

POETRY.

EVELYN HOPE.

Beautiful Evelyn Hope is dead—
Sit and watch by her side an hour,
That is her book-shelf, this her bed;
She propped that piece of geranium downer,

THE HIDDEN HAND

BY MRS. SOUTHWORTH.

ACTRESS OF "THE CURSE OF CLIFTON," "THE
CHANGED BRIDES," ETC. ETC.
CONTINUED FROM THE CAPITAL.
This dreadful doom, most solemnly pronounced
by the judge, was received by the prisoner
with a loud laugh, and words:

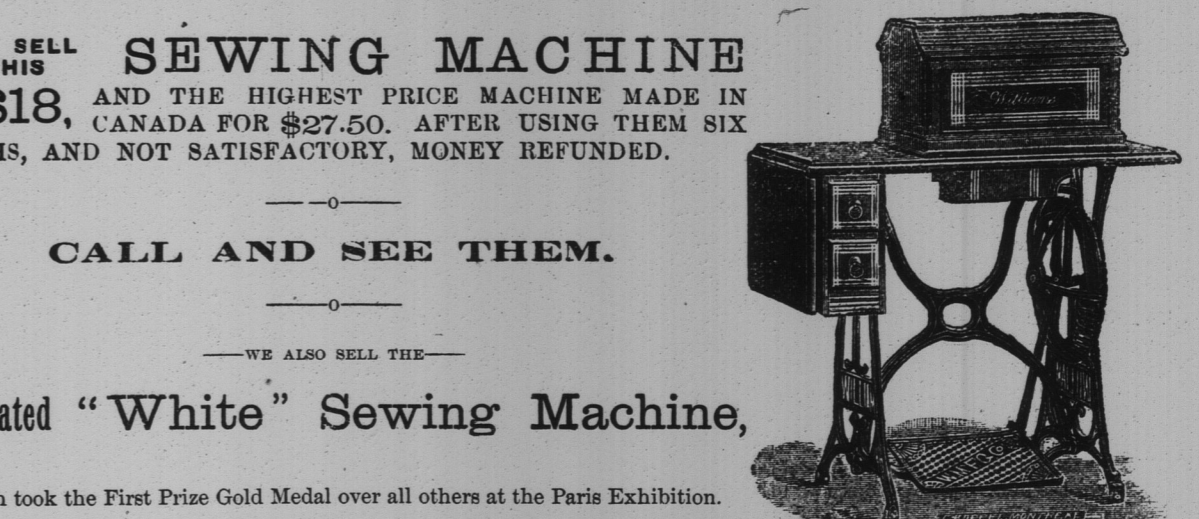
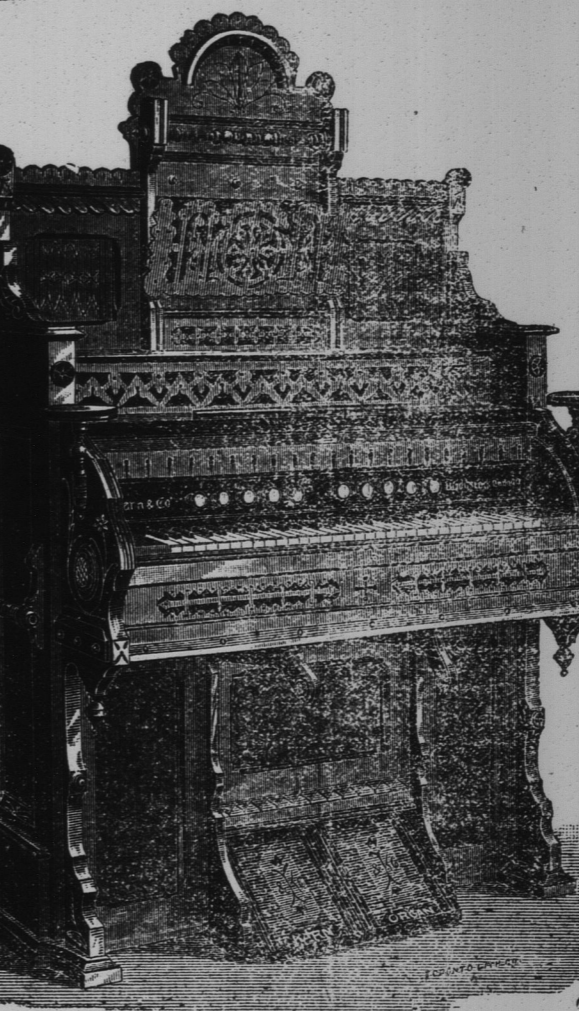
commutation of his sentence. If a petition
for his instant execution had been
around, it would have stood a much better
chance of success!
Cap. spent many days in her fruitless
enterprise, but at last give it up—but by
no means in despair, for—
"Will she live, yet! by one means or
another I can't change clothes with him
as I did with Clara, he's too big! but one
way or other, I'll see him," said Cap. to
herself. She said it to no one else, for the
more difficult the enterprise, the more
determined she grew as to her measures.

This brought Cap. up with a jerk
She sat bolt upright, gazing at him with
her eyes fixed as in death.
"Go!" said Old Hurricane, growing
more and more confused, "I've been a
married man more years than I like to
think of! Cap, I've—I've a wife and
grown-up son! Why do you sit there staring
at me you little demon? Why don't you
say something to encourage me, you
little wretch!"
"Go on!" said Cap, without removing
her eyes.
"Cap, I was—a jealous—passionate—
Demmy! confession isn't in my line! A
diabolical villain may believe that my
poor little wife wasn't good!"
"Then, I knew you'd let it on some-
body else. Men always do that," said Cap,
to herself.
"He was mortally wounded in Mexico.
He made a confession, and confided it to
Herbert, who has just sent me an attested
copy. It was Le Noir. My poor wife lived
under her girlhood's name of Marah
Rocke." Old Hurricane made a gulp, and
his voice broke down.

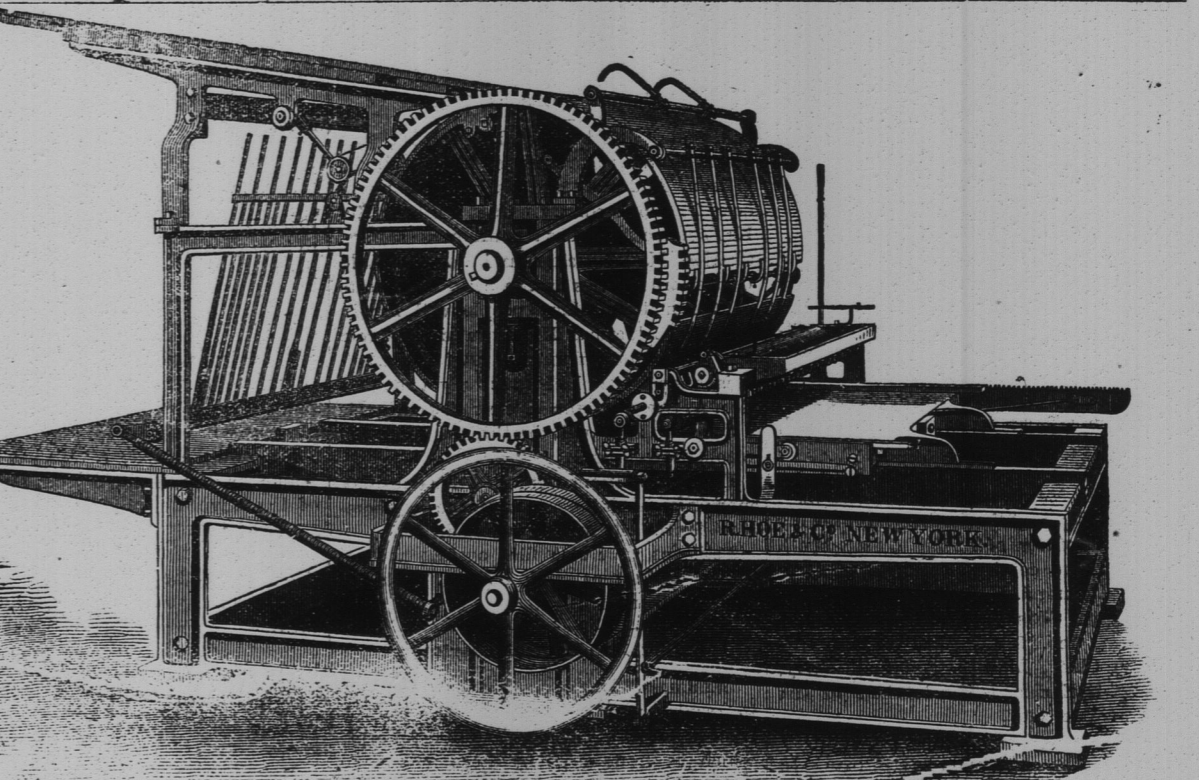
Cap. understood all now, as well as if
she had known it as long as Old Hurricane
had. She comprehended his extreme agi-
tation upon a certain evening, years ago,
when Herbert Greyson had mentioned
Marah Rocke's name, and his later and
more lasting disturbance upon accidentally
meeting Marah at the orphan's court.
This revelation filled her with strange
and contradictory emotions. She was glad,
she was angry with him; she was sorry for
him, she was divided between divers im-
pulses, to hug and kiss him; to cry over
him, and to seize him and give him a good
shaking. And between them she did nothing
at all.
Old Hurricane was again the first to
speak.
"Was that you wished to say to me,
Cap, when I ran away from you this
morning?"
"Why, uncle, that Herbert wanted to fol-
low you, and I— and—" Cap,
blushed and broke down.
"I thought as much. Getting married
at his age, a boy of twenty-five," said the
veteran in contempt.
"Taking a wife at your age, uncle, an in-
fant of sixty-six."
"Bother, Cap. Let me see the fellow's
letter to you!"
Cap. handed it to him and the old man
read it.
"IT was to object, you'd get married
all the same. Demmy! You're both of
age. DO AS YOU PLEASE."
TO BE CONTINUED.

LIVELY CORPSE.
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of the life in the metropolis was Mrs.
Hamilton that she wanted to remain, and
so her husband returned to the Golden
Gate alone. Mr. Hamilton waited with
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turn and one day was startled by the fol-
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Lucy is Hannah's sister. Hamilton
promptly forwarded amount by tele-
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Two months afterwards business took
Mr. Hamilton to New York, where he in-
tended to visit the last resting place of
his wife. On his first night in the city, how-
ever, he was sadly walking the street when
he met his erring wife. "How is this," de-
manded the astonished Hamilton, "Ain't
you dead?"
"Di! I look like it," cried his radiant
wife laughing. Weren't those telegrams
the loveliest jokes ever played. While you
were mourning me for dead and paying
money to have me buried, I was spending
that same money in a royal way. Wasn't it
funny?" "By Don't you laugh!"
But Hamilton didn't see anything in-
dicuous about the affair. He finished his
business in a hurry and sped back to San
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