

Poetry.

A Graceful Tribute.

Among the many graceful tributes which their Excellencies have received in view of the near approach of their departure for England, is the following, from the pen of a prominent citizen:—

THE COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN.

Dear Lady! when you leave our shore,
Thou'lt leave a blank all will deplore;
Yet not for thy high rank alone,
But generous kindness ever shown,
To all of high or low degree,
If worthy of thy courtesy,
At princely fete or fancy ball,
Which lent such charms to Rideau Hall,
And fairly seemed enchanted scene,
"The Arabian Nights" surpassed, I ween,
"The Enchantress"—Lady Dufferin—
With plays that waked our hopes and fears,
Provoked our mirth, drew forth our tears,
So true appeared in mimic art
The passions that will stir the heart;
And when we cease to feel their sway,
We've seen life's brightest, happiest day,
No matter what the Stoics say,
Nor should I fail the fact to state
How some enjoyed a vigorous skate,
And risked a fall—perchance their fate!
For tho' around was ice and snow,
Moved fairy forms with cheeks aglow,
And sparkling eyes that in a trice,
Dissolved the coldest formal ice,
And formed instead a magic spell;
But what it wrought let others tell,
I will not doubt all ended well.
Now parting soon, we'll wish all joy,
With safe return to Clondeboyne;
And tho' the Atlantic rolls between,
Our hearts will keep the memories green,
Of Lord and Lady Dufferin.

THE MARKED FINGER.

A Story from the English.

(CONCLUDED.)

He was within twenty yards of the couple when they passed the great gates, which were swung to with a terrible noise.

Again Sir Chester uttered a savage cry, for he knew he could not open them without the key, kept in his library, and that while he was sealing the wall they would escape.

He ran to the gate, and then it must have been that he fainted.

When he came to himself, he saw vaguely in the moonlight, and lying near him, a small white object.

He touched it, and shuddered. Briefly, it was a human finger, tattooed with seven small, purplish stars.

"It was Hever!" he muttered. The finger had unquestionably been caught by the great iron gate and nipped off like a twig by the immense weight of the iron acting on the edges of the gate.

How long had they escaped? In his fall his watch-glass was broken, and the hands were stopped. He never knew how he got back to the house.

"If you please, my lady is now in her room. Here, help!" suddenly cried the servant.

He fainted again. He went to his library, and there he found the key of the grape-gates still swinging on its nail.

"How can she be back?" he thought. "I saw her take flight."

She looked when suddenly he entered the room—the first time he had done so during their married life.

"Have you been from the castle, Lady Bowden?" he asked.

"No," she said gravely.

By that time he knew that he had lain insensible during a whole hour near the gate.

"She must have returned," he said, by the gate, and passed carelessly by my quiet body. She hates me. But why has she returned?"

Next day he called upon Hever. The reply sent down was that Mr. Hever was not well, but hoped to be at the ball in the evening.

How he watched for Boleyn Hever's appearance.

He came, and of course gloved. No sign of the missing finger.

Sir Chester went up to him smilingly on the left side and grasped his left hand. The glove yielded.

The middle finger of the glove had been stuffed with wool.

They were standing a little apart. Still holding the maimed hand, he said,

"You have sinned with my wife. You fled from me last night; but Heaven avenged me, and cleft your marked finger from your wicked hand. Dare you smile?"

"Beware! I have always been your one friend, and last night was more your friend than ever."

"A hypocrite as well as monster!" he said. "Do you know what I am going to do?"

"What?"

"Kill that woman here before her guests, and, like my father, make an end to myself."

"And as needlessly, madman. The woman you saw came with me to warn your wife, out of her own experience, to bear any cruelty you might heap upon her rather than take flight. The poor creature may or may not have been guilty, Chester; but she proved her love for you when she forced herself to see your wife and save her from such an out-

cast life as her own has been for many years."

"Who—who was she?"
"Your mother. Ah!—is there a doctor here!"

Past earthly help, for Sir Chester Bowden had fallen forward—dead!
But his hands were entreatingly clasped.

Dissolution of Co-partnership.

THE Co-partnership hitherto subsisting between the Subscribers, under the style or firm of

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(Signed) GEO. DAVIES,
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Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 1st, 1878.

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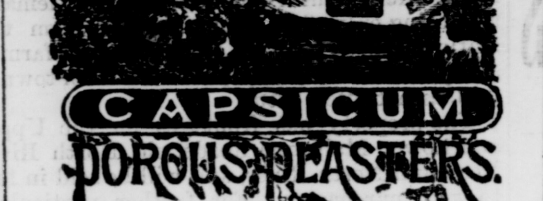
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