

THE FUGITIVE.

A hunted thing, through copse and wood... Night after night he skulked and crawled.

He paused in fear each step he took... And waited till the moon was gone.

Then stole in by the little brook... That still laughed down the terraced lawn.

And up the well-known path he crept... And through the tangled briars tore.

There song and lights were still afar... And by her he could see one stand.

Who spoke with her and took her hand... And then he fled.

Then back by copse and wood he crept... White yet the dawn was cold and dim.

And while in her white room she slept... 'Twas his old hound crawled back with him.

—Century.

THE END OF IT ALL.

DOLLY and I had been arguing—as we usually had. But, strange as say, neither of us had enjoyed it.

It was a regularly understood institution between us, that we would quarrel about once in so often.

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had long ago decided that we had better keep apart for some time to come. Because they had so decided and sternly forbidden any engagement until we should both be of age, at least, we had gloried in the fact that we should be engaged some time.

And to-night, for the first time, we had enjoyed neither the quarrel nor the reconciliation, and neither of us had made any reference to that coming engagement.

I had been rather silent about it for some time. I was so anxious to make the engagement, and Dolly, who I knew how to set about it, Dolly, I feared, had been silent recently for quite other causes.

The grim old aunt with whom she lived and who was her guardian would harm my cause all she could. I felt sure, Dolly reported that she, too, had been silent concerning the coming engagement for some time.

An opposition is always food for Dolly's determination I was not as grateful for this silence on the part of her aunt as I might have been.

While I was wondering how to render the engagement an actual fact instead of an ephemeral promise, Dolly's voice broke the silence unpleasantly.

"This is the last quarrel I will ever have with you," it announced, to my astonishment.

"I hope so, Dolly," I answered, going over and sitting down on the sofa beside her.

Amateur Photography.



Taking Portraits at Home. One of the most interesting features of amateur photography is the taking of portraits.

The light down upon the sitter. Over this is put a cover of black cloth, the light may not come through and strike the lens of the camera.

White and black paper will answer as well as cloth. The camera must be placed high enough on the tripod or the hood be brought down low enough so that no light from the upper sash may fall upon the amateur.

Disintegration of the anti-Cummins organization began the night before the convention with the onslaught upon the ranks of John Herritt of Guthrie, one of its many candidates for Governor.

At 11:15 the convention was called to order by Chairman Weaver of the State central committee, he asking the delegates to rise while Rev. S. M. Weaver, pastor of the Methodist church, offered prayer.

The roll of the convention in credentials kept the convention ticket makers waiting until nearly 5 o'clock. The delay was on the contest in Carroll and Jackson.

General Roberteau's father brought over with him his silver plate, family Bible and other valuables, which Dr. Holdery, his grandson, has now in Atlanta.

The four revolutions in which these relics were buried were first in France in 1830, then in Philadelphia in 1776 in the war of 1812, and lastly in Madison, N. C., during the war between the States.

Extermination of birds is not alone the work of fashionable vanity but of fashionable gluttony. The seizure in a New York cold-storage warehouse of great numbers of dead birds during the close season illustrates the easy evasion of the law by those careless of consequences.

In hotels travelers often find upon the bills of fare the names of birds unknown to ornithologists and dictionary makers. When asked what kind of birds these represent the waiters are perplexed to answer only by smiles and silence, or by confessions of ignorance.

When ex-President Kruger was in the room, he was greatly troubled by a few deaths of animals in scientific laboratories. Why should this stupid and ruinous war of extermination of birds, with its great resultant suffering, not arouse the energies of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals?

CUMMINS IS CHOSEN.

NAMED FOR GOVERNOR BY IOWA REPUBLICANS. Convention Gives Herritt Second Place—Platform Indorses McKinley and the Iowa Delegation in Congress—Weaver, Brown, Barrett, the Other Nominees.

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A COWARDLY SOVEREIGN.

The Sultan's Unhappy Life Through Fear of Assassination. The most ardent coward among the royal folk of Europe is Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey. A record of his life would be a drama of cowardice, and the most fearful of dramas at that.

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Prof. Vambury was astonished at this evidence of lack of absolute power in the Sultan's private household. Abdul smiled, and explained. It happened often that he wished to show faith in a guest—that is, only appeared as if he would order the guard to retire, the guard would remain, and Abdul would go on with the conversation, seemingly under the impression that the guard had really gone. Only the third command was to be taken literally.

When the Sultan has finished his little confidence he invited the professor to sit opposite him at a little table and have some tea. Now, the Sultan does not take sugar, so he forgot to offer his visitor any. The bowl was at the Sultan's elbow, but the professor was not used to asking a monarch to wait on him. Still he could not drink the tea as it was, and he leaned over the table to reach for the sugar. All in a flash the Sultan was on his feet, his hand in his pocket, his face pallid. The gesture of the harmless old savant looked to him like assassination.

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