MARY A Story of English Life.

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CHAPTER XI.—(Continued.)

There was something so melancholy, so dejected in the young man's manmer, something so forlorn, that Jack's attention was riveted upon his face, and the next moment he was in the grip of Foster, who had sprung upon him from behind and pinned him to the floor, his hand upon his throat, before Jack had time to realize what had happened.

Parker had suddenly come to Jack's aid, and Foster the next moment was as helpless as Jack had been.

"It was his own fault," said Parker, "you should not trifle with desperate men."

His blood boiling at the treachery of Foster, Jack struck him a blow in the face that sent him staggering to the other end of the room, and brought in the landlord.

"It is nothing," said Parker, "only a little tussle for a wager.

"That's all," said the coward Foster, wiping the blood from his face.

"Hand over your pistols to your companion," said Jack, addressing Foster, when the landlord had disappeared, "and sit over yonder. I can trust Parker, and don't mind if he does pistol me; he has done worse to me, and might as well finish his work; but you, you God forsaken coward, I'll tear thee limb from limb if we come together once again."

Foster handed his pistols to Parker, who laid them upon the table and said: "Young man, there is no word bad enough in your mouth for you to use against me; I am all you have called my companion, but the difference between us is, that I suffer from remorse and he does not; that I did love, do love, and shall love to the last, the woman who has had the misfortune to meet me on my way to commit-not the murder of Bellingham, but the robbery."

"Bellingham!" exclaimed Jack, "was it Bellingham! Great God! One of the best and bravest men in the whole country! Was it Bellingham! What have I done in all my life that Fate should place you in my hands, and that I should be bound to let you go." "Then you did not know who the

man was?" "Not I, nor she; it was enough for her that murder had been done and

that you were implicated." "How did she know that?"

"By your hat."

"Well," said Barker, for the first time deeply interested, "and how came she to see the hat?"

"She was in the abbey; you passed her hiding place carrying the body. Your hat fell at her feet; she picked it up."

"She in the abbey," exclaimed Par-"Yes, beneath the elder free in the

alale." passed carrying the

"Yes," said Jack. "It was a wager they said she durst not go to the albey in the storm. She went; she was standing by a favorite seat of here when she heard voices, saw what I have said, and, knowing you to be one of the-well-murderers, she had faith enough in me-in me, of all men-to he her messenger to you to warn you from the country, to get you beyond the seas. And now my job is done; she'll know alt in good time as it is done. And so I wish you good-night.

"Stay a moment," said Parker, detaining him. "But I can send her no message by you; I will take it myself."

"Then you'll swing for it, I make no doubt," said Jack. "I've no more to say." Whereupon he strode out of the room as he came, went into the bar. called for a drink, had his horse refreshed with a warm mash, and rode AWAY.

"It's all up, Foster. Save yourself. don't mind me. Fate is against us." "Your own cursed folly," said Fos-

"Yes, the folly that trusted the word of a liar such as you," responded the remorseful confederate. "Begone, Foster, or I may do you mischief; save yourself. Give no further thought of

"Shall I go alone?"

"Alone, or with what other company you choose; but without me." "Your share of the money." said Foster. "I am not quite so bad as you

make me. Here it is." "Keep it, Foster. I honor in you that one emotion of honesty. Forgive me if I seem to suggest you are worse

than L" out his hand. "Report me well to the covs; bid them seek fresh occupation, a better leader than Gentleman

"Good-bye, and a better frame of mind to you," was all Foster said, as he left the room, went to the stable, ordered his horse, paid his bill, and started on his way, glad to get outside the maudin influence of Parker, and not a little delighted to be master of the plunder for which they had murdered "one of the best fellows," as Jack had declared, "in all the country."

CHAPTER XII. The trial at York of Richard Parket is the pot calling the kettle " said Foster. "But no matter. seep the money in trust for you; get free, follow me to France and of me at the Cafe d'Or, in the

for the wilful murder of Stephen Bellingham was one of the most exciting events of the March Assizes for the East Riding of Yorkshire. Richard Parker was known by several aliases; his training and education, his courtly manners, his handsome face and figure had all been themes of admiration even occasionally with the ladies whose coaches he had stopped. It was also known that it was his boast that he had not only never shed blood, but had vowed he never would except in the last extremity of self-defense. At the same time he was known to be mixed up with a gang of plunderers who were less scrupulous than he; and many deeds of desperation were laid to their charge, and more particularly to the charge of the confederate Foster, whose complicity with the abbey murder was now a matter of public notoriety.

Locally the affair had many points of absorbing interest. Mary, the Maid ofthe Inn. was a pathetic figure in the story, and the name of Jack Meadows was on every lip. It had been rumored that his conduct in the awful business was more or less compromising.

The fact that the principal witness against Parker was his sweetheart Mary (who would have gladly laid her life down for him rather than compromised his safety), gave to the trial its most dramatic interest.

Mary, her uncle, Morley, Jack Meadows. Jack's mother, and brother, a gouty old fellow of 60, were a party by themselves in charge of the clerk to the solicitor who had got up the defense, and they were accommodated at a little inn near the river, whence they had a picturesque, but, to them, very gloomy view of the castle where Richard Parker was imprisoned, where he would also be tried, and where in all probability he would be hanged; for, apart from the murder of Bellingham, there were other charges, which only awaited the result of the verdict in this case to be formulated against him as the authorities might think necessary or desirable.

It was not likely that the prisoner who had captured poor Mary's heart would leave the Castle of York alive.

Meanwhile Richard Parker had been placed at the bar. Counsel had told the tragic story of Bellingham's death. and indicated the nature of the evi dence that would be sworn against the prisoner, and had further called upon the jury to dismiss from their minds any romantic or prejudiced influence which might have taken possession of them arising out of the stories which had been circulated in connection with this case, and the attachment that had sprung up between the prisoner and the young woman, who, as if by the interposition of Divine providence, had been made the chief witness against

Then witnesses had been called touching the murder, the discovery of the body, the appearance of Parker and Foster in the neighborhood; the conduct of Mary Lockwood on the night of the murder; her interview with Meadows; his presence at the Heather-bell inn, in company with Foster and Parker; what the landlord overheard, and the strange, obstinate refusal of the prisoner to seek safety in flight until he had seen and said good-by to Mary Lockwood: together with his arrest at the very door of the Star and Garter. and his saying good-by to her not as he had hoped a free man, but a prisoner in the hands of the constable of Kirkstall and his assistants.

At this point of the case, John Meadows was called. He was considerably harassed by the learned counsel for the prosecution, who was more than once reminded even by the court that he had no right to treat his own witness as hostile; but the learned counsel's ire had been raised somehow by the witness's fearless obstinacy, and his examination in chief gradually assumed the offensive character of the severe cross-examination of not only an unwilling, but an untruthful wit-

Having taken the witness through brief narrative of his first seeing the prisoner at the Star and Garter, and getting from him an account of his having seen Stephen Bellingham, the murdered man, there, the examination proceeded as follows:

"You knew the victim of this cruel

" 'Squire Bellingham," said the wit

"Yes," said the learned counsel; "he was well known in the district."

"Known to be rich?" "Yes."

"Rich and eccentric?"

"I don't know as to that." "He carried large sums of money

about him?" "I've heard so."

"Was not afraid of highwaymen?"

"He was a brave man," said Jack. "Yes, he was a brave man and rich? That was his reputation?"

"Yes." "And you saw him at the Star and Garter the hight when the man Foster, of whom we have heard, and the prisoner at the bar arrived at Kirkstall?"

"I saw him, but not them; I heard

of them the next day." "Yes, we cannot take that; but it of no consequence. You asw the wi

"I due't know as it was on the night of the reurder."

"What night was it?"

"I forget." "You forget?"

"Yes." "Did she not give you a message to the prisoner?"

"A message?" echoed the witness. "Yes, a message. Are you deaf?" "Well, not particularly," Meadows replied.

"On the 20th of October did not Mary Lockwood give you a message to the prisoner at the bar?"

"I have a bad memory for dates." "Do you think if you took your place beside the prisoner at the bar it would improve your memory?" The learned counsel asked this question with some ferocity, and was understood in a low key to say something about an accessory after the fact, which sent a thrill of anxiety through a little company of friends who were following every word that fell from Jack with intense inter-

"A man cannot be hanged because he has got a bad memory," said Jack de-

"I'm not so sure of that," said the judge, with something of a chuckle. "Listen to me. You had better answer this learned counsel without attempting to prevaricate; answer to the best of your ability; that is all the court requires from you."

"Yes, my lord," said Jack.

"And the learned counsel should not require to be reminded that he is treating his own witness in a very unusual manner."

"I note your lordship's kind remark," said the learned gentleman, but without relaxing the severity of his manner. "On any night within the year-I will make it easy for you-did Mary Lockwood send a message by you to the prisoner at the bar?"

"She has not denied it," said the judge, now addressing counsel as if to suggest that he should not waste time. "Yes, my lord, I thank you," and, turning once more to the witness, "J will only ask you one or two more questions. You were at the Heather-

bell tavern on the 22d of October?" "I don't remember the date." "Do you deny that you were there a

any time?" "Well, no, I don't."

"You would if you could, eh?"

"Yes, I would." "Oh, you would! Why?" Here counsel for the defense rose to protest

against this line of examination. There was a wrangle for ten minutes. and many legal books were mentioned that bore upon the law of evidence. Finally the learned counsel suggested to the witness to say that he did not reply to the question because he did not feel called upon to criminate himself, which was indorsed by the counsel for the defense. But Jack Meadows was made of obstinate stuff, and he had an idea that the counsel for the prosecution was endeavoring to make him say something against Mary, and that the other learned gentleman only desired

to protect him out of a feeling of pity. "You have heard what the learned counsel has said," remarked the judge, speaking to Jack, but looking in another direction, as judges very often do to this day; "you had better attend to his advice."

"Thank you, my lord."

"You decline to say whether you were with the prisoner at the Heatherbell tavern on the night of October 22 because you do not wish to incriminate yourself. Is that your answer?"

"No, it is not my answer! I am not afraid of incriminating myself."

"Oh, Jack, my dear Jack, for your mother's sake?" said an agonized voice

"Wnat is that?" asked the judge angrily.

"I'm bis mother, my lord judge, and kinder, better son never-" "Yes, yes," said the judge, "that will

do. You must not disturb the court, or it will be my duty to have you removed.

(To be continued.)

ITALIAN CRADLE SONGS.

Rables in Sunny Italy Break Into & Cantilena. it has been touching,y said that cradles resemble nests in every clime, from the hanging cradles of wickerwork and sacks of savage lands to those of our own country. Kalmucks itne theirs with felt. Indians with mass, Virginians with soft cotton, just as birds line theirs with down; the princess lays her babe in an ivory gilt cradle, richly chased and inlaid, shaded by curtains of priceless lace; the contadina in a wicker basket padded with homespun; but the love which prepares these frail nests is the same, says the Gentleman's Magazine. Among the italian peasants the cradle is generally low, of wool or wicker, with rough rockers, tied to the bedpost or to the back of a chair; the mother rocks it by the cord which secures it. What is more touching or sweeter than the picture of a mother singing to hush her babe to sleep? In Calabria she holds the child in her arms, rocking herself backward and forward on a low chair with a quick, even movement. The slow, soft song and regular motion generally succeed in soothing and putting to sleep even chose children who are not sleepy. So accustomed to this Ware & Leland, brokers on the Board and will become a part of the state do Italian children become that they cannot sleep unless they are rocked the amount lost in operation on and sung to, and they themselves when I change last July by H. J. Hougland only a few months old will break into a cantilena, a little murmur, if by chance they grow sleepy when mother or grandmother happens to be absent. In most of these songs the mother promises her child beautiful giftstoys, dolls, mooly lambs, all that goes to make up the joy of infantile minds

Losers are always in the wro

ILLINOIS ITEMS

The Chicago Bible Society held sixty-second annual meeting. Thirtyfive thousand five hundred and thirtynine Bibles were distributed during the year.

Mrs. William C. Tiffany, aged eighty, who had lived at Waukegan since 1844, is dead. She leaves one son, George.

Police of Waukegan and Kenosha have been asked to investigate the mysterious disappearance of Fred Mulhall, a farm hand who was employed near Russell. He has been missing three weeks. He had been threatened with violence by an enemy.

The president sent the following nominations of Illinois postmasters to the senate: Cassius K. Northrup, Ashton; Clarence A. Murray, Waukegan; Edward C. Watson, Assumption; Louis A. Constantine, Aurora; Frank T. Morgan. Belvidere; William P. Dickie Bunkerhill; Harry D. Hemmens, Elgin; Theodore A. Fritchey, Olney Cornelius T. Beekman, Petersburg; Ralpa F. Bradford, Pontiac.

Twelve persons were injured at Chicago when a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train crashed into a Kedzie avenue electric car at the Chicago ave-

nue crossing.

At Springfield, Judge Creighton decided that a "blind pig" has no standing in court by summarily dismissing a \$10,000 damage suit which John Murray brought against Colonel Arthur Fischer of the Sixth Illinois, Murray ran a "blind pig" within a mile of Camp Lincoln last summer. Fischer arrested him and confiscated his goods

Despondent because of his inability to secure employment and confronted with the charge of bigamy, Dr. Harry J. Ziegier of Lancaster, Pa., killed himself at Chicago and fatally wounded a woman to whom he had been married while yet undivorced from his first wife.

The boxing contest of lightweights which was to have been held at Sycamore was stopped by the city authorities just before the contest was to be-

The Southern Illinois Lumbermen's Association held its fifth annual convention at Centralia. Walter Grear of Anna is president and W. O. Wihe of Nashville secretary.

Near Berwen, ten miles north of Ardmore, three sons of David Wates were burned to death. The boys were sleeping in a building separate from the other members of the family, who knew nothing of the fire until the charred bodies were found in the morning.

The police at Cairo arrested two unidentified men who had in their possession a complete outfit of safe-breaking implements. The men gave their names as George Burns of St. Louis and Jacob Myers of Memphis. They are believed to be the men who robbed the safe at East St. Louis not long

ninety-eight of the one hundred molders who went on strike Jan. 29 at the Plano Manufacturing company's plant at West Pullman have returned to work. The strike was caused by the company refusing to pay time and a quarter for night work. The strikers agreed to work under the old condi-

Employes in the plate mill of the South Chicago plant of the Illinois seel company are organizing a union. which will include every workman in that department. There are about 300. Several years ago the plate mill men had a union, but it gradually went out of existence.

First and second-class postoffice clerks of Illinois effected a state or ganization at a meeting in Joliet.

Ralph C. Brown of Dixon, a medical student of the University of Chicago has been elected business manager of the combined musical clubs of the mid-

A serious epidemic is raging among horses in the Illinois region of the corn beit. Farmers declare that thousands of acres of the richest corn land in the West will not be in cultivation this year, as the owners and renters will be unable to secure teams to do the work. An effort is being made to import mules in time for the spring plow-

The Marion County Democratic committee has indorsed C. E. Jennings of Salem, a cousin of W. J. Bryan, for the congressional nomination in the twenty-fourth district.

At a meeting of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. of Peorla, steps were taken for the erection of a memorial ball. An invitation was extended to the Ladles of the G. A. R., the Sons or Veterans, the Daughters of the American Revolution and other patriotic organizations to assist in the

J. J. Hougland has brought suit in the superior court at Chicago against of Taylorville have organized a post of Trade, to recover \$109,950, treble for H. J. Hougland & Co., and by George Kiser for Vanduyne & Hougland and the Decatur Commission Co.

At Macomb the office of the grand secretary of the Independent Order of Mutual Aid, Ancient Order of United Workmen and Select Knights

The State Historical Society has appointed Professor Edmund J. James, president of Northwestern University, chairman of a committee which is to petition the legislature to establish permanent State Historical Library.

The twenty-sixth semi-annual meeting of the Military Tract Press association, held at Galesburg, elected W. T. Davidson of Lewistown president; John H. Camp of Bushnell, vice president, and Jesse Bell of Plymouth, secretary.

Twelve ladies of Sparta have organized a club for the purpose of entertaining their husbands.

The Democratic central committee of Calhoun county has called a county primary for the nomination of county officers on April 5.

C. F. Becker, a fireman on the Chicago, Peo ia and St. Louis railraod, was buried under five tons of coal at Lockhaven. He had released one of the chute slides, allowing five tons of coal to fall into the tender, when the other slide was accidentally released and the coal fell on Becker.

One hundred years of existence have been completed by Jacob Spawr Lexington. Of this number seventysix were spent in Illinois.

existence for twenty-five years. Nobody bid on the Chicago drainage board's issue of \$2,000,000 twenty-year serial currency bonds, bearing 31/2 per cent interest, and the board has called off the issue.

The Cereal Sugar Company of Peorla has through an old German vinegarmaker discovered a process whereby one gallon of hydrol, a by-product in the refining of sugar, can be made to yield one gallon of excellent crude spirits and about three gallons of good vinegar.

Lafayette Busby has been appointed postmaster at Vonn, to succeed J. A. Boyd, who has resigned.

Prof. Andrews of the Pana high school has completed a programme clock, which winds itself every minute, rings two large gongs for the assembling of school and rings small bells in the recitation rooms for dismissal of classes

The Quincy chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has elected Julia Bibley as delegate to the national meeting, to be held in Washington, D.

C., next month. George H. Council of Williamsville, injured in a wreck on the Chicago & Alton at Mitchell, October 15, 1900, has settled with the railroad company for \$7,500.

Frank W. Jones, formerly bookkeeper in the Sattley foundry at Decatur, is in jail charged with burglary and larceny. By using skeleton keys, Jones got into the office and helped himself to funds in the safe,

Indianapolis parties have applied for electric power and telephone franchises in Decatur.

A mortgage was filed in the Macon county court for \$576,000, in favor of the Central Trust company, by the Indianapolis, Decatur and Western Rail-

Joe F. Dinwoodle was arrested at East St. Louis for sending obscene matter through the mails. He broke jail, but was recaptured after a few hours of liberty.

The transcontinental lines have agreed to make a rate of \$50 for the round trip from Chicago to San Francisco and return for the biennial meeting of the Knights of Pythias, which opens in San Francisco on August 12. From St. Louis the rate will be \$47.50.

Jarret T. Grimes celebrated his birthday Jan. 21. For eighty-two years he has resided on the farm two miles west of Jerseyville, where he was born

The third annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical society at Jacksonville decided to petition the next legislature for an appropriation of \$250,000 for a building for the state historical library. H. W. Beckwith of

Danville was elected president. Thomas Cox, aged 84, died at the

residence of Mrs. Nancy Pugh. The superintendents of the hospitals met with the State Board of Charities at Springfield and made arrangements for the opening of the Bartonville hospital Feb. 10. There is much dissatisfaction expressed because the hospital will, on its opening, accommodate only 200 patients, and provision can be made for only 700 under the present appropriation. It was originally intended that the hospital should care for 3,000 wards, and the main buildings have been built with this end in view, but there are not enough cottages. It is expected that they will be built

De Kalb's South Side public school burned down. Al lithe children were taken out in safety.

association. Dr. Hollister has been appointed ath-

letic director of Northwestern University and chief coach of the football pleting a \$10,000 cl team for another year by the board of athletic control. Robert McFetridge, who was shot by als brother, William McFetridge,

It is reported that the Bur soon will be consolidated with Rock Island system and o part of it. Seventy-five per that road's stock is now owned by Rock Island and 25 per cent by Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cress of boro, celebrated their sixty-see wedding anniversary. They are of the pioneer citizens of the e and since their marriage the time has been spent upon one in

Frank Langley while at work on the construction of the false work for the new granitoid bridge across the I Muddy river at Carbondale fell to the ground, a distance of 63 feet, receive ing serious injuries. Fully 200 persons participated in the

midwinter log-rolling, held under the auspices of Salem camp, Modern Woodmen of America, Lieut, Gov. W Northcott, head consul of the order was present.

T. J. Scott, one of the oldest residents of Champaign county, is slowly dying at his home in Mahomet from cancer of the stomach. At the battle of Chickamanga he received thirteen The Cairo Woman's club has been in | lead souvenirs from the rebel guns.

Mrs. Edward Ring of Duquoin has secured judgment in the Jackson County Circuit court for \$5,000 against the Illinois Central railroad on account of the death of her husband, who was killed in a wreck at Belleville about a year ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lemming, aged 73 years, died in Aviston. She was the mother of ex-Sheriff John A. Lemming of Carlyle. The Y. M. C. A. Athletic club of

Decatur is arranging to hold a big meet in May. There will be five events. Each visiting club will be expected to bring four men. The Litchfield bottle glass works are now in active operation, employ

ing about 125 men.

The trustees of the Flora Light an Water Company have declared forfeited the contract of A. M. Searles to build the water works system now is course of construction. Albert G. Morgan, aged 69, and Mrs.

Sarah Eagan, aged 67, were married a. Salem. Mrs. Jennie Pritchett of Centralia was given a \$4,000 judgment a

the Illinois Central. Her husband was killed at Du Bois: Rev. Vance of Peru, Ind., 1 cepted a call to the pastorate of the

Gaston Grove Christian church. George N. Slaten has been appointed to the postmastership at Grafton, with a salary of \$1,100. Patrick Stack, a wealthy farmer

McLean county, is dead. In his early days he operated a steamboat on the Mississippi. Rev. William McKay died at Hope dale, Ill. He was one of the Brut

Christian ministers of county. Attorney W. E. Wheeler of Edwards ville has assumed the duties of secretary to Judge J. B. Ricks of the State

Supreme court. During a drunken riot among number of Polish miners at Bubo Andrew Jalowski was shot and pre ably fatally wounded by John Made

It is said that the starch trust me

forming has secured control of

plant of the Illinois Sugar Relata company at Pekin. John Grigsby, a negro, aged 2 years, shot and instantly killed his father, George Grigsby, at the latter's residence, southeast of Huey, The

the premises. Ten seniors of the Tower Hill him achool have been suspended by Prince cipal Arthur Channon because they re fused to stand punishment for an balling on the school grounds after

father had ordered the son to leave

being forbidden. Rev. E. B. Farrar of Dalton, Ga., him completed a series of revival meetings in Pana. There were sixty conversion

Robert E. Tate of Sandoval was ally en a judgment against the Illinois Central for \$1,514.25 on account of damage to his orchard by fire started by

apark from a locomotive, The Court of Honor, a fraternal inmirance order, has brought suit against Lina Williamson and others of Taylor ville for \$2,000. It is alleged that the defendant fraudulently collected facurance money from the order.

The new courthouse at Tayloryille is expected to be completed by June 18, The Planters' Compress company's hay been at Nokomia was destroy by fire. The barn contained about 40

tons of huy; loss, \$35,000, R. E. Tweed has purchased a half interest in the Sparta Printing company, publishers of the Sparts Arm

The Spanish-American war veterans Edward Baggot, for fifty years in the -The Cumberland Presbyterian gregation of Salem has extend to Rev. William C. Logan of The state convention of

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