#### FOILED BY A WOMAN.

A Leaf from The Diary of a Detective

"Madame, it is my duty to arrest

you."
"You dare not !"

The lips were white with passion rather than fear, and the lady stood betore me like a lioness at bay. Even then I could not but note the splendid beauty of this grand lady. Tall and slender, eyes black and flashing—almost lurid now, the spectacle she presented, standing there in the middle of the apartment, was more the appearance

of a queen than a hunted criminal.
"I must," I replied, "I do not doubt
your innocence. Looking into your face it is strange that any one could couple it with guilt; but I am constrained to

do my duty, however inimical it may be to my feelings."
"Will you allow me to change my dress?" she said, in a tone almost pleasant. The hard lines around her mouth had relaxed, and the passionate glow on the face gave way to a pleasant

"Certainly, I will wait for you

"I wish also to send a messenger for a friend; will you permit him to "Certainly."

"This was my first interview with Eugenia Cornill. I had seen her here for months, the leader of our gayest and most fashionable society. In her splendid mansion she dispensed with the most profuse and elegant hospital-

A Spanish lady--a widow she had represented herself, and had been a resident here almost a year. No one ever suspected hor of being aught than what she seemed, until one day I was ordered to arrest her as a murderess.

It was now alleged, said Mr. F., that this young beauty was no other than the woman who had poisoned her hus-band in Havana, and fled with all his wealth. An immense reward was offered for her apprehension, and the circumstances that had come to our knowledge pointed her out beyond all doubt as the person we were in search of -Yet the person who recognized her the evening before at the theatre advised us to be careful lest she should escape us. I laughed at the idea. Mr. I, and myself wire surely sufficient to arrest a lady. We were old enough in the ways of cunning to defent any such attempt. When the lady left me, I stopped to the window, and said to Mr I who was wait-

ing at the door.
"The lady desires to send a messenger for a friend, suffer him to pass."
Almost at the same instant the door of the spartment the lady had entered opened, and a youth—apparently a mu-latto boy—came out and passed hurried-ly through the room into the hall, and

from thence into the street. It was no doubt, the messenger, I thought, and I picked up a book and commenced reading. Nearly an hour passed, and still the lady did not make her appearance, nor did the boy return. The friend she had sent for must live at some distance, I thought, or the lady is unusually careful about her torlet, and so another hour went by. At last I became impatient, and knocked at the

"Madame, I can wait no longer." There was no reply. I knocked re-peatedly, and at last determined to force an enterance. Strange fears harrassed me. I began to suspect I know not what. It took but a moment to drive in the door, and, once in the room, the mys-tery was revealed. The robes of the lady lay upon the floor, scattered over the room were suits of boy's wearing apparel, similar to that worn by the mulatio boy. On the table was a cosmetic that would stain the skin to a light delicate brown.

I was foiled, for a surety; the lady had escaped in the disguise of the mes-senger. I should have detected the ruse; I felt humiliated, and determined to redress my error. I knew she would than she could get away. I hurried to her bankers, but found that she had drawn the amount due her an hour

"Who presented the check?" I asked

of the clerk. "A mulatto boy. It was made payable

to bearer."

There was yet a chance. The French steamer left within an hour. It was possible she would seek that means of escape. I jumped into a cab and arriv. ed there ten minutes before she left the wharf-just in time to assist an aged decrepit gentleman into the cabin .-There was a few passengers; none of them answered the description of the person I sought. I stood on the wharf watching the receding vessel until it disappeared I was in the act of turning away, when a hackman approached me with the remark :

"Mr. F., did you see that old man on board? He had a long white beard, and hair that fell on his shouldors ?"

him."
"Why?"

"Why, sir, when he got into my car-riage he was a mulatto boy, and when he got out he was an old man !"

I will not repeat the expression I used then—it was neither refined nor polite—for I knew the vessel would be far out to sea before she could be overtaken. I was foiled by a woman. Nor could I help rejoicing, now that the chuse was over, that she had especially

Innocent or guilty, there was a charm about her none could resist. The spell of her wondrous beauty affected all who approached her. It lingers in my memory yet, and I could not have the sin of her blood upon my con-

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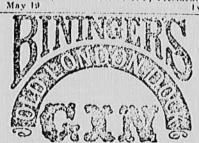
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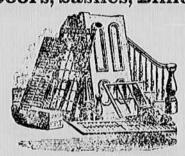
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"Day by day her strength melted away; at last she broke down. She could go no more to the daily lesson; it was too late now to give her food, kindly smiles, or more wages. Her cry from morn to night, as she rocked to and fro, pressing her hands on her burning forehead, was, 'Mother, mother, my brain is gone.' One day she was found with one hand copying verses from the Bible, and with the other had gashed herself with a kuife. It was then I first heard of the case. I advised her mother to send her to the hospital for the insane. My advice was taken. I often went to inquire after her. I found the place full of governesses, and all the kind ness could do seemed to be done for them. She soon became a raving luna-

"One day I took two of her sisters to see her. It was their first visit to the hospital, and they brought some flowers to give the patient. They were just in time to see her die. In her cell, with an angel smile ou her young face, lay the little governess. She had fought the fight of life to its bitter end, and all was over now; and with a look as though she blessed the world which killed her, her young spirit passed away to God.

"There was a post mortem examination. Congestion of the brain was the cause of her death-hard work, they said, the cause of the congestion. A little food, a little kind thoughtfulness on the part of those who employed her migh have saved her life and the broken heart of her widowed mother.

The birds were singing gayly, the sun was shining brightly, as they laid her by her father's side in a quiet country grave. There were few mourners, but some poor children and an old cripple, whom she taught and to whom she read the Bible on Sundays-her only holidays - came some miles to see the

last of the little teacher. "Sir, in telling this story, I do not cast blame on any one, but I hope those who read it, if they employ governesses, will remember that human creatures are not mere machines; and if they see them fagged and worn, will think of the story of this poor child, whose soul now rests in a kindler world than this."

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