. Lord Bury in like manner secured Mr. L. Davenport. The knots on these ligatures were then fastened with sealing wax and a seal affixed. A guitar, violin, tambourine, two bells and a brass trumpet were placed on the floor of the cabinet. The doors were then closed, and a sufficient light was permitted in the room to enable us to see what followed. I shall omit any detailed account of the Babel of sounds which arose in the cabinet, and the violence with which the doors were repeatedly burst open and the instruments expelled; the hands appearing, as usual, at a lozenge-shaped orifice in the centre door of the cabinet. The following incidents seemed to us particularly worthy of note: While Lord Bury was stooping inside the cabinet, the door being open, and the two operators seen to be sealed and bound, a detached hand was clearly observed to descend upon him, and he started back, remarking that a hand had struck him. Again, in the full light of the gas chandelier and during an interval in the seance, the doors of the cabinet being open, and while the ligatures of the Brother Davenport were being examined, a very white thin female hand and wrist quivered for several seconds in the air above. This appearance drew a general exclamation from all the party. Sir Charles Wyke now entered the cabinet and sat between the two young men—his hands being right and left on each, and secured to them. The doors were then closed, and the Babel of sound recommenced. Several hands appeared at the orifice—among

them the hands of a child. After a space Sir Charles returned amongst us and stated that while he held the two brothers several hands touched his face and pulled his hair: the instruments at his feet crept up, played round his body, and over his head—one of them lodging eventually on his shoulders. During the foregoing incidents the hands which appeared were touched and grasped by Capt. Ingfield, and he stated that to the touch they were apparently human hands, though they passed away from his grasp.

I omit mentioning other phenomena, an account of which has already been rendered elsewhere.

The next part of the seance was performed in the dark. One of the Messrs. Davenport and Mr. Fay seated themselves amongst us. Two ropes were thrown at their feet, and in two and a half minutes they were found tied hand and foot, their hands behind their backs, bound tightly to their chairs, and their chairs bound to an adjacent table. While this process was going on the guitar rose from the table and swung or floated round the room and over the heads of the party, and lightly touching some. Now a phosphoric light shot from side to side over our heads, the laps and hands and shoulders of several were simultaneously touched, struck, or pawed by hands, the guitar meanwhile sailing round the room, now near the ceiling, and then scuffling on the head and shoulders of some luckless weight. The bells whisked here and there, and a light drumming was maintained on the violin. The two tambourines seemed to roll hither and thither on the floor, now shaking it violently, and now visiting the knees and hands of our circle—all these foregoing actions, audible or tangible being simultaneous. Mr. Rideout, holding a tambourine, requested that it might be plucked from his hand; it was almost instantly taken from him. At the same time Lord Bury made a similar request, and a forcible attempt to pluck a tambourine from his grasp was made which he resisted. Mr. Fay then asked that his coat should be removed. We heard instantly a violent twirl; and here occurred the most remarkable fact. A light was struck before the coat had quite left Mr. Fay's person, and it was seen quivering, plucked off him afterwards. It flew up to the chandelier, where it hung for a moment, and then fell to the ground. Mr. Fay was seen meanwhile bound hand and foot as before. One of our party now divested himself of his coat, and it was placed on the table. The light was extinguished, and this coat was rushed on Mr. Fay's back with equal rapidity. During the above occurrences in the dark we placed a sheet of paper under the feet of the two operators, and drew with a pencil an outline around them, to the end that if they moved they might be detected. They, of their own accord, offered to have their hands filled with flour, or any other similar substance, to prove they made no use of them but this precaution was deemed unnecessary; we required them, however, to count from one to twelve repeatedly, that their voices, constantly heard, might certify to us that they were in the places where they were tied. Each of our own party held his neighbor firmly, so that no one could move without two adjacent neighbors being aware of it.

At the termination of this seance, a general conversation took place on the subject of what we had heard and witnessed. Lord Bury suggested that the general opinion seemed to be that we should assure the Brothers Davenport and Mr. W. Fay, that after a very stringent trial and strict scrutiny of their proceedings, the gentlemen present could arrive at no other conclusion than that there was no trace of trickery in any form—and certainly there were neither confederates nor machinery—and that all those who had witnessed the results would freely state in the society in which they moved that, so far as their investigations enabled them to form an opinion, the phenomena which had taken place in their presence were not the product oflegerdemain. This suggestion was promptly acceded to by all present.

Before leaving this question, in which my name has accidentally been mixed up, I may be permitted to observe that I have no belief in what is called spiritualism, and nothing I have seen inclines me to believe in it; indeed, the peculiarity of some of the demonstrations would sufficiently alienate such a theory; but I do believe that we have not quite explored the realms of natural philosophy: that this enterprise of thought has of late years been confined to useful inventions, and we are content at last to think that the laws of nature are finite, ascertained, and limited to the scope of our knowledge. A very great number of worthy persons seeing such phenomena, as I have detailed, ascribe them to supernatural agency; others wander around the subject in doubt; but, as it engages seriously the feeling and earnest thought of so large a number in Europe and America, it is a subject which scientific men are justified in treating with the neglect of contempt?

Some persons think that the requirements of darkness seems to infer trickery. Is not a dark chamber essential in the process of photography? And what would we reply to him who should say, "I believe photography to be a humbug; do it all in the light, and I will believe; otherwise, not till then." It is true that we know why darkness is necessary to the production of the sun picture; and if scientific men will subject these phenomena to analysis, we shall find out why darkness is essential to such manifestations.

Yours obediently,
DION BOUCICAULT.

326 Regent-street, Oct. 12.

Choose over the planet road; it always answers best. For the same reason choose ever to do and say what is the most just, and the most direct. This conduct will save a thousand blushes and a thousand struggles, and will deliver you from those secret torments which are the never-failing attendants of dissimulation.

Quotations from camp stories, taken from the journal of a soldier lately on duty in Louisiana:—Pleasant living; life steady—the old stock reduced to small compass, and mostly in the hands of government employees; lizards firm; scorpions advancing.

Experience is a solemn fowl, that cackles oftener than she drops real life eggs. Wise men have said that they should be left to settle their own affairs; he confessed that he always had strong doubts of the practicability of reducing to subjugation any large part of the country that manifested a determination to separate.

Items, Foreign & Local.

Highland tartans are all the rage in France just now. In Paris tartan dresses and tartan ribbons are seen on every side.

The Earl of Carlisle, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, is said to be suffering from a disease known as the creeping palsy.

A rebel officer writes from Charleston:—"We have all the liquor we can drink for \$95 per gallon or \$2 per drink."

The horse 'Capt. McGowan,' recently trotted two heats of five miles on the Brighton track, in 13.51, and 14.26.

There are about eighteen thousand colliers out on strike in the neighborhood of Birmingham. (Eng.) Threatening language has been used, and the authorities are kept constantly on the alert.

From 1,000,000 to 1,200,000 oysters are daily consumed in Paris, being a total of 36 millions a month, or 223 millions for the eight months written in the letter R, during which oysters are in season.

The cost of the royal tomb which is being constructed at Frogmore is estimated at £100,000.

The Chinese never use the letters *d* and *r*; they say *Eulope* for Europe, and *Ya-me-li-ka* for America.

It is stated that the poet-Laureate has already received £10,000 by "Enoch Arden and other Poems."

A Paris paper gives the following statistics:—In France there are six cardinals, 15 archbishops, 69 bishops, 155 vicars, 600 canons, 3338 curates, 22,636 vicars of the church, 10,000 priests, 30,000 seminarians, and 50,000 monks.

They tell of fourteen cords of gold quartz taken from one of the Colorado mines.

A New York book dealer committed suicide on Monday, by taking arsenic. Cause, difficulty in business matters.

A woman in Paris is under arrest for burning her husband to death in an oven.

The Cincinnati Presbytery have decided that any person maintaining that slavery is not a sin is liable to censure.

London is now connected with Sidon and with Jerusalem by telegraph. How strange to see the old Bible lands invaded by modern inventions and improvements!

A Yankee pie factory in New York, turns out 35,000 to 40,000 every week. He occupies four buildings and has ten horses and wagons engaged in delivering his pies about the city.

Mr. W. J. Groves, a London merchant, who had experienced heavy losses in the New York stock market, committed suicide recently. The failure to receive a remittance from a New York house for \$17,000 was the immediate cause of his rash act.

It seems that a somewhat extensive series of coal deposits, heretofore unknown to Europeans, has been recently found in Kashankan, in China.

Religious services were conducted in five of the theatres in London on a Sunday evening recently. The audiences were very large.

Gen. Meade has issued an order stopping horse racing in his department.

The health of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec is in a very precarious state. He has received the last sacrament of the church.

The Richmond *Dispatch* of the 20th, says the hostile armies are so strongly entrenched, that it would be sheer madness for either to attack the other in front. Both armies may remain in their respective positions all winter.

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