

OF ANGEL.

understood at once that... he had even... the chief... explained that... the women disappearing... the head clerk of... the disappearances were... women between twenty... women that were... claimed against the... communication im... for his daughter's... besides, supposing... husband willingly... known her intention... she would have car... luggage, and, more... would not have accept... such incredible resig... of police put to him... went away will... shall send you an in... your disposal some... accustomed to make... it will cost you a... but I doubt of the... of the crew. Or else... committed, as you... I have not sufficient... search to be... yourself to the... upon your affidavit... of justice in motion... but the unhappy... consulted his wife and... after having sent... who could obtain no... he could not pass... and he... in the hands of judi... had the case ex... and Mrs. Champion... owner. Leonora was... They had made the... Brownlow in the... of a mutual friend... to an honorable family... but had lost it... was known con... that he was without... position. They had... to Miss... had fallen deeply in... gentleman. The... their consent to the... that she would... her husband but... on both... of age she mar... Unfortunately... her major... of a large fort... left her by an aunt... must have been ac... The marriage had... formally expressed... since that time all... the two families had been... through the servants and... of Leonora, who con... there was trouble... were often violent... the husband and the wife... which Mr. Brown... justified any kind of... and so interest in cov... things of his wife if... or to hide the motives... knew them. Of course... to a murder to a... bringing up... suspicion. But it... a man of a secret... been carried away... and that once the... had applied all the re... and intelligent mind... could hardly be... position like Mr. Brown... so frightful a... how difficult it is... the husband had come... you would suppose that... his wife over a precipice... or strangled her in... could not have left his... he had returned... morning. It was not... he could have found the... for the execution of the... to exact from him... the employment of his... what reasons he might... for this apparently... appearance... Gustave Brownlow... himself to... prosecutor. On see... was struck by the... determination which... one could read... a cold resolution and... He took a seat... looking attentively... The two men observed... opening hostilities. The... for a moment in the... would by his first... of some kind; but... prolonged he was... conversation... you, sir, to ask you for... of the disappearance of

to the representative of the law. Let me remind you of it." "I do not know by what right you question me upon what passes in my house, and I find your inquisitiveness offensive." "There can be no offense in the exercise of a legal mission. I invite you to answer me and to do it politely." "Set me the example by not mixing yourself in my affairs without being asked." "I am obliged to mix myself in your affairs," answered the prosecutor, becoming impatient; "before going farther in this affair I had a wish to talk with you in the hope that the explanations that you might have given me would put me in a position to calm the anxiety of a justly alarmed family; but your answers justify all suppositions." "What suppositions do you allude to?" asked Gustave Brownlow. "You have killed your wife." "You are impudent, sir." "Take care, sir; you insult me." "It was you who insulted me first by throwing in my face an allegation unbecoming among well-bred people. Name two of your friends; I will put them in relation with my own and to them we will submit our difference." "What! A challenge! You may retire, sir. I shall find a way to make you speak." "It was not worth while to disturb me if you had nothing else to tell me." The two interlocutors coldly separated. The public prosecutor was indignant and exasperated. He was used to speak to humble people who endeavored to please him and always were respectfully submissive in his presence, and he could not admit the pretension of this man to treat him as an equal. He had been on the point of having him arrested on the spot, upon the accusation of insulting a law officer in the exercise of his functions; then he was afraid to open a prosecution; then he was afraid of a personal incident. It is always disagreeable to acknowledge that we have been treated disrespectfully. He had, besides, a perfectly regular means at his disposal to make his adversary understand that one can not thus attempt to baffle justice; it was to allow the proceedings to follow their normal course. The very same day he sent the papers to a judge, with his own brief to the court, and the next day an inspector of police, accompanied by two detectives, presented himself at the house of Mr. Brownlow with a warrant of arrest. The prisoner made no resistance and no observation. In conformity with the law he was taken within twenty-four hours to the Tombs and submitted to a first interrogatory. Asked as to whether he wished to answer the complaint, the prisoner declared that the warrant of arrest had modified the situation. So far he had been a citizen acting in the fullness of his liberty; he had determined not to be forced to answer questions which no one had a right to ask him; he had become angry at his visitors. Now, as he was in the hands of the law, he had no reason for refusing to answer. He did not consider himself when before the judge as a man in the presence of an equal, but as a prisoner standing before the representative of the law, and he was disposed to answer the questions that might be addressed to him in so far as they bore directly upon the accusation. Consequently he told his name, first name, age, profession, his address and place of birth. He affirmed to the judge who questioned him that he could read and write, and that he had never been arrested before, and that he had satisfied his obligations as a citizen. But when the magistrate asked him if he had killed his wife he simply answered: "No." "Where is she?" "I do not know." "When did she go away?" "On Tuesday, the 14th, between seven and half-past seven o'clock." "What circumstances have caused her departure?" "As to that, I do not owe any account to any one." The judge remarked to him that this systematic refusal to answer singularly aggravated his case, and even constituted, to tell the truth, the only serious charge against him. He replied with an imperturbable coolness that he could not be prosecuted for the simple fact that his wife had left his house and that was the only fact he acknowledged. "You accuse me of having killed my wife," said he. "I deny it. It is for you to furnish the proof. Show me her body. I can not prove that I have not killed my wife. Prove to me that I have killed her." "But what reasons have you to refuse the explanations which would save you from an indictment of murder? If there is any thing of a delicate nature concerning the honor of your name you must have confidence enough in the justice of your country to know that it will not be divulged. The personal duty of the magistrate, as well as his professional honor, is a guarantee to you. If you do not answer it is because you have something to hide. It is in your own interest to speak for whatever you have to hide could never be as grave as that of which you are accused." "I shall answer no question which has not a direct bearing on the act of which I am accused. State your proofs; I shall discuss their value. My wife's disappearance is not a proof that I have killed her." After this interrogatory the judge made out a warrant of arrest against Brownlow on.

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