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UNDER THE VIOLETS.

Her hands are cold; her face is white;
No more her pulse comes and goes;
Her eyes are shut to life and light—
Fold the white curtains, snow on snow,
And lay her where the violets grow.

But not beneath a graven stone,
To plead for tears with alien eyes;
A slender cross of wood alone
Shall say that here a maiden lies
In peace beneath the peaceful skies.

And gray old trees of hestful kind,
Shall wind their circling shadows round,
To make the scorching sunlight dim,
That drinks the greenness from the ground
And drop their dead leaves on her mound.

When o'er their thoughts the squirrels run,
And through their leaves the robins call,
And rippling in the autumn sun,
The acorns and the chestnuts fall,
Doubt not that she will heed them all.

To her the morning choir shall sing
Its matins from the branches high,
And every minstrel-voice of Spring
That trills beneath the April-sky,
Shall greet her with its earliest cry.

When, turning round their dial-rod,
Eastward the lengthening shadows pass,
Her little mourners clad in black,
The crickets sliding through the grass,
Shall hope for her an evening mass.

At least the rustles of the trees,
Shall greet her with their rustling din,
And beat the hurried dust that falls
In leaves and blossoms to the skies,
So may the soul that warmed it rise.

If any, born of kindlier blood,
Should ask what maiden lies below,
Say only this: A tender bud,
That tried to blossom in the snow,
Lies withered where the violets grow.

A Hidden Chapter of Crime.

Daniel Pereira was an Israelite, verging on three score years and ten. He had never been married, and resided alone in an old dwelling on the Rue St. Quentin. He was reputed to be immensely wealthy, and such was undoubtedly the case. For years he had been one of the best diamond merchants of Paris, and had had for his customers the most famous residents of the city, from royalty downward. The back parlor of his residence was his place of business, and there he had a safe containing jewels of immense value, and goblets of gold, whose history made them more precious than if they had been gigantic gems. For years he had been collecting these mementoes of the past, and prided himself on their possession, having repeatedly refused offers for them.

On the forenoon of August 9, 1863, a cab drove up to the door of Daniel Pereira's residence, and a gentleman with a valise alighted. On ascending the steps he confronted the servant, and asked: "Is Monsieur Pereira within?" "The name, sir, is the response. 'Your name and business, if you please?'" "Here is my card," the gentleman said, adding, in a low voice, "I come from the Emperor."

The servant bowed and admitted the visitor. At the same moment two men alighted from the cab and ascended the steps. The door was immediately opened by the gentleman who first entered. The two men passed in rapidly, and the door was closed. The servant had entered the back parlor an instant before the men were admitted. The three strangers then proceeded to the corridor, and the two men placed themselves on each side of the door of the diamond merchant's private room.

As the servant crossed the threshold of the door, he was seized, gagged, and thrown into the street. The merchant hearing the noise, opened the door. The gentleman who was first admitted sprang in and grasped him by the throat, at the same time drawing forth a handkerchief and placing it over the old man's nostrils. The merchant's limbs grew limp, and his assailant advanced to him gently to the ground. The three men then ransacked the room, loading themselves with the precious plunder, and filling the valise with the value of the golden goblets and gems. Then the man with the valise passed to the cab, one of the men followed him, and the other remained in the house. The cab immediately drove off. A minute afterwards another of the robbers was politely shown out by his companion, and walked leisurely down the street. In a short space the third man passed out, and departed in another direction.

At 8 o'clock that evening, when the night watchmen reached the dwelling of Daniel Pereira, all was dark within and their summons was unanswered. After a brief delay they opened the window and entered.

The servant lay in the hallway, bound and gagged. In the back parlor the old merchant lay on an old-fashioned couch, dead. By the direction of the Chief of Police the affair was kept secret until the Emperor should be communicated with, and the fact that no particulars of the tragedy were ever made public would indicate that such was his pleasure.

The secret police and detective force were employed on the case. It was found that on the night of the murder one Jean Fenier, a driver in the employ of Henri Dinour, a cab proprietor, had thrown up his employ very unexpectedly and disappeared. This man, Fenier, had been in trouble more than once for alleged theft, and it was thought more probable that he had been selected by the three men to convey them to the Emperor's residence.

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AGRICULTURE.

The difficulty in raising tomatoes in the north is the ground too rich. This favors the growth of vines rather than that of fruit.

Boiler Making.—Prof. R. H. Thurston, of the Stevens Institute of Technology, in arranging the heating surface of a steam boiler, lays down as the essential rule that the effort be to impede the draught as little as possible, and so to place them that the circulation of water within the boiler be free and rapid...

POTATO GROWING.—A French journal, *Basile*, describes the result of some experiments in potato growing conducted by a scientific man in Germany. The principal conclusions to which these experiments have come, seem to be two in number.

SMOKING THE GRAPERY.—Burning the odds and ends of tobacco, to be obtained at some stores, for the purpose of making a few cents per pound, is the best thing to smoke out of the vermin from the graperies, and just now is a delicate time to do this, as the vermin sees that they are free from these enemies.

REMEDY FOR NITS.—A father says: "Four years ago my barn was fearfully infested with nits. I was so troubled that I had great fears of my young grain being destroyed by them after it was housed; but having tried scores of wild remedies that grew in a field of wheat, out and bound with the wheat, it drove the rats from my premises, I have now been troubled by no quantity of them. I feel confident that any person who is troubled with these pests, should get a tin of them by gathering a good supply of mint and placing it around the walls or base of their barns."

A Parrot's Friendship. Birds and animals often form friendships for other animals not of their own family, and show a deep and sincere attachment. Mr. Adolphus Saxe, a celebrated inventor of military musical instruments, had a tame parrot, which he named "Polly."

CHERRY ORCHARD. Cherry, Strawberry and other fruit trees, as well as all affections of the blossoms, are cured by the following recipe: Take of Saltpeter 1 lb., Sulphur 1 lb., Potash 1 lb., Water 100 lbs., Boil for 24 hours...

DOMESTIC.

ASBESTOS. Asbestos is a mineral substance which is found in various parts of the world. It is a silicate of magnesium, and is characterized by its resistance to heat and fire.

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