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ASKING.
My clock was the color of the white
But, ah, the shy rogue I'll tell you,
Had he asked it, I must have said no.

He stole from my lips a soft kiss,
I tried at a frown—'twas a smile;
For ah, the rogue the knows this,
Had he asked it, I must have said no.

That "asking" in love's a mistake,
It puts one in mind to refuse;
The best not to ask, but to take;
For it saves one the need to say no.

Yet, stay—this is folly I've said;
Some things should be asked if desired;
My rogue hopes my promise to wed,
When he asks me, I will not say no.

ALICE M'MAHON.
(Concluded from last week.)
"Ned," says I, "you shall do no
such thing—I'll go with you where
you go; I'll leave father and mother
you know, Ned, I always
love you; and what's the use of
love if it wouldn't stick by a friend
in trouble? You must leave the
country, Ned, and that at once,
and I'll go with you, and they'll
never know where we are. Let us
go off at once to America." Well,
sir, Ned was silent for a minute,
and then he says, "Alice, dear,
don't ask me to 'peach,' or tell on
me, for I'll never do it."
And if they arrest me on this war-
rant, I'll never ask you, Ned, says I; "I
only come away and leave them there,
before any job turns up that will
ruin your soul and body." There
is a warrant out against me," said
Ned, "for a stroke I hit another
boy a few days ago; it's in the
Police Barrack this minute, and they
will be out searching for me soon.
And if they arrest me on this war-
rant, I'll be kept to see if they can
find anything else against me, and
maybe something bad will happen
before it's all over."

"Will you come away if I get the
warrant stopped?" says I. "Alice,"
says he, "I'll have to break a solemn
oath if I do; but it's better to
be damned for breaking an oath to
these bloody villains than for kill-
ing one of us; so if I'm not taken
this week, I'll go, if you will come
with me."

She stopped and looked at me.
"Well," said I, "and what do you
want me to do?"

"I want you to stop the warrant
just for one week," said she; "he
has done nothing yet, and the warrant
is only for cutting another boy's
head, which did him no great harm;
and moreover, that same boy de-
served it well. But if Ned stays in
the country, he'll surely do what-
ever the bloody villains he's joined
with bid him. Keep back the war-
rant for one week, and you'll save
his soul and body."

The poor girl could hold out no
longer, but, dripping with her knees
before me again, she put her hands
to her eyes, and as the tears stream-
ed through her fingers, she sobbed
out, almost choking with agitation,
"Oh, sir, save him if you can!
I've sworn Ned, who never would
hurt the hair of a child's head, if he
was not sworn to it by them terri-
ble men."

I have seldom felt in a greater
difficulty. Here was a man who
was now acknowledged was a
sworn Ribbonman, and I was asked
to hold back the warrant for his ar-
rest, so as to enable him to leave
the country and escape the law.
True, but then I reflected, he had
done nothing yet as a Ribbonman
that the law could lay hold of, ex-
cept taking the oath. I fully be-
lieved the weeping girl before me,
that they were deeply attached to
each other, and I also believed her
statement that in a moment of anger
at her father's rejecting his suit he
had joined the Ribbonmen, and was
sworn into her bloody code. She
saw in a moment that she hesitated
between what first sight appeared
to be my duty as a magistrate and
my desire to save her lover from
crime and death. I have said she
was educated above her class, and
she perceived my difficulty in a mo-
ment. "Oh, sir," said she, rising
gently from her knees and calming
down her countenance again, "you'll
do no wrong in holding back the
warrant for a week; though Ned is
sworn in, he has done no bad act
yet; and surely it is better to save
him now than to hang him after he
has committed some terrible crime.
I know him well; he is as daring
when his blood is up as he is gentle
and kind in heart; he would not
hurt a little child. But they have
told him it's for the good of Ire-
land; and when he gets warmed
with that, he would kill a hundred
men."

"And does he really believe it for
the good of Ireland," I asked,
indignantly, "to waylay and murder
some unfortunate man who has
never injured or wronged him?"

"That's a long story, sir," re-
plied she, "and maybe you
wouldn't understand it all if I told
you. But they think the English
have no right to the land at all,
and they hope to get it back again,
if they can only frighten you,
—and such as you—out of it, and

kill any of themselves that takes
the land over the old stock's head;
and they have persuaded Ned it's
all right—or at least they were
near doing so. But I think he
lately then in his heart, and though
nothing would make him come out
and inform against them—and I
would be the last to ask him—yet
if he can only slip away quietly it
will be all well yet, and I have
promised to go with him."

"Have you money enough to
go?" I asked.

"I'm sorry to tell you I have
not," replied she; "father has
plenty, and would give me what I
wanted if it was for anything else;
but I dare not ask him for it now.
Ned, too, has been idling and drink-
ing with those blackguards, and
they took care to get out of him all
he had. I must trust to your honor
to give us the means, and that is
another thing I came for."

"Well," I said, at last, "it is a
serious thing, and a great responsi-
bility to take upon myself to hold
back the warrant in such a case as
this; but considering that Ned has
done nothing yet except to take the
oath, and we have nothing to prove
against him as a Ribbonman, I
think that if I could see him my-
self, and make sure of what his real
intentions are, I would manage to
hold back the warrant that it could
not be executed for a few days, at
all events."

"May God bless you, sir! I may
God ever bless you!" cried she;
but suddenly checking herself, she
added, in a frightened tone, "but
did your honor say you wanted to
see Ned yourself?"

"Yes," replied I, "certainly; I
will do nothing unless I see him
myself. He may have deceived
you, and sent you on this mission
only to enable him more securely to
perpetrate some dreadful crime."

"Ned is as surely true to his
word as your honor would be your-
self," replied she, a little indig-
nantly. "But after all," added she,
"I am sure I can trust you to
take no advantage of Ned. He is
not far from the town this min-
ute; I could go for him, for I
know where he is, and he would
meet you anywhere you please."

"If I meet him it must be alone,"
said I; "I cannot have you with
me."

"Just as your honor pleases,"
replied the girl.

"Very well. Let Ned meet me
at the back of the Galloway-hill, near
the old windmill, at eight o'clock
this evening. It will be dark then,
and no one will know anything
about it."

The girl looked at me very steady-
ly for a few moments, evidently en-
deavoring to pierce into my inmost
thoughts, and then, quietly taking
her bonnet from the table, she said
in a calm voice, "I am sure and
certain your honor would not deal
unfairly with us. Ned shall meet
you at the time and place you say,
for I know well he will do whatever
I bid him now."

She put on her bonnet, drew
down her veil carefully, and her
face, so that it would be impossible
to recognize her features, and left
the office by a private door.

No sooner had she gone than I
began to feel I had made a some-
what foolish assignation, and I felt
a little uneasy as to the issue.
However, the girl had trusted me,
and I resolved to trust her, and
come what would, to keep her ap-
pointment.

At a hasty dinner, and having
carefully examined a brace of
double-barrelled pistols which I
usually carried with me, I muffled
myself up in a large great-coat, and
walked out unobserved into the
street. There was no gas in those
days, and I was looking very
darkly, and then, quietly taking
my bonnet from the table, she said
in a calm voice, "I am sure and
certain your honor would not deal
unfairly with us. Ned shall meet
you at the time and place you say,
for I know well he will do whatever
I bid him now."

They gave me one parting grate-
ful look, walked rapidly down the
lane together, and I saw them no
more.

MUNICIPAL DEBTS.—London,
England, has a debt of nearly twenty-
six millions, Liverpool, nineteen
and one half millions, Manchester,
sixteen millions, Leeds some twenty
millions, and taking the cities of
England in the order of their indus-
trialness, it will take twenty-one
of them, including the above, with
an aggregated population of six mil-
lions, to get a debt as big as the city
of New York. London with the
surrounding municipalities, owes less
than half as much as Boston.
Cities like Liverpool and Manches-
ter are vastly less encumbered than
cities of the same class in America.
Birmingham, for example, owes
\$2,865,000 or less than some cities
having one-eleventh of its popula-
tion. Chicago has the best claim
to solvency among the American
cities, its debts being less than half
as much as Boston, and twelve mil-
lions less than Baltimore.

story is true—that you are not de-
ceiving her, and that you are really
willing to leave at once for America
—I shall certainly think it my duty
to do my utmost to have you
brought to justice."

"And what makes you doubt
Alice's story? do you think she
would deceive you?"

"Certainly not," replied I; "my
only doubt is, whether you are not
deceiving her."

"Did she throw any doubt upon
that herself?"

"She did not; she firmly believes
every word you told her, or she
would not have brought me to meet
you here to-night; she is ready and
willing to go anywhere with you,
provided you will only leave the
country at once."

"Alice was always true and
good," replied Ned, in a softened
tone; "she never deceived me, and
I never deceived her. Your honor
knows I am on for the next job;
but, please God, I'll disappoint those
blood-thirsty villains; and if you
can only stop the warrant for three
days more, I'll be gone forever from
Ireland, and Alice will go along
with me."

"I believe you are telling me the truth;
I do not think you would have
ventured to intend to be true. I
understand you have little or no
money; I will give Alice what is
necessary. Good-bye; it is dan-
gerous our talking here, as the po-
lice are on the patrol, and I could
not say you if they came upon me;
I will endeavor to hold back
the warrant for three days more;
I will make the best of your time,
above all, be kind and good to the
girl Alice, for she loves you
dearly."

"I would give my heart's blood
for her," said Ned in an altered
tone. "She has saved my body
and soul. I suppose your honor
would not shake the hand of a man
like me, the best of your time, and
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Thoughts on the Jury-System.
To be tried by one's "peers,"
those "peers" reaching the exact
number of 12, is regarded, by a
very large number of the commu-
nity, as a privilege to be surren-
dered under no circumstances—a pri-
vilege to be defended at any cost of
gold and treasure. The word
"peers," as it is used here, is a
cheat. All that it means is that
the juror has the same political
power and privileges as the man
whom he helps to try, yet the men
of America have never been
tried by their peers. Infants are
never tried by their peers. Those
who were formerly slaves were
tried by their peers. If we go
beyond this, and attach any in-
tellectual or moral significance to
the word "peer," we shall find that
a man is almost never tried by his
peers. In the recent trial of Mr.
Becker, it would be very silly to
say that he was tried by his peers.
Indeed, it would have been very
difficult to find enough of his peers
in America to try him. If such a
jury could have had charge of his
case, it certainly would not have
disagreed.

But to come down upon the solid
fact, let us confess that the ordi-
nary jury is utterly incompetent to
perform the duties of its office.
Men who are taken from the differ-
ent walks of life, men whose minds
run in the narrow channels of spe-
cialized industries, are brought into
a court-room under circumstances
utterly strange to them, without
habits of mental application, with-
out practice in sifting evidence,
easily imposed upon by the plausi-
bilities of counsel, easily acted
upon through their sympathies,
easily impressed by eloquence,
and are expected the first time, and
every time, to render justice. (The
thing is absurd on the face of it;
and notorious now is the uncer-
tainty of a jury trial, that men re-
ceive a verdict very much as they
do the drawing of a lottery. A
verdict is a matter of jury and not
of justice at all. So well under-
stood is the fact, on the part of cor-
porations, that before a jury, they
stand no chance in any case against
an individual, that many of them
have ceased to expect justice from
a jury, and so, are constantly com-
promising suits in which they know
their opponents have no case. The
average juror makes common cause
with any individual against a cor-
poration, as the corporation has
found to its cost.

As men average, there is one man
in 12, at least, of exceptional
mind and characteristics. There
is a devil among the twelve
Apostles, and in nearly every jury
there is a "crooked stick." He
may be a man who has a genius
for differing with everybody on
every possible subject. One man
in 12, at least, has some kind of
eccentricity, and as he has no special
education to help