

ONE BEST-LOVED OF ALL.

Three new dolls sat on three little chairs, waiting for Christmas day. And they wondered, when she saw them, what the little girl would say.

BLIND JUSTICE.

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CHAPTER I.

The woman flashed across the court at me a look of scorn, ay, and of contempt, but of fear not a trace. And yet I, who had placed her in the dock where she stood, I who had made those purely disinterested efforts to hang her, that seemed certain to be crowned with success, felt that however much I might deserve her detestation, I in no sense was or looked the mistaken fool that she supposed me.

no sign of excitement or anxiety about her. She prepared the fish he had brought in for supper, ate with him, and from that moment he never left her until they rose early next morning, to be in time for the train that was to take them to Liverpool. So much Stephen Croft said in his evidence, most reluctantly given, but still more reluctantly against her were drawn from him.

He had not very long to wait; on the fourth morning he read how in a cellar, formerly used by smugglers beneath a cottage at Trevenick, in Cornwall, had been found the dead body of a man whose appearance gave rise to suspicions of foul play, and who, on examination was found to have in his viscera sufficient arsenic to kill three or four men.

REPUBLICAN DOCTRINE.

PAYMENT OF PENSIONS.

Extract From the Speech of Hon. William W. Grout, of Vermont, in the House of Representatives, Friday, March 2, 1894. The house, being in committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and having under consideration the bill (H. R. 6482) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, and for other purposes—

to pensions being rifle, like an evil genius whose fell influence had reached the whole pension force. It may be as Doesticks would say, only a "remarkable coincidence," but from that time the number of rejections became suddenly less, in September being only a little more than one, and in November a little less than one-half as many.

these monstrous, these hideously monstrous new rules. Mr. Hopkins of Illinois. That accounts for some of the rejections that are made. Mr. Grout. Of course it does.