

The Drunkard

FARMER ST. JOHN.

According to the letter and the spirit of my late father's will, I am entitled to the undivided possession of the tract of land, eighty acres in extent, adjoining my own property, of like dimensions. I have long gazed at it with covetous eyes; but they shall be covetous no longer. The land shall be mine. See what the will says: "Fifth—I hereby give and bequeath to my son, Stephen L. Warren, that certain eighty acres of land known as the Tanglewood Farm. "Sixth—I hereby give and bequeath to my son, Gerald G. Warren, that certain eighty acres of land known as the South Tanglewood Farm, in trust to the use of my said son, Stephen."

Her voice breaks as she tells me in a whisper, "There is no bandage over your eyes." "Then I am blind," is my agonized cry. I hear her softly weeping. After a time, I ask her to read to me. She reads some local news and, among other things, I hear this: "Mr. Gerald Warren, younger son of the late Stephen L. Warren, sr., former owner of Tanglewood, died at St. Luke's in Wolverton, where he was removed last Saturday. He never regained consciousness and died in convulsions. "He was nearly twenty-five years of age and, but for his fatal addiction to the liquor habit, would, with his accomplishments and abilities have made a mark in the world."

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A Social Utilitarian. J. HARRY PENCE. The strains of the Zenda Waltzes floated through the hall. Mabel Gray apparently paid little attention to what was going on, but not a thing escaped her observation. A timorous young man stammered hesitatingly to her side and stammered out a request that he follow her to the "pleasure of the dance."

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