WATERS OF LETHE.



thing to tamper with the self-esteem of a woman. If you hurt a man's pride he will probably go off and sulk for a greater or less time, or it may be, if the case is very bad, that he will even kill himself.

But a woman will have revenge. You may think she has forgotten, you may fancy she is impotent, but there is still much of the Oriental in every woman—that she can wait. Break her heart and she will still let it be in the dust for you to trample upon, and she will find the pain pleasant; yet beware how you so much as scratch her pride; from the wound will trickle a stream of poison, that may flow slowly, but will reach you in the

James Dudley's case went to prove this. Very few knew why he came to the end he did, but this was the way of it:

When he was very young and just out from the Point, he was sent to a | del." post miles from anywhere, and there he became engaged to marry the 14year-old daughter of Major Gorschkov. She was beautiful beyond the dreams of art-far too gorgeous for a mere little girl. She should have been historical. Such as Semiamis, or the Queen of Sheba, or Zenobia must have enough that Dudley should have thought himself in love with her. But he was a clever fellow, with a very fair share of brains, and she was an average child who was not old enough to return his love, but was mightily pleased in an innocent fashion at the importance the engagement gave her.

At the end of a year Dudley was ordered away. Absence opened his eyes to the fact that beauty alone was not enough to make him happy in his wife. And he wrote to Esther and asked her to release him, and to her parents he sent an explanation of his conduct. The mail orderly put both letters into Esther's hands. She read her own first. She was 16 years old now, and very proud. She had also grown to care, in a vague sort of a way, for the memory of the lover of her childhood. The letter cut her through the Russian down to the Tartar, and she hated the man whom she chose to think had humbled her. She tore it and the one to her father into small pieces. There was one sentence in the former that she did not understand. The lieutenant had said, "In time you will drink of the waters of Lethe, and forget me as utterly as I deserve to be forgotten."

A few days later she told her father that she was not going to marry James Dudley.

"Does he know it?" asked the major.

"Yes." "What is your reason?"

"Nothing in particular. I simply won't want to."

"Perhaps that won't satisfy him. However, it is just as well. I never supposed a childish affair of the sort would amount to much. You are old enough to act for yourself now."

In fact, Major Goschkov had ambitions that soared above a mere lieutenant for his superb daughter. Esther was thankful to escape so easily. Presently she asked: "Papa-what does it mean to drink of the waters of

The major explained.

"Oh," she said, "I see," and her long eyes narrowed cruelly.

Now it might have happened in civil life that Dudley and Esther Gorschkov would never be meet again, but partings can only be temporary in the service. Some years later Lieutenant theater one night after the curtain had gone up. The house was dark, and he kept his eyes on the stage. At the close of the act he looked about nim, and the first thing he saw was a woman whose beauty startled him. And then he realized that she was the one he might have married. She was in a box with an older woman whom he knew. Dudley was seized with a nervous dread of meeting those wonderful dark-gray eyes. He would go at once before he should do so. But as he rose, the older woman saw him, and chair beside her. There was nothing for it now but to go to the box. He was cold with fear of the low-browed, black-gowned girl with the magnificent neck and shoulders.

would have forgiven. If she had been less beautiful, he might have felt less shores where this Cythera had trod. culpable, for such is the nature of man. regally indifferent smile that had been hers even in childhood.

"Oh! I knew Mr. Dudley years ago," she said. "I was a little girl and was very fond of him because he used to buy me sutler's store candy and rib-

bons. If that was her view of the past, Dudley resented it. A mar does not want & beautiful girl to treat him as

an old friend of infancy. "You might suppose, Mrs. Graves," he told the other woman, "that she had | couldn't remember whether it was you been a toddling child and I a crusty bachelor in whose pockets she felt for

aweetmeats."

"I shall suppose nothing at all just at present. I will observe for a time you wait until the dance. It would be and draw my conclusions from the past by the future. Sit down here and talk over those candy-and-ribbon days, of a harmless little lamb into one's One of my men disappointed me at the mouth." tast moment. You can more than take

his place, if you will consent. If I have sent for you. When did you come?"

"At noon. I brought some prisoners from Alcatraz. I meant to call on you tomorrow."

Then Esther questioned him in her deep, sweet voice. "How long shall you stop here?"

"For a fortnight, possibly." "Where are you stationed now?" She

knew well enough. "At Apache. So you can imagine what a treat civilization is to me. How does it happen that I find you here?" "We are stationed at the Presidio.

You must come to see us." "I will," he answered. He would have done anything those red lips might ask him to do. The receding tide of his love for her had swept back with a mighty force.

"How beautiful you are, Esther," he said, after a moment,

"I always was."

"You have no more false modesty than of yore." "Why should I have? I didn't make myself, and I'm not praising my own handiwork. And I frankly admit that

I should have chosen my present mo-"But there is more than mere beauty

if I were to have made myself, I think

of feature, now." "Character, I suppose-which I lacked as a child. It is odd that character, even if it happens to be bad, can so improve a face."

Then she turned her head and bestowed the light of her countenance on been, she was; therefore it was natural | the civilian beside her, whose infatuation was obvious.

"Every man in the post and the city will hate you with a deadly hatred if Miss Gorschkov happens to take a fancy to you for old sake's sake," Mrs. Graves warned him.

"Even her fancy would be cheaply purchased at that cost."

"Perhaps. A woman of her beauty is not born into the world once in a cycle, certainly.

And Miss Gorschkov was pleased to fancy him. She advertised the fact. She was not one to fear any means that would gain her ends. She threw away her pride and came at his call. She forgave him the past and met him more than half way.

But Dudley was too much in love to despise or mistrust her for this. He applied for a two months' leave and spent every available moment of it with her. Mrs. Graves, in her quality of school chum of his mother's and an old friend of himself, warned "Esther has done the him. same

thing before, James. Take She is as beautiful as Cleopatra, and there are many who say she is as bad-at heart. Make love to her, if you chose, Caesar, but let your wife be a woman who is above suspicion."

Dudley never spoke to her again. And he continued his fanatical cult of his goddess.

His leave came to an end, and he went back to Apache. He who had been a light mocker and a philosopher



HE DIED OF DRINK.

Dudley walked into a San Francisco of life saw the bottom drop out of his universe when he had to go from her. She wrote to him twice a day, for a time, then once a day, then once a week, and finally the mail orderly handed him a letter from Esther that was almost a verbatim copy of the one he had sent to her six years before, even to the closing phrase, "In time you will drink of the waters of Lethe and will forget me as utterly as I de-

A light of memory broke, harsh and crude, through the rosy clouds that had enwrapped him. But he said to smiled, and beckoned to an empty himself that justice had been meted out to him, stern and untempered. And he made no appeal.

Something more than a twelvemonth later, Esther Gorschkov sat at dinner beside the man with whom she was She would not have forgotten him. then playing fast and loose, and would He knew that; and he doubted if she | not be warned by the fate of the many whose bodies were strewn upon the

"You promised, you know," he said She smiled when they met with the to her, "that you would answer my question tonight "

"What question?"

"Don't banter, please. I am in

You appear to be. And everybody can see it, too. Go on and eat, and look as though you were discussing the

dynamite gun or something." "I will do whatever you choose, if you will tell me if you will marry

"Oh! is that what you mean? or Mr. Clayton who had asked me. Maybe it was both of you. But I can't see why you should bother about that sort of thing at dinner. Why don't so much better form. Fancy saying 'no' to a man and then putting a piece

"Are you going to say 'no?"

"Gracious! but we are insistent. had known you were here I should How should I know what I am going to say? Go on and eat, and stop hanging on my words, or I won't answer you at all. It is so fearfully conspic-

> Even in his suspense the man could not but return. "Whence this newfound dislike of being conspicuous?" Miss Gorschkov smiled slowly and

ous."

started to answer, but a voice from across the table stopped her. "What is it, Captain Lawrence?" she asked.

"Have you heard of Lleutenant Dudley's death?" "No. Is he dead?"

"He died at Apache a week ago." "I'm so sorry; but, frankly, I don't think a dinner table the place for funeral notices," she rebuked him. He disliked her, and she saw the purpose of his announcement. Her dead-white skin could turn no whiter, and her smiling red lips were painted.

"Cold-hearted devil," the captain muttered, as she turned back to the man at her side.

"So you want me to marry you? I will. But I want you to understand why. It is because I have just been told that the only man I have ever loved or ever will love is dead. Do you want me-knowing that?" "Even knowing that-yes."

"Very well." She spoke across the table again.

'Captain Lawrence, do you happen to know how Mr. Dudley died? We might as well have the coroner's verdict, since you have given us the other notices."

"He died of drink," he told her, mercilessly.

"I never knew that he drank."

"He never did until he went back from here a year ago. He took to it furiously after that, and would have been dismissed if he had not died, probably. Can you account for it?"

Miss Gorschkov smiled, "Perhaps he fancied he was quaffing the waters of Lethe," she said.-Argonaut.

AN AFFRONT RESENTED.

The Belle of the Rival Town Got Even.

"There was the most intense rivalry, between two towns in Colorado and I was a resident of one of them," said the retired business man to the Detroit Free Press reporter. "It was not altogether a generous rivalry, and within certain classes disputed superiority generally led to muscular discussion. Business men vied for trade in debatable territory, the doctors, the lawyers, even the ministers, said harsh things against the other town, but it was in social circles that the belligerency was apparent at its height. People who could not afford it would go in for display, and when the two places had a function in common the toilets were chosen with special reference to showing that they were very expensive or to casting reflection upon the rival city. At a mask ball held in the other place I had the hardihood and impudence to perpetrate what I thought a telling joke. I was dressed in a costume of newspapers and appeared in the literary character of The Quick and the Dead. Gradually it dawned upon the residents that the papers of my own town represented the 'quick,' while the papers of their town represented the 'dead.' It was an unpardonable insult. Indignation ran so high that I began to wish I had not been so brilliant. The sensational denouement came when a belle of the rival city took a little promenade with me and quietly touched a lighted match to my costume. In an instant I was all quick and no dead. I rolled in the grass, and in due time the conflagration was extinguished, but you can see the marks yet.

"Then the papers of the other town made a dead set at me, raked up my record even more thoroughly than if I had been running for office and made some remote locality look so inviting

Why They Take It.

"I didn't know your folks took the Howler, Johnnie." "Yes, ma'am, we've been takin' it ever since the Poolers moved away." "Did you subscribe for it then?" "No, ma'am; the Poolers forgot to stop it."-Washing-

Convenient Handle.

The original idea of the Chinaman's pigtail was that it formed a convenient handle by which, one day, he would be lifted to paradise. The curious belief is still to be found among the na-

FIGS AND THISTLES.

Whatever the heart does is done Nothing can cheat us like our own

selfishness Failure is the guide that often leads

us to success. Put out a fool's eyes and he will say that the world is blind.

Honor your wife and your honeymoon will last a life time. You cannot give a man a good character; he must take it himself.

Can any good come out of Chicago?

Just as much as is put into it. Heaven is not altogether like society; fewer people want to get into it. What a world this will be when all

the children are as well cared for as the cattle and pigs. The devil likes to hear the man talk in church, who treats his mule better

than he does his wife. Were the Golden Rule enforced by some competent authority what a wave of commotion would rock the world.

"All things work together for good to them that love God." Even the devil had to work with all might to help double Job's riches. - Ram's Hora.

THE IOWA MURDERER

NOVAK IS CONVICTED IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

The Man Who Was Followed Thousands of Miles, Being Arrested in Alaska, is Convicted of Murder-Compromise Verdict Agreed Upon After Long De-

His Sin Found Him Out.

VINTON, Ia., Nov. 24.-At 11 o'clock last night the jury in the Novak trial, after having been out nearly twelve hours, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree and recommended that the penalty be ten years at hard labor in the state penitentiary.

The defendant showed no emotion

when he heard the verdict and said: "I will have to stand it, but I am innocent of the things charged against Novak's counsel stated that on ap-Novak's counsel stated that an ap-

peal would be taken to the supreme court for the reason that the record was full of errors. They stated, however, that they considered it a victory. It is understood that the verdict is a compromise one, that the two men stood out for acquittal, and that it must either be the verdict rendered or none, and so it was decided to return the one they did.

Nothing outside of a death chamber was as solemn as the little court room this morning during the closing hours of the trial of Frank A. Novak. Interest was intense. It was shortly after 9 o'clock when the day's proceeding opened in the usual manner. The prisoner was in his place. His wife sat near. The court room was crowded. The jury took its place and Mr. Boies resumed the closing argument. Perhaps few men are better equipped by nature to impress their fellows as being absolutely in earnest, absolutely fair, than he. That he believes the defendant guilty has been evident from the first. The jury was puzzled, and while it paid the strictest attention to every word spoken, it was impossible to read the thoughts of any.

The prisoner sat almost directly in front of the jury. He was well dressed. His linen was immaculate; he was clean shaven and had almost perfect control of his will. For the first five minutes he seemed somewhat nervous. The deliberate but terrible arraignment of the attorney had its effect. His face flushed and he trembled. But it was but for a moment or two, and then he regained perfect mastery. met the impassioned gaze of the lawver without flinching.

When the argument was commend ed Mrs. Novak looked at her husband, and there was love and pity in her glance. She, too, nerved herself for the ordeal and after the few first moments she apepared to be no more interested than others in the room. It was almost 10:30 when Mr. Boies closed his argument—a masterly one There was no delay. Judge Burnham at once began the instructions to the jury. The instructions were fair and comprehensive. At 11:10 the reading of the instructions were finished and the jury retired to its room to deliberate upon a verdict.

New Plan of Bryan Men. CHICAGO, Nov. 24.-The Post's Washington special says: From members of the democratic national committee who are now in the city, it is learned that a plan is on foot to inaugurate a new departure next time in the methods of nominating a candidate for the presidency. The scheme is briefly this: The democratic state conventions will be held as usual in 1900 for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention and doing the usual part toward keeping up the machinery of the party. The convention will order the delegates to meet at once, and instruct the national committee to re-adopt the Chicago platform in its entirety and without changing it in the minutest particular. The delegates will further be instructed to direct the national committee to cast the votes of the state delegations for Mr. Bryan and to authorize that gentleman to name his own running mate.

Unanimous assent to this scheme is not expected, but an overwhelming majority is anticipated, and the result will be that there will be no national democratic convention. This proceeding is yet three years distant and many things may happen, but there is no question about the intention of the Bryanites to force the re-nomination of the Nebraskan in the manner that has been outlined above.

Fix Value of Kansas Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 .- E. Ellery Anderson of New York and Oliver W. Mink of Boston, receivers of the Union Pacific railway, had a two-hour consultation with Attorney General Mc Kenna today. They came at the invitation of the attorney general to give him such information as they po-sessed bearing on the value of the Kansas Pacific road, which is to be sold December 15. He questioned them at length on the value and equipment of the road, its earnings and income and they gave him all the data which they had. This information will be used by the attorney general in arriving at a definite conclusion as to the value of the property with a view to the protection of the government's

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road advanced its freight rates from lowa points to Minneapolis and St.

Slayer of an Editor Exhonerated.

WACO, Tex., Nov. 24.-At the hearing in the case of Colonel G. B. Gerwho was wounded and who shot and killed the Harris brothers one an editor-in a controversy arising out of the Brann-baylor trouble, it was shown that Colonel Gerald did not draw his weapon until he himself was under cross-fire from the Harris brothers, and that the shooting was He was exonerated by the

The Omaha commercial club will make an effort to double its member-

FRIENDS OF CUBA.

Allen and Co-Workers Issue an Address to the Public.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.-The following address from the Cuban league of the United States has been given to the press:

To the members of the Cuban league of the United States: The Cuban problem, which so long has rested as a blight upon the consciences of our people, approaches its solution. Independence for the suffering patriots now within our timely action, rounds out their years of trial, with deserved recompense. This great consummation the American people should forthwith demand from their political The cowardice of representatives. wealth seducing our officials to inaction while murder has been done, the insincerity of rulers inventing special pleas to cover their treachery to national duty, the open and unnecessary interference with the legal commerce of the country as an act of grace to brutal Spain and making us her ally against those following our historie teaching, have all run their course to the wounding of national pride, and our utterly exhausted patience. But time, and the Cuban sword, have brought the crisis which foreruns a final cure in Cuban independence. This is the hour of American opportunity. Effective work can be done, which, if well done , will go far to excuse our past neglect. Congress is the objective point. Cuba should be put on equal terms with Spain regarding supplies from our burdened magazines. cattle, horses and arms from American soil, by night and day, go in a steady rush to the Cuban shores for the support of the forces of monarchial Spain; none of these can go hence to feed the starving patriots of republican Cuba. The soldiers we have thus fed use the life we give them to erase from the earth an entire population by deeds of horror whose recitals freeze the heart of the civilized world. Unmoved we have so far heard the wail of the victims or have furnished new blades for Spanish hands to insure the work of Cuban decimation. Belligerent rights to Cuba will

quickly change this brutal panorama. The senate has already ordered its verdict for such rights, and the lower house should respond before the new year comes in.

The Cuban league of the United States now calls upon its entire family of five hundred branches to unite as one voice in a demand upon their congressional representatives to vote this way. All other organized friends and also individuals, of whom there are hundreds of thousands sympathizing with Cuba, are urged to the same activity. Following belligerent rights, independence is assured. Be not deceived by the ignorance or the hypocrisy of those who argue against this remedy. There are other cures, but belligerent rights is now the most available and the most effective. This will enable Cuba to draw support from us, as Spain has done and on equal Our neutrality laws cover belligerents with the same shield. Cunning sympathizers with Spanish barbarity affect to see danger to Cuba in this, but the facts and the laws ex-pose their insincerity. With the grant of belligerency from us, American generosity and patriotism would crowd Cuba with hillocks of munitions of war for the patriots and for the utter

A Long Grind for Congress

destruction of her oppressors.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Senator Burrows of Michigan expresses the opinion that there will be a protracted discussion of the currency question during the approaching session of congress and that in all probability congress will be in séssion until August. 'In addition to the routine business of congress, appropriations, etc." said. "the Hawaiian question will be disposed of and consideration will be given to the currency question, immigration and a few other things. the Cuban question, the situation is very peculiar. There appears to be a great deal of confusion with relation to the adoption of a new policy by Spain and I don't think congress ought to act until an opportunity is given to see what will result from Blanco's

undertaking.
"I think," he added, "that the most perplexing thing that confronts us is low to handle the currency question. It is obvious that this question is going to come up for discussion and it is equally obvious that it will lead to a protracted debate. I am very uncertain what it will result in."

Mr. Bryan to Visit Mexico.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 24 .- Ex-Governor Crittenden of Missouri who was consul-general to Mexico under the last Cleveland administration, announces that he will leave the city next week for San Antonio, Tex., where he will be joined by Hon. William J. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan and the three will depart from San Antonio on a four weeks' tour of Mexico. They expect to spend a greater part of their time in the City of Mexico, where Mr. Bryan will be presented to the heads of the various departments of the government by Mr. Crittenden, so that he aided by the ex-consul's knowledge of the country and the people, will have an excellent chance to study the financial system of the country and see the

Canadian Cences loss.

results of free silver.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 24.-A Klondike company has been incorporated here with Auditor of State McCarthy and National Republican Committee man Cummins among the incorpora-It is said the company has a plan for securing valuable concessions from the Canadian government.

Cabinet Adjourns for a Wedding.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 .- The rabinet held a very short meeting yester-day, as the president and several of its members attended the wedding of Mr. Harlan, son of Justice Harlan, and Miss Noble. The time of the meeting was taken up with matters from the several departments. President Mc-Kinley informed the cabinet that his message was practically completed, but he did not read any portion of it to them. It is probable that the mes-sage will be considered at the next

ANSWERS COMING IN.

COUNTIES SOUNDED ON THE PEARSE PROPOSITION.

The Effort that is Making to Secure the Next Meeting of the National Educational Association at Omaha-Getting New Members for the Nebraska Educational Association.

Responses Coming In.

The Nebraska members of the national educational association, says a Lincoln dispatch, made a pledge to the executive committee that if the next meeting of the association would be held in Omaha during the exposition, this state would furnish 1,500 members to the association. To this end the state superintendent has written letters to all the present and incoming county superintendents of the state, asking them to sign a conditional pledge to become members of the association, and to each pay in on or before the first day of April, 1898, the membership fee of \$2, in case the meeting comes to Omaha. Blanks were also sent to the superintendents of all the high schools for the signatures of the teachers who were willing to help bring the meeting to Omaha during the exposition. In his letter Mr. Jackson states that each member will be entitled to a copy of the proceedings in book form, the volume being worth more than the membership fee. Although the letters were sent out only three days ago, the response are already coming in and there is every indication that the pledge made to the committee will be fulfilled without trouble. The meeting of the committee to decide upon the location of the next association meeting will be held some time next month. It is estimated that if the association comes to Omaha over 12, 000 members will attend.

Held Up at Hay Springs.

Hay Springs dispatch: A holdup occurred early this evening about five miles southwest of here. The bandits were two women and one man, mounted on horses. The victim was Mr. Klinglesmidt, a farmer from Wyoming. He had sold out recently and by wagon was on his way overland to St. Joseph, Mo., with some \$800 on his person. He first encountered two women riding horseback. Both had veils over their faces, but did not look suspicious. To his surprise, an order was given of hands up with four revolvers pointed at him. He obeyed without any attempt at resistance. Presently he received a blow from behind, causing him to fall from the wagon. He was then beaten into insensibility by a man who was in hiding behind a haystack close by. When Mr. Klinglesmidt regained his senses the money was missing, and he saw the robbers riding at great speed ir a westerly direction.

A Great Year for Nebraska.

In an interview Edward Cudahy of the Cudahy Packing company of Omaha asserted that there are more cattle and hogs being fed in Nebraska at the present time than ever before. He says that next year more fine cattle and hogs will be sent out of Nebraska to the Chicago and Omaha markets than the cattle men of the west ever dreamed of, and he makes his calculations from figures which he has received from every precinct in the state of Nebraska during the last

two months. Mr. Cudahy expects a greater increase in the line of sheep this season than in cattle and hogs. estimates that 5,000,000 sheep are ing fed in Nebraska right now. That is 3,000,000 above the average. Most of these sheep are in large bunches They are sent into Nebraska because the winters are milder and the loss consequently lighter.

Did Not Appoint Him. Governor Holcomb received communication from the adjutant of Phil Kearney post, Grand Army of the Republic, of South Omaha, and it was a resolution inclosed with adopted by that post condemning Comandant Fowler of the soldiers and sailors' home at Milford for the alleged order prohibiting the hanging of Mc-Kinley's picture in the commandant's office at the home, and condemning the governor for the acts of Fowler, on the ground that Fowler was appointed by the governor. In reply to this the governor has sent a letter to the adjutant of Phil Kearney post in which he calls attention to the fact that he did not appoint the commandant. He adds, however, that he has no doubt as to the competency

of Comandant Fowler as an officer.

Iowa Makes Selection. The Iowa exposition commission has selected the site for its state .ºxposition building. It will stand about midway between the Nebraska building and Sherman avenue, fronting the latter. The Montana building will be located near it, but a little to the north and nearer the viaduct over Sherman avenue. The assertion that the Iowa commission reached a satisfactory agreement with the executive committee in relation to the charge of

space for the state building is den!ed Ald for Soldlers' Homes.

Governor Holcomb has received from the general treasurer of the National Home for Disabled Veteran's society a check for \$5,042.50, the apportionment for the two soldiers' homes in Nebraska, being a part of the appro-priation made by the general govern-ment. Of this the Grand Island home. with 156 inmates, receives \$3,900, and the Milford home, with 56 inmates, receives \$1,142.50.

Found the Treasure

While tearing down the front of E. H. Goerke's building at Sterling the other day a paper was found that stated that a treasure was hidden somewhere in that front. A dilligent search was instituted and after several days of quite work on E. H.'s part, examining every crevice and crack and sperture, he found the treasure, which was hidden in two places, securel, wrapped in paper. Great was his joy when, unwrapping the papers, he found two pennies that had been placed there when the building was erected. He thinks there is more and still keeps on looking.