

WATERS OF LETHE.

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

When he was very young and just out from the Point, he was sent to a post miles from anywhere, and there he became engaged to marry the 15-year-old daughter of Major Gorskoch.

At the end of a year Dudley was ordered away. He had seen his bride only once, and he wrote to Esther and asked her to release him, and to her parents he sent an explanation of his conduct.

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

at present. I will observe for a time and draw my conclusions from the past by the future. Sit down here and talk to me calmly and in a reasonable way.

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

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

"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 light of his love for her had swept back into a mighty force.

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

"I always was."

"You have no more false modesty than I."

"Why should I have? I didn't make myself, and I'm not pranking my own handwork. And I frankly admit that I should have chosen my present husband."

"But there is more than mere beauty 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."

"The sun burned her head and bestowed the light of her countenance on the civilian beside her, whose intoxication was obvious."

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

"Even her father 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 Gorskoch 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.

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?'"

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

"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."

"Can you account for it?"

"Miss Gorskoch smiled. 'Perhaps he fancied he was quaffing the waters of Lethe,' she said.—Argonaut.

AN AFFRONT RESENTED.

The Belle of the River 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 delectable 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 winners were chosen with special reference to showing that they were very expensive or to casting reflection upon the rival city."

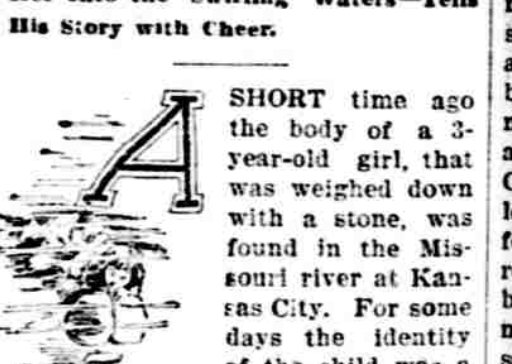
"At a mask ball held in the other place I had the hardihood and audacity to perpetrate what I thought a telling joke. It was an unexcusable insult. Indignation ran so high that I began to wish I had not been so brilliant. The sensational denouement came when a belle of the rival city took a little promenade with me and quietly touched my arm."

"I didn't know your folks took the 'Howler' Johnnie," she said, "and we've been taking it ever since the Poolers moved away."

"Why They Take It.

NO FIEND LIKE THIS.

LAUGHED AS HE TOLD OF HIS DREADFUL GUILT.



SHORT time ago the body of a 3-year-old girl, that was weighed down with a stone, was found in the Missouri river at Kansas City. For some days the identity of the child was a mystery, but finally it was shown to have belonged to William Carr, a good-for-nothing fellow, who was arrested and charged with murder.

Officers say that no man like Carr has come within their experience, and they have heard no sound so blood-curdling as Carr's laugh when he lay back on his couch after he had ended his story. He laughed again and again, little chuckling sounds of relief such as some animal might make when it is being satisfied.

Michigan Prophets.

Adventists Pray on Street Corners.

The Advent people of Battle Creek, Mich., are greatly excited again.

Edith Huffman's Suicide.

Her Lover Has Killed Himself Last Spring.

Edith E. Huffman, living at 56 Gale street, Brightwood, a suburb of Indianapolis, swallowed an ounce of carbolic acid, with suicidal intent, the other evening. She died the next morning.

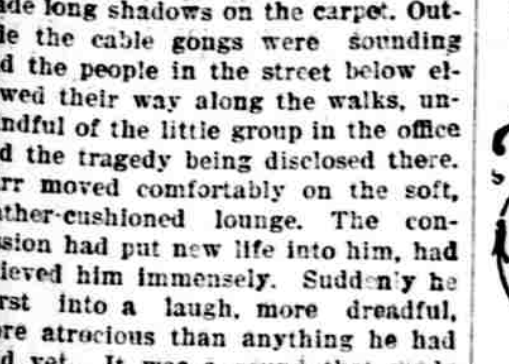
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EXECUTION OF LOUIS.

UNHAPPY KING WENT TO DEATH BRAVELY.



IN the Century there is a graphic article on "The Last Days of Louis XVI. and Marie-Antoinette." The author, Miss Anna L. Bicknell, says:

As the coach passed along the Boulevard near the Porte St. Denis, a few Frenchmen and Englishmen, who all the King read devoutly and with perfect calmness, to the evident astonishment of the gendarmes. The shops were shut along the way, and crowds of armed citizens stood on the pavements as the coach proceeded and followed by a military band.

The coach had at last reached the Rue Royale and the Place de la Revolution, where the crowd was immense.

One of the executioner's assistants opened the door. The King earnestly commended the priest who accompanied him to the guillotine.

Three men surrounded him and tried to take off his coat. He calmly pushed them back and removed it himself, opening his shirt-collar and preparing his neck for the ax.

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PASSING OF TOMSTONE.

No Other Southern Camp Had Such a Meteoric History.



There never was another camp in the southwest like that at Tomstone in 1873 and 1880. Indeed, there have been very few similar conditions in the world. For over seven months the daily output of precious metals averaged about \$50,000, says the New York Mail and Express.

When Tomstone was reached there were new privations and more physical distress for the greater number, especially for those who had hastened from offices, stores, clerkships and from pastor's study, to the gallows.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer prints an interesting talk of Prof. Henry W. Elliott about Alaska and the Klondike country. We extract what he has to say concerning its salubrity.

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