TEN SHILLING TRAGEDY

SCENE I.

Burnfoot is a lonely spot. It lies at craig, and the wind stirring among the branches of the great beech trees, whispers uncannily over the three forlorn cottages of which the hamlet consists. The old quarry-hole at the back of the houses is filled with stagnant water, irresistibly suggestive of drowning, which suggestion is not lessened by the known fact that the body of a

tures. The houses are faced by the Quaker's Mill, whose great waterwheel, stopped by disaster, rots in the corns.' weather. The green slopes that shut the lonely hamlet in, run upward till beyond them the eye finds only the that a railway crosses the road within seems only to deepen the darkness by deeply rutted and overgrown with weeds.

of Burnfoot has stamped itself even upon this comparatively comfortable of fugitive ash. Then he pulled up his noiselessly and their mongrel puppy barks as if its own voice frightened it. Oddly enough, at the time when my story begins, cheerfulness was most at home in the little hamlet where it might least have been looked for, under the roofs of two half ruinous pleasure to the utmost, and, all being cots, built gable to gable, wherein ready for the pleasant sacrifice, dwelt an old man and an old woman who had lived till it seemed as if death had overlooked the meagre harvest of their souls.

The elder of the two, Granny Wilde, was a little wizened woman in whom the vital spark had almost burned out. Mrs Newlight Makes a Series of Astounding Her furrowed face and knotted hands were of a bloodless palor and grey of vigor to sustain themselves, over class in domestic science. My! it's culty leaning upon her stick.

consciousness lay a busy life. She had tomatoes on my table." been wife and mother, but the very names of her children could only be summoned out of the past by a strong effort of memory. She lived in the ed arrest of vital activity in those who The performance is easily the meant tea and soup, scraps of soft meat, a draw of the pipe, the warmth of the fire and the heat of the sun. One passion possessed her whole soul and being. Her spirit's never-failing cry to God and man was for more coal. She thought of little else than the getthat lay at her heart. Our little ones never allowed it to become quite exshe had little faith in it. She feared cream on their oatmeal!"
the fires of hell less than she feared "What of it?" the fires of hell less than she feared the extinction of the fire in her grate. It was her custom to hobble up to Barneraig daily, when the weather permitted, for milk and scraps, and often, with amusement, we have watched her prowling round the outhouse where the coal was kept till she could match a lump, as she thought, unseen, and bear it off gleefully under her shawl to add to the bing at home. Our mastiff represented to her the

powers of evil in the world. The hatred which she bore to him was for long a mystery to us. As she passed by his kennel the dog would almost choke himself upon his chain. His fury explained itself when Granny was caught one day hooking his dish towards her and picking out of it the best of the bones which had been put there that he might whet his great teeth upon them. The feeble old weighs one hundred and ninety-nine. woman, undaunted by his rage, shook earth could induce him to enter her it as you shun opium. He says that cottage. He would wait at the door, cocoa shells is the only real safe warm whining and unhappy, till they reappeared. Granny heeded him not at all. She hated him only as the guardian of Newlight. the bones, and feared nothing except "You'd better drink dishwater than that her coal might run down.

friendliness subsisted. Danny, who a little it would be a good thing for was comparatively young, being only your health and the health of your fama little over eighty years old, could ily. There's a lot more things we've still, at times, do odd jobs for the been jeopardizing our lives by eating tirely upon charity.

supply that the old couple were per- Newlight is taking most of his meals manently jealous of one another. It down town at present. had become a fixed idea in Granny's mind that her neighbor helped himself from her store, and many an hour she spent staring into Danny's coal-shed in the hope of being able to identify as hers some peculiarly shaped lump of coal. It made Danny cross to find her thus occupied, his idea being that she steal at the first convenient oppor-

Danny was nearly as unwashed as

ed a patch of crinkly red which seem-The agony of death was closing in ed to have been stereotyped there by the hand of time. His back was much upon him. He had succumbed to his the foot of the back avenue to Barn- bent, so that in a sitting posture his own hurt and weakness, but just at small mousey head, with its spotted that moment he heard a wounded man cheeks and ferretty blue eyes, was shrieking in an extremity of pain. level of his knees.

of the cottages, was a bench on which him an injection of morphine, and died. was anything in it or not. This pipe Amoaful, and one regiment was gal- be dead. So great was the joy felt and was the chief link between him and lantly making its way through the Granny Wilde. The old lady dearly bush. Several men had fallen, and evchild was found in the pool some years blessed privilege she was often forced ing line was fully occupied, when sudto give Danny a cup of tea brewed denly two Highlanders appeared, bear- Presently, however, one of the passeng- I find my mistake and I own it." The scene has other cheerless fea- from the leaves that had made her ing between them a gallant old officer own, or a spoonful or two or her soup who had been shot in the neck. The would say, Danny had "a crap for a' tain from the wound, and the principal

So it happened that upon an autumn | danger of the case. morning, Danny, in tattered sleeved- "If that man is not attended to," said the sunshine and sat him down upon utes." bare hilltops and the sky. It is true the bench at his cottage door. The And though they were at the moment standing in the fields. Even the ed about them, he tied the carotid art-

mosses. one of the cottages, but the dreariness meanings in it. He knocked the dottle out upon his grimy palm and put it back again carefully to the last grain household. The children play about waistcoat, and groping deep in his trouser-pocket, drew forth a small round metal box out of which he took a two-inch screw of twist tobacco. From this he cut about half-an-inch with a dilapidated pen-knife and proceeded to crumble it carefully in the hollow of his hand. He then filled his pipe as one who would prolong a been considered for generations the de money he had in him box?"

called out in a thin, cracked voice,-"Are ye steerin', Granny?" (To be Continued.)

Discoveries.

HER REFORMED DIET.

"It's just awful how criminally igwith the gathered dirt of years. The norant I've been regarding our food," skin of her neck clung to the sinews said Mrs. Newlight to her husband the in yellow folds and her bleached eye- other day. "I can never be thankful lids dropped continually, through want enough that I joined Prof. Scarem's her faded eyes. She moved with diffi- wonder we're not all dead, ignorant as I've been.' There's one thing sure, In the dim background of Granny's George Newlight, there'll be no more

" Why ?" us to-day how tomatoes cause a markeat them .and he proved that the acid of tomatoes acts almost like a poison on the membrane of the stomach. Then I'm done with any berries that have seeds in on my table."

"I'd like to know why?"

ting of coal and would cunningly twist cause. A single dish of raspberries or culty in all tandem driving, that is, professor's talk on appendicitis and its leader in this case is fully thirty-five strawberries may bring on that awful the problem of keeping the horses in a at Barneraig watched her store and riche store and riche straight line, is besides greatly increasrisks people will run just to gratify ed. hausted; but although she lived chiefly the palate. And here we've always alupon our benevolence, we knew that lowed our children to have sugar and some one of the horses in this extraord- jealousy, I retired to my bed that night

in the stomach and utterly retards dione horse to move faster than its comconsidered I was entitled to I saw for the Dublin packet. had last year was due entirely to this single horse in this team balking is and my brain became maddened! George Newlight, they're simply rank youd hope of disentanglement without in upon me; but they came, and at

in it than there would be in bread made controls this complicated team in ish that it was near your door. This out of pure starch. Every bit of the nu- straightaway driving, but has succeeded gave me an instant's reflection, and I

lacked nutrition '?' asked Newlight, who ever wild. "That doesn't signify. You don't her stick at him angrily as she hirpled know what day you'll break down unoff in triumph with the tit-bit of his under such bread. We'll have nothing supper under her shawl. It was well but graham or whole wheat flour heredrink." "I'd as soon drink dishwater," said

your poisonous coffee. If you'd only neighbor, Danny Mann, a jealous ence and look into this food business

farmers. Thus he did not live en- in our criminal ignorance and I'm going to cut all of them off our list." It was in the matter of their coal And she did, which is the reason that

BRAVE SURGEONS.

Instances of the Heroism of Two British Army Doctors.

they could scarcely be undertaken withfee, 112,000 pounds and of cocoa 8,800 you, what I have suffered, and be genther the Lone Star; and the lovely vessel bunity. He labored hard upon the out the aid of the medical staff. Here pounds. fence between the yards, but the poor are men who must be consulted at everazy barrier wanted for its repair ery turn; who constantly suffer toil and more skill and wood than he possessed.

Thus the old couple lived side by anxiety in order to keep the troops at side, in outward amity, but with the their fighting best, and who in the place of eight divisions, each with a canker of distrust eating at the roots day of action risk their lives as truly as if they were heading a column. his neighbor, but his cheeks were more Blackwood's tells the story of an Engfleshy, and in the centre of each glow- lish surgeon who was mortally wound- over red-hot needles, points upwards. Eleanor."

ed at Majuba Hill, and who yet performed an act worthy to be mated with that of Sir Philip Sidney, on the field of Zutphen.

thrust inquisitively forward to the That was enough, and he crawled to Against the wall, between the doors the spot where the soldier lay, gave Danny often sat, sucking industriously | During the Ashanti War in 1874, the at his short black pipe, whether there English force was hotly engaged at still living whom he had supposed to loved a draw at it, and to procure this ery surgeon connected with the fight- who, however, was simply silent, that from the Barnoraig kitchen. As she arterial blood was spirting like a foun- ing?" medical officer at once recognized the inald who with Eleanor was still on

waistcoat and corduroys, crept out into he, coolly, "he will be dead in five min- you of any property belonging to your

day was warm and soft. The dead in an open space exposed to almost in-leaves were dark with the night-dew. evitable death, he stopped short and ap- gold, which I searched for when we relay cheerily upon the stubble and the head, and laid him down. Then while low tone. warm stacks of fodder that were still the ugly "phit! phit!" of bullets soundwhere the light caught the dew in its shaken nerve as if he had been in an operating-room.

REMARKABLE DRIVING FEAT.

A Man in Vienna Who Drives Ten in Hand -Very Difficult Feat.

The bespangled riders who guide a score or more of horses at terrific speed about the saw-dust circus rings have most skilful and picturesque horsemen in the world. An entirely new and far or, all listened in silent amazement at more difficult problem in driving has recently been devised and satisfactorily solved in Germany. The familiar cir- bed without killing the old man?" cus trick is, as a matter of fact, showy ing a very elongated tandem. The tell the truth!" steam is made up of ten horses. The tandem is complicated by hitching four be tried at Kingston for murder." horses abreast to begin with, with a team of three horses in front of these, two immediately before these and a single horse on the apex of this curious pyramid.

This remarkable team was devised by William Wesner, of Vienna, and by him driven repeatedly. He has performed several feats in fancy driving with his and the Emperor of Austria, and has received medals from both monarchs.

MOST DIFFICULT FEAT of horsemanship in the world.

The difficulties of controlling ten horses hitched up in this way may readily be understood. The principal difficulty is that of controlling animals driven at such a distance from the man "You wouldn't ask if you'd heard the holding the reins. The distance of the feet from the driver's box. The diffi-

There is always a possibility that .

gestion. I've not the slightest doubt panions and to step upon they heels of considered I was entitled to, I saw that the awful spasm our little Mamie the horse in front. The result of a clearly that you were preferred to me, poison! And you'll get no more white unharnessing. The strange team is last, exasperated, drunk with furious thing in this world." controlled with eight reins. Two reins jealousy, a knife in my dand, I rose to are carried to each set of horses harstep in the cabin, and I could distingue with affected gravity, "you will con-"Because there's no more nutrition nessed abreast. Mr. Wesner not only ish that it was near your door. This descend to give one, and explain all out of pure starch. Every bit of the nutritive element has been refined out in driving them in the form of the figwhen L the next morning—an assassin the can perform after eight weeks' "Do I look thin-blooded or as if I training with any set of horses, how-

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER.

Six women and two men are on trial er now. Think no more of it." that when off the chain Nero was after. And I've done with coffee, too. for the wholesale murder of their relmagnanimity itself. The twins often If you could see and hear Prof. Scarem atives, of Hodmezoe Vasarhely, in Hundle pleasant. But no matter. This gengary. The object was to obtain the erous man has saved all our lives, and small sum, about 100 florins apiece, for nearly perished in the attempt. We which the victims were insured. One can none of us reward thim as he deman is charged with having poisoned serves; you must show gratitude for us his father, his mother, his wife, his all. If I am not much mistaken, there wife's father and other persons out- is only one reward which he would reside his family. The accused are ceive, and that is yourself." fairly well off, have a certain amount "We will talk of that another time," Between Granny Wilde and her take a little time to study domestic sci- of education, and were regular atten- said Eleanor. dants at church. They obtained the "Yes," added Sir Reginald, taking his poison from a midwife, who was the hand, and pressing it warmly within his

WHAT LONDON DRINKS.

tion of London are not easy to conceive. It appears that about 177,000,-000 gallons of beer are drunk in Lon- "reflect. My poor father is but just don yearly, and 485,000 gallons daily. dead. I scarcely know Sir Reginald. The quantity of wine consumed in a This is too sudden an engagement-it The quantity of wine consumed in a day is about 5,500 gallons, or 44,000 pints, which could be stored in a wine time,"

seems wrong, unnatural, at such a time,"

"My dear cousin," continued the The consumption of spirits is 16,000 gal-anxious tone, "will you on your con-Persons who glorify military opera- lons a day. The tea consumed year- science, answer me one question? Lim- better go in the science, answer me one question? Limwas feeding the lust of her eye and tions do not always stop to think that ly is 33,000,000 pounds. The daily conscience, answer me one question? I implore it. I her it. Remember 10.000 pounds.

BUDDHISTS' IDEA OF HADES. Buddhists believe that Hades is a form of punishment somewhat different from the other seven. In the first

THE LONE STAR

CHAPTER XI.

The crew of the Lone Star, and the relic of the devoted band that had sail- cousin quietly. "I wished to hear ed from Bristol in the Royal Charley, were all ranged along the deck, and were uproarious in their demonstrations of satisfaction. The freebooter and lived, he would have done what I Eleanor were received with the delight am doing. The instant that I convinced one experiences at finding dear friends manifested by all, save Henry Postans, ers asked, "What has Josh been do-

"Ah, I had forgotten," said Sir Regdeck: "Mr. Postans, look here, sir. Know uncle which lay in his cabin?"

sight of the doors, but the mineral The slopes were greening with the plied himself to his task. He extempor- turned to the vessel, and which I found trains which flash through the Glen blades of the second crop, the sunshine ized a support for the poor fellow's not," replied the young man in a hol- refuse me this favour?"

dispelling it for a moment. A few spokes of the mill-wheel sparkled ery with as steady a hand and as un- father, Eleanor!" exclaimed Sir Reg- hand in that of the exfreebooter; but, inald solemnly. "God knows I never The morning called for indulgence. One brave man had done his duty suspected the scoundrel. Mr. Postans, the sight, though unaware of the pain-Danny fished his pipe out of his waist- with the simplicity of true heroism, and I have a humble and most sincere ap- ful confession made by Henry Postans; The signalman and his family occupy coat pocket, with a sigh that had many another brave man had been saved for ology to offer to you for my injurious and though the gallant crew of the suspicions. Villain !- wretch ! speak, or Lone Star foresaw the consequence. I will have you hung at the yard-arm in five minutes!"

"What I say?" cried the negro, manifesting all the abject terror of a cowardly assassin.

"Who killed Mr. Bowen ?" "I did, massa. What de debble he talk so loud to Massa Postans of all Passengers, crew, Mr. Postans, Elean-

what they heard. "But wretch! could you not have rob-

"He wake an' make noise. Josh no and misleading. The new driving feat fool! Dead man nebber tell what him includes all the difficulties of driving see! But, Massa Reginald, you no kill four horses abreast with that of manag- Josh? Him berry faithful servant, and

"I shall not kill you; but you shall "Oh, massa they hang me like one

"And you deserve it."

The crew and passengers gazed with horror on the assassin as he was removed, heavily ironed, to a place in the hold. The doubt and suspicion which had hung over two innocent men was, "Because Prof. Scarem explained to team before the Emperor of Germany be an intense relief. Eleanor looked, however, removed, and all felt; this to despite her deep sorrow, with a kind smile on both. But she was startled at time became a proud and happy moththe expression of her cousin's countenance. He was about to speak. "Sir Reginaid, your apology to me is

of low and deep emotion, which pre- ever forgotten the lessons of caution, vented the words from reaching any ears save those of his cousin and the captain of the Lone Star. "I knew of course all along my own innocence of that murder; but-and the confession will do me good-I did meditate to slay a man that night; and that man was

"Henry!" said Eleanor. "What of it?"

"Well, you'd say 'what of it?' if you could hear the professor explain how for the horses to tie themselves into a very close imitation of a now knot.

"Well, you'd say 'what of it?' if you method of harnessing makes it possible tention to Miss' Bowen. I loved her: I had long expected to see her my wife; and then I saw a stranger step in belay down again. Imagine my hold when I, the next morning—an assassin ing.

That's a good answer, Sir ReginThat's a good answer, Sir Reginwill explain to you my subsequent in mind-" "But, Henry," said Eleanor kindly, ing. "That was only a silly dream. It is ov-

"No!" replied Henry Postans firmly. "I am her sole relative and guardian, and I will act. Publicly I have accused The figures of the liquor consump- you, publicly I retract, and publicly I insist on joining your hands.

ly is 33,000,000 pounds. The daily consumption of tea is 90,000 pounds, of cofyou, what I have suffered, and be genthe Lone Start and the whole party were in a few
minutes more again on the deck of "Whatever you ask me, Henry, I will answer," said his lovely cousin, much moved.

"Do you love Sir /Reginald?" asked he gravely.

The freebooter stepped back not hear the reply.

"I do," said she in a low tone scarce ly audible to the ears of Henry Postans, but clear as a bell to those of her lover. And the young girl fixed her eyes upon the deck, while her cheeks were suffused with crimson.

"Thank you, Eleanor," whispered her that word, and I have heard it. And now listen to me. I spoke last unto your kind and good father, and I can now speak in his name. Had he him you loved the stranger, his only care was that he should be worthy of you. This I can answer for Captain Montrose, to whom I told all, convinc-

ed me of this." 'Thank you," said Sir Reginald. "My friend, I but do my duty. I cal-

"True courage of noble minds." "But let us not forget what I ask of you. Eleanor, we are going to a strange place. You must have a protector. A rich heiress, you will be persecuted; and then, dear cousin, reflect that as long as you are free, I shall have hope left me. That would be cruel indeed. But once you are affianced. once you are married, I shall calmly make up my mind to what must be. and be once more your affectionate and attached cousin and friend. Will you Reginald and Eleanor refused no long-

er; and Henry Postans, with a grave

according to his promise, freebooter no they could not forbear a loud and giadsome shout at the sight of the happy countenance of their beloved captain. Josh was, as we have said, put in confinement in the hold; Eleanor had the captain's cabin given up to her, and then all sail was set and the Lone Star once more was on its way. A good breeze, a lovely vessel, and fair winds, soon brought them to their port, which Sir Reginald entered without hesitation. Captain Montrose gave such an account of what they owed to him, that the governor of Jamaica welcomed him most heartily. In those days the brethren of the coast were very differently considered from what pirates are now. Lopez and his gang of regular sea-robbers were given up. with Josh, to the authorities, and ten days later, were all hung together, after a very summary trial. The Lone Star then departed. Williams took the command, resigned by his former captain; and the charming little schooner made for Turtle Island, and joined the renowned buccaneers, who were for some time yet to carry on warfare in those seas under the orders of Henry Morgan, Montbar, and others.

Sir Reginald and Lady Woolaston, a year later, returned to England, the former having obtained leave from the government to reside on his paternal estate; and Eleanor saw realized all, and more than all, that had been promised by her dream. She was indeed happy. She had a good and noble husband, who never had any other serious fault than strong political bias and a morbid love of adventure. She in due er, and was beloved to enthusiasm by all around her. Mr. Postans settled in as nothing to what I have to make to powerful and wealthy merchants. Neith-Bristol, and became one of its most you," said Henry Postans, in a voice er he nor Sir Reginald, nor Eleanor, have temper, and patience, which they learned on their cruise with the Royal Charley and the Lone Star.

Some years afterward a lady and gentleman, attended by numerous servants, and accompanied by several children, got out of a rich carriage drawn by four horses at the door of a small inn, the only one in the little fishing village they had stopped at. The gen-

riage, "this is a funny place to look

"Do not be in a hurry, my worthy cause. Then there's bananas! Why, also likely to complicate matters bein upon me: but they came, and at man, who now also got out of the carriage-"there is a reason- for every-

ald," cried the gentleman with the rubicund countenance, "and puts me

"Of what, sir?" said the lady pout-"Of the shabby way in which Sir Reginald contrived to insure my remaining a bachelor. Never mind, he won't gain a farthing by it. "All my property shall go to that wicked-eyed Henry there," pointing to a boy of five

years old.

"Thank you, my dear cousin, And now, Reginald, will you condescend to give me your reason?" "Why, my dear Lady Wollaston," said her husband smiling, "as we were going to trust ourselves upon salt water again to visit my Irish estates, I thought I would have a yacht of my own, instead of going in the Dublin packet. Look!"

Eleanor and Henry Postans followed the direction of his finger. In the small port lay a lovely schooner. "The Lone Star!" cried our delight-"But Henry, dear Henry, hearken to flag, and its captain, Williams, who me," said Eleanor speaking hurriedly; had at the invitation of his ex-commander, brought the vessel to England, and enrolled a picked crew of honest

"Upon my word,' cried Henry Pos-

bounded on her voyage as if she felt the presence of her old commander.

(The End.)

A story is told of a child witness division, which is the easiest, the sin-owe me both this kindness, to let me what would happen you?" He hesitatner walks eternally in his bare feet have my way. And now answer me, ed, and at last said: "I suppose I wouldn't get my expinses."

ELEPHANTS IN WAR

MONSTER BEASTS ENLISTED INDIAN ARTILLERY.

They Move the Big Guns With Ease-An Important and Wel dition to the British Forces i The elephant has become or most important adjuncts of lish army in India. He is at

the artillery in every sense of and drags the biggest guns were feathers, keeping a sig with the tramp, tramp, tran infantry. He is no laggard a and deep indeed must be the high the barricade which b walk through or demolish. spect the elephant in artille Napoleon-he never knows

The officers and men of army have for years been wo the idea of making the elep and more useful. At first th was used on the fortification ing timber, and all kinds of which strength, absolute ob docility were required. The not a particularly intellig and therefore his progress slow along the lines laid do disciples of Mars. Now he well what to do as the bes tilleryman and will bring the regimental front with a cision as the veriest man wields the sword could de

Everybody who knows about elephants is aware that when excited, he is in of a terror. Oddiy enoug THE TRAINED ELER

rarely gets into that sta With the knowledge he to come the power to con and do his duty as best he The particular use to w

phant is put in the arti India, is as a beast of dra heavy batteries and for the siege train. These in war are tremendous in siz ingly heavy. Until the 1 elephant, it had been t have them drawn by long locks. There was, however trouble with these beast hard to control and so I were required that they deal of a nuisance. So British artillerymen rej substitution of the elep bullock. One elephant w out effort a piece of a a long line of bullocks w

ficulty in moving at all Every one of these h which the elephant mov to place consists of fou and two 6 and 3-inch ho one elephant can draw, single piece of artillery, to strain him at all they paired or driven tandem. in such a battery as th scribed, twelve elephani These are not all emplo the artillery at the sar is well not to work a

hard, because, if that is APT TO BECOME despite his usual tracta reason the elephants an usage and under those c all that is asked of th The elephant battery guns thereof, is always ammunition wagons an ing to the fact that the perly trained elephants locks are still utilized draught for the batte ments. The fact that ! required to draw the baggage forms a striki tween their powers at elephants, for the gros ammunition and the b itely less than that

itself The British artillery tempt to manage the draw the guns. To task, there is emply twelve mahouts, with t the latter being unde of an official known captain. All are nativ besides the elephant of called, there are with jemadar, six sirdars who care for the bul it can be seen that a lery in India amoun In fact, it is a little a every one of the na supposed to be comp to fight if necessary. Whenever it happe

tery is to be transpor tance. THE RAILROA as an aid, if it can available. In such of sary, of course, to t phants by rail, and been made for the pu are in appearance 1 coal cars on our railr ing about one-half th car. At one end of house in appearance, omitted. In this lit mahout, or attendan who sees that during does not become fri no opportunity of inj no opportunity of in er the rest of the ca There are three ste

side. Running leng

ed to thes eare two of about the size of At the end block tunity of egress, an beams of the size From, the highest steel on the side ri steel to a height wi clear of the elepha the top of these sn in the form of the steel section, and t the elephant from down. He must eit ly or stand up across the car and a section of steel on beam that keeps the