

Another Domestic Tragedy.
A recent trial for murder has created great interest throughout Scotland, and has given another revelation to those intellects which it is to be feared are everywhere too common, though it is only now and then that they come prominently before the public. The accused in this case was a Frenchman called Eugene Marie Chantrelle, who has for a good number of years been a teacher of French in Edinburgh, and has occupied a fair position in society. The victim was his wife, and the facts testified to on the trial brought to light a course of the most heartless villainy on the part of Chantrelle, and are calculated to read a very grave lesson to all parents and guardians, as well as to young and thoughtless girls, if they could only be persuaded to attend to it and profit by the same. It is the old, old story. Chantrelle taught in ladies' boarding schools, and was evidently possessed of a good deal of external polish and insinuating plausibility. Among his pupils was the poor girl who afterwards led such a wretched life as his wife. He was her senior by about fifteen years; yet when she was comparatively a child, scarcely turned sixteen, and a mere thoughtless school-girl, he managed to seduce her. Her relatives thought it best, in order in a measure to hide her disgrace, to have him marry her, and so, with not even the pretence of affection, this ill-starred union was formed, and naturally resulted in any amount of misery, which has at last been dissolved by murder, and is likely to end with the gallows.

Chantrelle never took to his child-wife, and though both parents seem to have been fond of the children who were born to them, this did not bring them nearer to each other. The husband was a careless debauchee, who did not think it necessary to keep up even appearances with his wife, while she struggled along as best she might on as sad and loveless a course as can well be imagined.

In such a state of things it is not difficult to imagine how that by-and-by the wish to get free from an irksome bondage would suggest possible ways by which this might be accomplished. Hatred is but a short remove from murder, as it is its great prompting cause. But Chantrelle was thrifty even in his crimes. He thought to get quit of his wife, and at the same time profit by her death. Mrs. Chantrelle was a young, and upon a whole, a healthy woman, leading a quiet life, and little exposed to any danger from accidents, except such as may be common to all. The husband, however, thought it well to insure her life for a thousand pounds in an Accident Society, though the wife protested that she saw not the least necessity for the step, and told her mother that after that insurance her life would go speedily. Her anticipations were only too surely and quickly realized. Death came evidently by poisoning, and her husband had the theory ready that it was occasioned by the escape of gas in the bedroom, though neither servant nor doctor was able to recognize the presence of such a quantity of gas either in the house in general or in the bedroom in particular, as to have occasioned death. That Mrs. Chantrelle died by poisoning of some kind was acknowledged on all hands. If not, then, by gas, by what? Medical testimony pointed strongly to opium, as all the symptoms were of narcotic poisoning. If so, the next question was, by whom was it administered? It was proved that it was not by the victim herself, so at last the guilt was led very clearly, though on circumstantial evidence, up to the husband. The verdict of the jury is on all hands recognized as a righteous one, and the moral of the whole story is not far to seek. Mrs. Chantrelle, disgraced and dishonored as she was, did not wish to marry her seducer. French honor, however, was urged as an imperative reason for the irrevocable step being taken; and now, after years of misery and sin, one of the parties to this ill-starred union has been murdered, and the scaffold will, in a few days, in all likelihood, close the tragedy for the other.

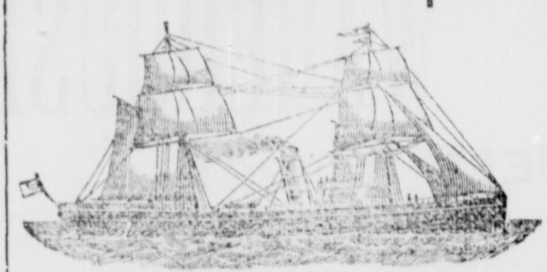
No one can have much sympathy for the man who could take advantage of his position and the trust reposed in him to seduce a girl that might almost have been his daughter. But surely a good many mothers and friends may take the hint from this and other similar tragedies that forced marriages, for whatever reason, can never issue in anything but misery. They are too often but one long continued crime, morally, and may at any moment issue in being one that is legal. Is the family disgrace really cancelled or concealed by a loveless marriage which makes the sin and degradation to be in all likelihood for life? In the light of such tragedies as this Chantrelle one, the reply to such a question may be very strongly given in the negative.

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