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SOME PEN PICTURES.

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is hard to free one's self from the sense of being at a theater, yet the dignity, the solemnity, the vital importance of the proceedings, have in a way stamped themselves on every detail. Each one of the lawyers apparently trivial questions is freighted with an importance that is almost red and lurid when it is realized that the successful forging of this chain of aid. forging of this chain of evidence will bring from the lips of the stern man under the red canopy the awful words, "To be hanged by your neck until you are dead."

The morbid, curious crowd

coming to this room to be thrilled, to be carried out of themselves by the touch of something strange, something uncanny and unreal in comparison with their every-day lives, are thrilled, for the inquisitive craning of necks is not noticeable. It is a quiet, self-respecting crowd that feels as it respecting crowd that feels as it enters the court that life and death, murder and its judgment are high matters that silence all frivolous, foolish questionings. Still, it is strange that people must seek to be thrilled in this manner. What of the sublimity of mountains, the grandeur of an oratorio, the depth of the sea and sky, if one would be thrilled?

Even the thrill that has its

Even the thrill that has its rebound in the cry of righteous indignation is useless, harmful even in its clouding of the clear, cool light of reason that must be brought to bear on the examina-tion of facts.

To the men to whom the Durrant trial is not a melodramatic show, or even a subject of inter-ested gossip, but part of their daily toil, the sensational element appears to be almost lost. The members of the jury yawn and stretch their limbs, occasionally waking up to an interest in the cross-examination, then relapsing again into a fitigue at the longdrawn-out proceedings. But there is not a man among them who has not a face expressive of firmness of conviction and tenacity of

purpose.
The lawyers lose their consciousness of the far end of the trial in their acrobatic displays in cross questioning the witnesses.

The District Attorney looks allwise and all-knowing, but with
infinite capabilities of reserve. The violets in his buttonhole and the fresh color in his face would be the same at a fashionable soires.

Judge Murphy looks as if he had endured much and had learned with difficulty to be tclerant, calm, waiting and non-committal. He seems to hold the whole room in the hollow of his hand, and no little part, and the Judge sits serene over them all.

Blanche Lamont's hat is held up in the court room, and for a moment a conscious shudder is in the air. She could tell enough to make the work of Judge, jury and lawyers useless and unnecessary if she were only there. In a sense she is there. Her poor mutilated corpse raises its pale, accusing form; the dry logic of the law is warmed and moved and pushed onward by the animus that cries, "A life for a life."—
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LOST-A small boy about the size of a man, freckle built and slim complexion; he wore a pleasant smile, and carried a wooden bag containing a couple of left-handed railroad tunnels, a second hand porous plaster, also one of Brown & Kubey's late catalogues. When last seen the lad was in their store on Hotel street examining some fine jack knives. *

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