

Seeking a Dying Bridegroom.

The house surgeon at one of the principal London hospitals has written to a medical journal relating the following incident, which I commend to novelists and dramatists. A well dressed, lady-like woman, speaking with a French accent, requested a private interview with a "dying" subject. She said that the young woman, a relative of hers, was married to some property if she were married, but would lose it if she remained single. Having no other resource, she was desirous of saving any "dying" man, so that, having been legally united to him, she might obtain her property, without at the same time being saddled with a husband. Having failed in their efforts to accomplish this matter in Paris, they had come on a pilgrimage to London in search of a competent moribund. The absent house surgeon was engaged, and the first is suitable "dying" man found. If he were a widower with children, they offered to make a provision for them. The gentleman reluctantly decided to be a party to such a proceeding, but I conceive that a search among the poorer parts of London, or any large town, would speedily be rewarded with success. Only it would be terribly awkward if the flickering lamp of the bridegroom, instead of being extinguished, were to flare up and again burn steadily.—London *T.*



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