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strange awful noise, a herrid burning in my face was held toward me. Great Heavens! it head; and I remembered no more. fed that I was deaf and dumb and that my baby wildly about me for a child that might be and my husband were missing. I was able my own. I heard a gruff voice of one of the to walk about the room and pick up here from an say; "Here is the baby all safe but and there a broken toy or some little his mother is quite dead." I turned to where trinket which had been my darling's, the man stood, holding the little fellow in his Attorney at Law, Room So. S. U. S. Land Office My nurse and physician wrote on a slate and arms. I went up to him and held out my building Wighlian Ray. told me I had had a narrow escape from death, hands. It was my baby. He looked pale that I had been shot in the head, and that it and weak and the lips lisped; "Dat is my was quite probable that I would never hear aser mamma." I screamed and snatched my SANKEY & CAMPBELL nor speak again. My first question was to baby, I called him once more by name and ask where the baby was, and my husband. I pressed him to my bosom. saw the doctor and nurse exchange glances I could talk, I could hear, I had found my and by the movement of their lips I could baby, I cared for nothing now only to go tell they were consulting each other. I would back to New York and carry my darling. Afrora-y at Law, Office over Shaw's Missle stor questre pestoffice, German speaker. Wichita, Kan have given the world had I possessed it to I heard only that the beautiful cruel have spoken to them or to have heard their woman had leaped from her window to esconversation. But speech and hearing were cape the flames and was instantly killed denied me and I wrote on the little slate; While I was scarching for her she was living "Tell me where my darlings are or I shall go | in the same building with my own child. I mad." I felt myself grow weak and dizzy as took my baby home with me and a centent the doctor handed me the slate and I trem- came back, sweet ane pure. bled so I could hardly hold it as I read; I am now an old woman, I sit in my easy Heaven." My sight failed, I felt nothing while I dictated. He has a sweet wife and but a keen pain at my heart and I knew no two beautiful children, who are Grandma's

When I awoke they told me it had been six menths since I had even recognized a friend. Yet, strange to say, I remembered very distinctly the day I had tell in a dead swoon on hearing of my great misfortune. I grew strong and began to walk about the Homecepathist, Office opposite postefflee, Eest dence, Cl. North Main street, Wichin, Kansus. Tele-phone 112. place as I had long ago. But my heart seemed to be frezen. Nothing thrilled or Everything Kept in a First-Class cheered me, I was totally insensible to the beauties of my home and its surroundings. I wandered aimlessly about, thinking of nothing but my boy and papa. One day it suddenly dawned upon my mind that they had never told me anything concerning the death of my husband or baby. I walked into the SANTA FE BAKERY house and into the room, where my old nurse sat in the corner by the fireside. I wrote on my little tablet and asked her to tell me the whole thing concerning the death of my husband and child. She first looked as though she was trying to frame some excuse, but I wrote emphatically; "You must tell me now," and handed her my tablets and pencil. She wrote; "Your husband shot you and then shot himself, your baby we suppose is dead, but he was stolen first; I can tell you nothing more." As I read the terrible words my blood seemed to freeze, then grow hot with rage. Who had dared to be so cruel as to steal my baby? Why was it my husband sought my life and his own? I would no longer live an aimless life, but would spend my time in the future in searching for my babe. I signed to the nurse to leave the room, I wished to be alone. Nervously I paced the floor, pressing my hands to my bewildered brain and trying to invent some plan by 23"Shop, 18 Main street. Residence on Lawrence avenue near Central. Postonics box 25". I sent for Dr. Smith and told him my intenpsecialties: Diseases of the Eye, Far. Nose and I sent for Dr. Smith and teld him my interseon. Catarria and fitting glasses. Office southwest tions. He handed me an old paper and showed me the notice of the death of a little child:

darling, but I did not believe it.

tice was a fraud, and that my little boy lived and that I should find him. I began to lay my plans. I went first to my husband's desk and examined everything carefully. I tried to recall everything that passed between my husband and myself previous to going into the office room. I could not remember that Farm Mortgages, Wichita, he had looked in the least out of humor or excited.

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"This is probably the last time you will ever hear of me; I write to say, good-bye. Why is it we have to live separated? You don't love her; she is not yours, nor never will be, I alone am the one to love you and make you happy. But as you still cling to her on account of the boy, I must bid you good-bye, my darling, tho' it breaks my heart. Should anything ever happen to you or to ber I shall Professional Piano Tuner and Repairer. References, Catherine Bussell and Thomas Shaw & Co. All planos tune by the wave system—the only method that will tune your plano perfect and make it sound charming. Work guaranteed. Leave orders with Thomas Shaw & Co., music dealers, Main street. anything ever happen to you or to her I shall have your little child. "I sail tomorrowf or London. Farewell.

My fingers dropped the paper as though it had burnt them. Great God! My husband false to me, and I be so blind. I picked up the picture, Oh! such eyes, such lips, such hair, my eyes never saw a fairer face. Had that beautiful viper taken my little child, and had she put the cruel sea between our faces? The thought was maddening. I should go to London. I called my nurse and informed her that I was going to take a trip to London and she would begin packing

In a few weeks I was snugly fitted up in a little room in London. I went out every day, I went everywhere. I was looking for a face, one I knew nothing could erase from my memory. One day I was visiting an Art Gallery, and in looking over the pictures I recognized the face of my dear little boy. Oh! Joy beyond measure, he lived and I should again feel his little arms encircle my neck. I made inquiries as to whose child he was and the students told me he was the child of a wealthy widow living in London. Could they give me her name? No, but the lady would be at the place on Wednesday at two oclock, if I would call I could have the pleasure of seeing her. I replied that I should call. I drove back to my rooms and sat down to think over the past events. Could I but find my boy and get my speech and hearing. The latter seemed hopeless. While the tears The loud ringing of a bell called me from trickled down my wan cheeks and I mourned a melancholy meditation, one gloomy morn- for my lost love and the days of happiness ing in April. I had been sitting for some that I knew were lost forever, and the crushed time in my room dreaming of days gone by, leaves of a mistaken trust were lying dreamwhen I had been a happy child, a gay maiden lessly over a heart that was broken. Ah! What was that? A sound? Yes, my reverie But those days were gone to come back to was broken by a dim clamorous noise. Yes. me never more. I thought of a bright-eyed Oh Joy! it was really the sound of a bell and boy who had played about my knee in those no dream. A loud noisy bell. I stood up ant hours I passed with my beautiful boy my grabbing me around the waist and jerking time was occupied by keeping my husband's me out of the room and gasping "Fire!" accounts. I go back now to the last time I tried to make a noise but my poor tongue was dumb. I found myself in the streets It had been my custom to go to the desk surrounded by a lot of frantic women and at about ten in the morning. On this partic- children. I never noticed the angry flames ular morning I had gone to the desk as usual, licking up the building, but my eyes peered taking care to see that baby was comfortable into the crowd of strange faces about me. before I left him. As I entered the office Suddenly there was a terrific yell and everyroom I noticed nothing out of place or dis- body rushed toward a clump of something arranged in any way. I had only sat a few white lying still upon the pavement. I saw moments at the desk when I felt or hearda a womans form lifted and a beautiful dead wasAnna's face. But where was my baby? Three weeks from that day I awoke to find Why had sho not him with her? I looked

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