

They Name.

From the Baltimore Day.
I told the story to my name—it blushed and stirred
I tried to name it, but I could not find the bird
Burst into song within the thick-leaved tree.
I spoke it when the moon was gray and cold,
And straight from out his east, without the sun,
I spoke it in the night, as if the stars were
Above dispersed, the stars came one by one.
Should any whisper it when on my face
The black earth lies, calm sleeping under
ground.
I think my heart would beat apace,
And that my lips would tremble at the sound.
And if before the gates of heaven I came,
And could for my own worth no entrance
win,
I think that then I should name my name,
The then doors would stir and let me in.

ALICE CARR'S ENGAGEMENT.

A Toronto Novelle.
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CHAPTER I.
FIRST ACQUAINTANCE.

It was Sunday evening, the second in
December; the usual crowd was surging into
aisle and gallery, the organ music was
church at the corner of Chain Street and
Cruikshank Avenue. James Field, reporter
for the Toronto *Univers*, the well-known
and only "one mill morning paper," had
found it impossible to get to his
representatives of the Toronto Truth and its
opposite, the evening *Tellgram*, every seat
was crowded by the American Press associa-
tion, then on a visit to the city, and of
course bound to be present at the cele-
brated Sunday evening sermons. There
was nothing for it but to take the first seat
he could get at in the fast-filling edifice.
He found himself rather tightly wedged
between an elderly lady in orange gaiters
and a young girl in a gray mantle and a hat of
dark crimson with a drooping ostrich feather
of the same color. The young lady made some
little effort to make room for him, by slight-
ly readjusting her position; at the same
time throwing off her mantle on the back
of the paw, a movement which James assist-
ed by one of those infinitesimal changes of
place by which a man's courtesy towards
a lady can be expressed without the least
formal recognition. As the ladies of the choir
trooped into their places in the gallery,
James ventured to look at his neighbor. She
was a girl of any age from eighteen to twenty,
with features of a classic beauty, and a
regular according to the standards of
conventional beauty, figure too slight to
satisfy the popular craving for a dispose
tissue as the *sine qua non* of feminine beauty.
But the young lady's figure, slight, may almost
as it was, had a grace and suppleness of
strength and health; as she dressed in a
jersey of navy blue, whose close fit gave
expression to every curve of her form it
was made piquant by drapery of carmine,
red, the cuffs and collar of which were
neatly folded hands, and pale face and
forehead fringed with bangs of thick dark-brown
hair.

"She is not like any of our Toronto
profession beauties," thought James as he
looked at her. But there was something about
the face and figure that interested him; a
subtle refinement, a latent power of emotion
and tenderness in the features, a promise
of something more to be told about face and
figure which is the chief charm of woman
who interests us, as distinguished from the
common-place female of whom everything is
known at a glance.

James was a barrister of some six months'
standing in practice, and was engaged in the
evolution by which, as the crocodile is
differentiated into the alligator, the lawyer
becomes also an attorney. He had a small
independence of some eight hundred dollars
a year which he managed to keep out by
occasional reporting and editorial writing
for the *Univers*; hence his presence in Dr.
Mid's church that evening. The Doctor's
sermon was a regular institution in Toronto;
it was, as usual, somewhat eccentric, but had
a real ring of eloquence and earnestness.
The subject was the Man of *Mette*, or the
Golden Image and King Nebuchadnezzar; it
aimed at proving that Smith, Jones and
Robinson were the names of the three
Hebrews in the fiery furnace, and that
the prophet Jeremiah had his days in the county
Tipperary. But the subtle attraction which
James felt for his fair neighbor's face and
presence effectually prevented him from
paying adequate attention to the Doctor's
pulpit fireworks.

When the hymn was given out the young
lady had shared her hymn book with James,
and once, for an instant, his fingers came in
contact with her slender, delicately gloved
hand. So the *Univers* reporter's morning
contained a report of that moment, a slangy
and maliciously misrepresented version of
which, however, adorned the pages of the
Tellgram, much to the delight of the
servant girls and other members of the
"proletariat" who form the principal readers
of that respectable paper. As James left
the church the crowd scattered in every
direction amid a sudden odor of damp um-
brellas and rubber water pumps. A heavy
and continuous rain was pouring down. A
little in advance from him was the young
lady of the pew, vainly endeavoring to
screen her hat and feather with an out-
spread pocket handkerchief. Often as James had
manfully declared that huge feminine he
had intercepted at the theatre, he now
blessed it altogether. Fortunately,
he had a large green silk umbrella, new
purchased, ample, gorgeous to behold.
"Allow me to give you my umbrella," he
said, "it is better than the one you have."
"I can send it to my address, the *Univers*
office on King street,"
The young lady thanked him; with the
unhesitating confidence of pure woman-
hood she accepted the offered shelter, her
only condition being that the owner of the
umbrella would partake of its shelter, "I
was in dire distress about my hat," she
said, with heightened color, "I fear my
home is out of your way; we live quite a
distance. Back to my respectable, but
James Field replied, with scant regard to
fact, that he was at the point of walk-
ing that way to visit a client. "You are,
then, a barrister?" she asked, "I am glad
to see one of your profession at church."
"I always go to church at least once every
Sunday," he said, "and I like Dr. Mid
personally; in fact I take considerable
share in a Temperance Society connected
with his church." The cunning fellow,
he took the first chance he saw that he
possessed what ought to be the very
first claim on the regard of a Toronto girl
adhesion to the Temperance cause in the
city. The wind and the rain blew in their
faces; they managed to talk over the
rain, the man was so vehement that it
was impossible to avoid clinging to the
strong arm that offered her support. At last
they came to No 198 Winchester at. James
was invited to enter, but this he
contemptuously declined, "I feel that the
young lady has to change dripping skirts
and muddy boots is not the best season for
cultivating her acquaintance. "He would
ask next evening," he said, "to inquire
about the name of the man who had
asked to him was her name—had suffered
health from the drenching, and if her
beautiful hat had escaped injury." He
begged leave to give her his card, it was
neatly lithographed. "As a barrister, I
took the first chance with his expectations,
and very little else." With a bright look
Alice held out her hand with him good-bye;
a moment more and she had slipped into the
house, leaving James to walk home like one
in a dream. Back to his respectable, but
never home-like boarding house, to kindle
the dingy lamp and sit a long hour before
the stove with his pipe, trying to shape the
curling smoke into possible wedding rings.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

FOUR HUNDRED THREEScore were caught
the other day by three gentlemen of Philadel-
phia.

THREE MINUTES TO TWELVE.

A Dream's Realization.

On a cold December night some twenty
years ago when the earth was bound
in a black frost and the bitter wind blew
strong and shrewdly, I was returning home
from spending the evening at a friend's
house, situated some three or four miles
from town. The sky was so black, the coun-
try lanes were so dark, that I was truly
thankful when the scattered lights of an
outlying suburb began to twinkle in the
distance and it was with a sigh of relief
that I looked at the first lamp post I came
to and I stepped at my watch. It was no easy
task, for the lamp-glass had a pane broken
and the strong wind blew the gas in all di-
rections and almost extinguished it.
I read the time at last—three minutes to
12—and looking up from my watch-face, I
started to see a man standing close opposite
to me. I had heard nothing of his approach.
We looked at each other but for a moment,
yet it was time sufficient to imprint his fea-
tures indelibly on my memory. A tall, shag-
gy man in a threadbare, black frock coat
and a seedy tall hat, his face lantern-jawed
and hollow, his eyes sunken and lustreless,
his beard long and ill-trimmed. In a tone of
elaborate civility he gave me his name
by name, and in answer, and giving me
good night, passed into the black dark-
ness, which seemed to engulf him like a
grave.

I turned for a moment to think of his
lonely walk in the grim obscurity, and re-
flected on my homeward way, laughing, at my
self for the start he had given me, and re-
flecting that the strong wind had blown
away the sound of his approach. I thought
of him as I sat and smoked my pipe over
an elaborate civility he gave me his name
by name, and in answer, and giving me
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ness, which seemed to engulf him like a
grave.

In the course of a week or two the inci-
dent—trifling enough heaven knows—
came back into my memory, and I thought no more
of it.

In those days I was actively engaged in
the timber trade, and the course of my busi-
ness took me a good deal about the country,
and brought me largely into contact with the
agents of the different noblemen and coun-
try gentlemen of the district. With one of
these agents, who resided near the country
town of L., I had numerous transactions,
and I used often to ride with him to meet
him, and his own was only fifteen miles
away, and was on a line of railroad. It was
a dull little hole enough, that only warmed
up into life when the militia were out or the
assizes were on.

One day I returned from L., having just
made a large purchase from my friend the
agent, whose master, a sporting nobleman,
was reduced to cut down the family timber.
When I fell asleep that night I had a very
simple yet vivid dream. I thought I was
standing on a lofty hill. By my side stood
a veiled figure, who, with a commanding
gesture, motioned me toward the town of
L., which lay in the far distance. Then I
awoke.

Of course, I explained the thing to myself
easily enough. I had had a good deal en-
gaged in the neighborhood of the place, and
I had a large venture more or less recently
concluded with it. Still the dream was so
vivid that I could not dismiss it from my
thoughts during the whole of the day, and
when I went to bed at night I wondered if it
would again visit me.

It did come again; precisely the same
dream, in precisely the same manner. I
knew not of it, and I gave no explanation.
Doubtless I had been thinking too much
about the first dream, and this had given
rise to the second. But my explanation did
not convince me in the least; again I was
wakened by the thing throughout the day,
and when I came home at night my pre-
occupation was so evident that it attracted the
attention of my wife. She questioned me
upon the cause, and, only too thankful to
unburden myself of what was now almost a
trouble, I told her about the dream and its
repetition. She had the tact not to laugh at
me, but was evidently little impressed by
the narrative.

The third night it came again, if anything,
more vivid and startling than before. This
time I was utterly unghed, the pale face
that fronted me in the looking-glass was
hardly recognizable for my own. I went
down to breakfast, filled with a foreboding
of some misfortune—bad news in my letters
—I know not what.

The maid entered with the letter-bag.
"There," said my wife, passing me a letter
on which was the L. post-mark. "That
breaks your dream, John."
I was from the letter. It was from
the agent, requesting me to meet him at L.,
that day at 1 o'clock, to arrange a difficulty
that had arisen in the performance of his
contract.

I was intensely relieved. Here was an
opportunity to go to L., and perhaps the very
fact of going would put merit. There were
two fast trains to L., in the morning, but I
decided to go by the first, regardless of the
fact that I should have some hours to wait.
I took my gun and my shotgun, and my
companion, speeding away toward my
destination.

The carriage was full. Pipes exhaled
their fragrance, newspapers were turned
and turned, and there was that delicious
of morning conversation that prevails
upon men going off by an early train to
their day's work. I soon discovered that I
had fallen among a party of barristers, and
their chief topic was a peculiarly interest-
ing case, which was to be finished to-day at
the L. assizes.

"He must sum up against the prisoner,"
said a gentleman who had a flat, florid
face and long sandy whiskers, who wore a
light-colored coat and a black hat, and
whose defence was a complete failure,
and deserved to be."
"It was certainly rather audacious," re-
turned a clean-shaven young man with a
double eye-glass and a somewhat oppo-
site me."
"All evidence is more or less circum-
stantial," answered he of the florid com-
plexion, "and this man is as clearly guilty to
my mind as if there had been a dozen wit-
nesses to stand by and see him do it."
"That's my opinion, Heywood," and the
oracle disappeared behind his news-
paper.

Feeling glad to discover any topic that
would divert my thoughts from their going
to L., I addressed myself to Heywood,
the young barrister, with whom I had a
slight acquaintance.
"You seem much interested in this trial
that is going on," I said. "May I ask if you
are engaged upon it?"
"No," he answered, "but it is a curious
case. A man, a clerk dismissed from his
employment, is accused of murdering the
cashier of the firm. The evidence against
him is entirely circumstantial; but the de-
fence broke down at a most critical point,
and the case certainly looks very black for
the prisoner."
The train was now slackening speed, and
there was a general rattle of feet. "You
are you going to get out here?" asked
Mr. Heywood, opening the door as we glided into
the station. "Have you come down so early
on business?"
"Yes—yes," I said, wishing to goodness I
knew what the immediate business was.
"Nothing very urgent though," I added half
to myself, as I got out.

"If you have the time to spare, you had
better turn in and hear the end of the trial,"
said Heywood. "The court will be crowded
with ladies no doubt, but I can smuggle you
into a corner."
Not knowing what to do with myself for
the next two hours, I accepted the offer
with gratitude. I was soon seated in an ob-
scure corner of a dingy, ill-lighted, ill-
ventilated court-house, which would have been
ill-scented, too, had it not been for the scent
wafted from the numerous ladies who were
present. One of these, a buxom female ob-
struction who ought to have known better,
was just going to get out here, and with
an enormous bonnet. I could not see the
prisoner or his counsel, or even the clock
over his head, at which the people kept
looking eagerly as the hour fixed for the
commencement of the trial approached.

At last there was a stir and bustle, seated

Mr. Stanley's Discoveries.

A correspondent of the London *Globe*, who
has interviewed Mr. H. M. Stanley, a man
that gentleman has had practically unlim-
ited means at his command, through the gen-
erosity of the King of the Belgians, and
several of the so-called International African
Expeditions; as Mr. Stanley put it, he
has been in a position to pay for every cubic
inch of air he and his men breathed, and
every square foot of ground they trod upon.
The object of the King of the Belgians ap-
pears to have been entirely disinterested—
simply to do what he could to render ac-
cessible to commerce and civilization, and
thereby develop the resources of the great
interior of Africa. For this purpose the
King formed a splendid channel of com-
munication, only unfortunately its lower
course for many miles is obstructed by im-
passable cataracts. To surmount this ob-
stacle the object of Mr. Stanley's work.

He states that already he has carried a well
made road, 15 feet wide on an average, from
below the cataracts, 200 miles along the
north bank of the river, far beyond the
usual limits of the navigable
waters. To assist him in this under-
taking he has not only had native workmen
but relays of young Europeans as superin-
tendents; and for this work he finds Eng-
lishmen better than any others, and would
like to have fresh supply to send out.
So substantially has this road been construct-
ed, that it has stood the deluges of rain that
break down upon it from the mountain sides,
and has borne the heavy traffic which the
people are carrying to and from the
reaches has rendered necessary. Causeways
have been laid where necessary and bridges
built, and the road has, by means of exca-
vations, embankments of stone, and the
use of the heavy traffic which the
people are carrying to and from the
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