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And as I shall SELL FOR CASH, I can

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NEW PRICES!

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Which for QUALITY, QUANTITY and PRICE, we feel assured cannot be surpassed by any store in the country. Our New Rooms being about four times the size of those we formerly occupied, enables us to keep a full assortment of all articles connected with our business, and which consists in part of

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Such as ladies' fashionable dress goods, all varieties and grades; calicoes, muslins, sheetings, ticklings, shirtings, towellings, hosiery, cotton thread, silk and kid gloves, dress and cloak trimmings, ribbons, laces, shawls, cloakings, flannels, thread, needles, &c., &c Also,

GENT' FURNISHING GOODS,

such as cloths, cassimeres, satinetts, jeans, denims, linen and cotton goods, collars, cravats, neck ties, buck, lisle, wool, cotton, silk and kid gloves; wool and cotton half hose, silk and linen handkerchiefs, &c., &c.

BOOTS and SHOES.

ladies' and children's high shoes, gaiters, buskins, slippers, rubbers, &c. Men's and boys' heavy and fine boots, shoes, gaiters and slippers.

Groceries and Provisions!

Teas, coffee, sugars, molasses and syrups, all grades, varieties and prices. Canned and dried fruits, essences and flavoring extracts, pork, smoked ham and shoulders, dried beef and bacon, salt mackerel, codfish, whitefish and herring.

Also, always on hand, a Choice Article of Fresh Butter, Cheese and Eggs.

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a fine assortment—table and pocket cutlery, table crockery and glass-ware, parlor, hall, dining and bedroom lamps.

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Full sets of Carpenters' and other mechanics tools, of the best manufacture.

Iron, Steel, Powder and Fuse.

a full assortment of Merchant Iron and Steel, in rods and bars, suitable for blacksmiths' or miners use; also sporting and mining powder, and safety fuse, gas pipes and fittings, horse shoes and nails, carpenters' nails and spikes, blacksmiths' anvils, bellows, vices, taps and dies.

FURNITURE, CARPETS AND OIL CLOTH.

In this branch of business, we intend keeping on hand a full supply of parlor suits, bedroom sets, marble-top tables, dining and extension tables, sofas, lounges, tete-a-tetes, ottomans, chairs, rockers, easy chairs, bureaus, safes, wardrobes, wash-stands, bedsteads, towel racks, &c.; also, French Plate and American Mirrors and Looking-Glasses. Hair, cotton, wool and straw mattresses and pillows; bed blankets and linen, all kinds.

☞ Our line of carpets are well selected, and consists of English and American Brussels, Ingrain, Hemp and Rag, Parlor Mats, &c.

Oil Cloths, all widths.

Most of our stock of goods have been recently purchased at the present reduced prices, and have been selected from the best houses in New York, with great care, and which we intend to dispose of at prices as low as can be afforded.—"Quick sales and small profits," being our motto. We have engaged the services of some young gentlemen as salesmen, whose reputation for honesty and politeness are well-known, who will cheerfully exhibit our stock of goods, and inform you of the prices, whether you purchase or not.

Please give us a call.

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March 18-1y

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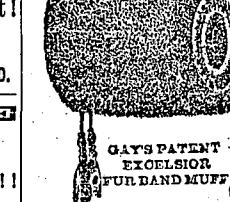


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Call and look at them.

The best Assortment of MINKS ever offered in this City,

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The Subscriber offers for sale about

Twenty Acres of Land

With a valuable mineral deposit, situated in the southern part of Dover, near Chrystal street. Several shafts have been sunk and considerable ore taken out. The property is also very desirable

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Its location healthy and commanding a fine prospect. Situated within ten minutes walk of the business centre of Dover, it is considered, for building sites, equal to any other property in the vicinity of the town.

The price is Five Thousand Dollars, and the terms as liberal as can be desired.

Also for sale several building lots in the neighborhood.

Persons wishing to view the premises may call upon C. H. Munson, in Warren street, or MAHLON MUNSON, on the premises.

Dover, N. J., Nov. 30, 1871, 49-tf.

ADMINISTRATOR'S

Sale of REAL ESTATE

THE Subscriber, administrator of the Estate of John J. Crater, late of the county of Morris, N. J., deceased, by virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of said County, made on the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1871, will sell on the premises, all that part of the Real Estate of which said John J. Crater died seized, in the county of Morris, as is hereinafter described, on

TUESDAY, March 19th, 1872,

Between the hours of 12 noon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day. Said Real Estate being par of the Farm on which said deceased lived, situated in the townships of Chester and Washington, in said county, bounded on the south by lands of Richard Stephens and Elias Hockenbury, on the west by lands of David W. Tiger, on the north by lands of Joel Young, on the east by lands assigned as dower to Mary Crater.

On the land may be found a good

TWO-STORY DWELLING HOUSE

And all necessary Out-buildings, a good spring of water near the door.

APPLE ORCHARD AND A VARIETY OF FRUITS.

The land is in a good state of cultivation, and is well adapted for grazing or farming. There are good indications of Iron Ore on the place. The Farm contains 125 acres, 30 acres of good timber land, Chestnut and Oak.

The land is situated about 3 miles from Chester Railroad Station, on the road leading from Cooper's Mill to Unionville.

Conditions made known on day of Sale, by

PHILIP J. CRATER, Administ'r.

Dated Jan. 15th, 1872.

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AND

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MILL BROOK, N. J.

Also dealer in all kinds of

MINING TIMBER, PLANK,

&c., &c., at very low prices.

N. B.—Orders left at Pierson's Hat & Fur Store Dover, will receive prompt attention.

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SEWING MACHINE

Is the Best of all.

PARTIES desiring to purchase SEWING MACHINES will find it to their advantage to see and try the DOMESTIC before buying any other.

It runs easier and makes less noise than any other having a shuttle.

Uses linen thread or glace cotton.—Tensions are easily managed, being self-adjusting, not found in any other.

Cannot be put out of time—has no cams or gear wheels.

Cannot miss stitches—runs an close—and peculiar motion of needle bar less liable to break needles because it has round shuttle.

Does not break threads, because of superior tensions—is less liable to get out of order—has one hundred less number of parts than most others—has 50 points of superiority over all others.

These excellent machines are given out on trial and thorough instructions free.

Any person buying one of these machines and becoming dissatisfied therewith, can exchange, free of charge, for any other manufacturer.

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The Reason

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GOODS

AT

LAST YEAR'S PRICES

The increase of Sales in their Dress Goods, has compelled them to carry a

Larger and greater variety of Styles than heretofore,

And are now ready with a

New & Splendid Stock.

The only House in which the

SMALL PROFIT SYSTEM

Is strictly adhered to.

Morristown, N. J.

THE ONLY HOUSE

IN TOWN THAT SELLS

Fairchild's Double & Twist Cassimeres, Flannels & Yarns,

IS

KING & JOHNSON'S.

IT WILL PAY

All who desire to purchase

Domestics, Flannels, Shawls, Cloakings, Cloth Cassimeres, Under Garments, Gent's Furnishing Goods, &c.,

To call and examine the Stock of

KING & JOHNSON.


LAWS OF NEW JERSEY.

By Authority.

CHAPTER XCVI.

An act to provide Building Sites for Life Saving Stations on the Coast of New Jersey

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has, at the request of the legislature of this state, made appropriations for the repairing of the various life saving stations, and the building of additional ones, on the coast of New Jersey, and as difficulties have, in some instances, arisen in procuring from the owners of lands, proper sites on which to locate their buildings, and as it is deemed important and necessary in this humane cause that the people of this state should, through their representatives, secure to the United States such sites as the honorable the secretary of the treasury may have selected or may from time to time select, for the erection of buildings for this purpose; therefore,

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That the governor shall nominate three citizens of this state, who shall be confirmed by the senate, who shall be a commission, with authority to procure for the state, by purchase, the title to any land selected by the secretary of the treasury or his agents, for the purpose of erecting any buildings connected with the life saving stations, and not to exceed one-half of an acre of land, at any one point on the New Jersey coast, at such prices as said commissioners, or a majority of them, may deem fair and just; and the title to the same to be taken in the name of the State of New Jersey.

2. And be it enacted, That if the said commissioners cannot agree with the owner or owners of such required lands for the purchase thereof, or when by the legal incapacity or absence of such owner or owners, no such agreement can be made, the said commissioners shall make, or cause to be made, a survey of the land required for the purposes of this act, and a particular description of the same; and shall appoint a particular time when they will meet upon the said land for the purpose of ascertaining and determining the value of the same, and assessing the damages; and they shall cause ten days' notice of such meeting, and a copy of such particular description of the land, to be given in writing to the parties interested, if known and in this state, or if out of this state, such notice to be published in one of the newspapers published in the county where said lands are situate, for a period of at least thirty days prior to the time appointed for such meeting; and the said commissioners shall meet at the time and place so appointed, and proceed to view and examine the said land and make a just and equitable estimate or appraisement of the same, and assessment of damages, which report shall be made in writing under the hands and seals of the said commissioners, or any two of them, and filed within ten days thereafter, together with the aforesaid survey and description of the lands in the clerks office of the county where said lands are situate, to remain of record therein; which report, or a copy thereof, certified by the clerk of said county, shall at all times be considered as plenary evidence of the right of the state to have, hold, use, occupy, control, and possess and enjoy the said land; and the said commissioners shall, at the said time of filing the said report, pay the amount of the said award into the circuit court of the said county where the said lands are situate, for the benefit of the owner or owners of the said land; and the state may take the said land upon the payment of the said award into the said court.

3. And be it enacted, That in case the owner or owners of the said land shall be dissatisfied with the report made by the said commissioners, the party so aggrieved may appeal to the circuit court of the county where the said lands are situate, at the first term after filing of the said report, by proceeding in form of partition to said court, which proceeding shall vest said court with power and right to direct an estimate or appraisement of the value of the land, and assessment of damages, by a jury to be empannelled and sworn as in other cases, and a view of the premises if desired, and the same to be tried at the next term of the said court, to be holden in said county upon like notice, and in the same manner as other issues in said court are tried, and it shall be the duty of the jury to assess the value of the said land and the damages sustained, and if they shall find a greater sum than the commissioners have awarded, then judgment thereon, with costs, shall be entered, and such excess, with the costs, shall be immediately paid into the circuit court for the benefit of the parties interested but if the jury shall find the same or a less sum than the commissioners awarded, then costs shall be paid by the applicant or applicants, and the payments so made, and paid into the circuit court shall be deemed to be valid and legal payments, and such application shall not prevent the state from taking the said land.

4. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall take and file in the office of the secretary of state an oath, well, truly and faithfully to perform the duties of their appointment before entering upon said duties.

5. And be it enacted, That for the purchase of said land the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be paid by the treasurer of this state out of any funds in his hands, not otherwise appropriated, on the warrant of the comptroller, under requisition from the said commissioners.

6. And be it enacted, That immediately after the title to the said lands or sites shall have been acquired by purchase or otherwise, the governor of this state is hereby authorized and required to convey the said lands or sites to the United States, by good and sufficient conveyances, and under the great seal of this state, for building sites for life-saving stations, and for no other purpose, and without compensation to be paid by the United States.

7. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 28, 1872.

CHAPTER CXXXVI.

An act granting an annuity to Ann B. Brittain, daughter of Joseph Brittain.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That the treasurer of this state be and he is hereby authorized and required to pay to Ann B. Brittain, who is the daughter of Joseph Brittain, who donated to this state the land upon which the capitol building now stands, or to her order, the sum of two hundred dollars per annum, during the term of her natural life, in equal semi-annual payments, the first payment to be made upon the approval of this act.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved March 5, 1872.

CHAPTER CXI.

A supplement to an act concerning marriages, passed March fourth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That the powers conferred on justices of the peace by the second section of said act to solemnize marriages, be and the same are hereby extended to and conferred on the mayor of every incorporated city, town or borough of this state, who is required to keep the records and make the returns prescribed in said "Act concerning marriages," and who shall be subject to all the provisions of said act, the same as justices of the peace.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER CXXIX.

A supplement to an act entitled "An act to establish a State Industrial School for Girls," approved April fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That in case any girl under the age of sixteen years shall have been committed to the county jail of any county by any police justice of any city or by any justice or justices of the peace of any county for crime or vagrancy, it shall be lawful for any justice of the supreme court, on complaint of any citizen, to institute summary examination; and if he shall be satisfied that she is a suitable subject for the industrial school, he may commit her thereto by warrant, as in other cases in said act provided.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved March 5, 1872.

CHAPTER CXXIV.

A supplement to the act entitled "An act to provide a Digest of Law and Chancery Reports of the State of New Jersey."

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That it shall be lawful for the justice of the supreme court in their discretion, to revoke any designation or appointment by them made, pursuant to the act to which this is a supplement, and to make a new selection and designation of a person to perform the duties contemplated by said act; and that all the provisions of said act shall, so far as practicable, apply to the person selected and designated, pursuant to the authority hereby granted.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved March 5, 1872.

For the IRON ERA.

WHY I AM GOING TO BE AN OLD MAID.

BY M. P. S.

They say I am getting to be an old maid;
That the bloom of my youth is beginning to fade;
That the style of my garments, the hair o'er my brow,
And my ways, and my habits, are old maidish now.

O, well, folks will talk; let them talk if they please,
But I have a reason the world never sees;
A reason that's sacred why single I've staid,
And why I am getting to be an old maid.

In the still hours of night, I oft see in my dreams
A face; Oh, how vivid and real it seems.
'Tis a face that has vanished from scenes here below;
'Tis the spirit of him that I loved long ago.

I wear in my bosom, pressed close my heart,
His last gift; with that gift I never shall part.
'Tis a locket, enclosing some silky brown hair,
And I scarcely feel lonely with that pressing there.

I stood in his chamber and heard his quick breath;
I pressed his cold hand in the dark hour of death.
He tenderly kissed me and pointing above
Said, "Yonder we'll never be parted, my love."

I might have been wedded, yes, long, long ago,
When my heart was yet torn, and was still bleeding so,
But I could not say "yes" to the offers then made,
And so I am getting to be an old maid.

I oft see a father with children around,
And I think of the loved one who lies in the ground;
I oft see a mother—how happy she seems—
And I think of the face that I see in my dreams.

When life's dream is o'er and the dark stream I've passed,
And I meet my dear love o'er the river at last,
I'will please him, I think, to know single I staid,—
And so I am going to be an old maid.

## Magnificent Hussies.

She takes her breakfast of mornings at that saloon on the corner of Twenty-sixth street and Fourth avenue, where a number of unattended ladies always take theirs. She catches a lunch at Mallard's sometimes, because it is handy. She can be seen any sunny day in the throng of promenaders on Broadway, one of the best dressed, the best looking, and "by jove, the stunningest woman" in a thousand. Just now she has got on a seal-skin jacket, a black silk dress, and half a pound of diamonds. She isn't loud, never vulgar, not fast, nor impudent to the observer. She's only stunning. If you are a Detroit dry goods merchant, stopping, let us say, at the Grand Central, you will probably not her down as the wife of one of our merchant princes, or a mature belle, or a respectable artist of some kind. If you are greenly respectable yourself, as I hope you are, you will be a little afraid of her without knowing why. Well, she isn't the wife of anybody. She is anything you like but that. She is one of the features of all the great cities of civilization, excepting, perhaps, Boston, which repudiates, I understand, these late foreign improvements. She is, not to put too fine a point on it, the woman who, having been spoiled by her own beauty, is too proud to be a prostitute and too independent to be a wife. She is, as a rule, the most mercenary as well as the most magnificent of creatures. It is in this class that you will find, if you should search for them, the worst women that curse society. I was talking with an old officer about them.

"Do you know," says he, "that there's only a few smart villains anywhere. I mean fellows with heads, and that can invent a new job. What do you call that kind of man? Creative kind? Yes, that's it; and them fellers generally keep women in tow. In the first place a woman can play two—what do you call 'em?"

"Roles?"

"Yes, two roles. No matter how bad she is she can come the virtuous or the sentimental dodge, and in nine cases out of ten get backed up in it. There's a particular kind of job that only a woman can carry out, but it generally takes a man to put it up. You know what kind of a trick I mean if you've read the papers lately, and you must know that no body but a woman would be mean enough to work out such a job. Oh, it's all very nice to talk about women. I've got one myself, and don't allow no man to talk nonsense about her, but you know as well as I do that a woman as a general rule has less of that thing you call magnanimity than a man, and a bad woman hasn't a bit. Well, a bad man has. It's a pretty well understood thing among a certain class that no other animal of intelligence strikes its enemy when its down but a woman. Why, I've seen the worst of ruffians that would clean out the hymn-books from a nigger church if they found a window open, and didn't care any more for a smell of blood than you do for a spatter of soup, that wouldn't knock a man down without hailing him first. There couldn't be a worse specimen of the cut-throat than Bill A—— (he did me a favor once; perhaps the least I can do is to keep his name out of your print). He stabbed a man in Boston one night. It was a clean case of burglary, and he ran in on the old fellow before he know it, sitting at his desk writing. Bill might have cracked him on the head from behind in the neatest and quietest manner, but he couldn't screw himself up to it somehow, so he sings out, 'Wide awake, old man, I'm coming for you.' Now, that's what I call the politest insanity in the market. Fancy a woman giving you a chance for your life! Bill, I dare say, begged his pardon before he gave him his last stab. Did you ever have a woman tackle you at night in the park, and after making some outrageous, but not altogether unusual proposition for a woman in the park, which you, like all other respectable men, treated with scorn—did you ever have such a woman set up a yell and begin to screech for help, and when she got a crowd tell 'em that you had made insulting proposals to her, and that she was a poor, unprotected creature? Why of course that's an old and pretty much played-out trick. We used to call them women 'blisters' when they were in their glory. The same game's played now on a different scale. You see there's always somebody that's sure to come up who has his nature touched at once by the 'blister's' appeal. I've generally found it to be an honest mechanic or a noble-hearted loafer. And you'll excuse me for saying it, but the honest mechanics and noble-hearted loafers that generally interfere in such matters are the d—t lot of mullets that an innocent man or an officer has to deal with. It's such honest folks that play into the hands of these people and make the job that's worked on a new scale now almost as successful as when it was played in the park.

"There was a case reported in the *World* in 1869 in full, that was all true. I knew something about it myself. The victim was a rich and well known expressman who had a wife and two daughters moving in tip-top society. One day there came a handsome young woman, dressed in the height of fashion and sprinkled with diamonds, and accused him of having ruined her. He never saw her before, of course. She put her case plain enough. If he didn't come down handsome she'd go to his wife. He fought off strong and got pretty mad. And then he thought it might be a case of—what do you call that? —lucey—"

"Hallucination?"

"Yes, that's it. But she said no, it wasn't; it was business. Well, he got rid of her at first, but she came to the Astor House about a week after, rigged like a poor working girl and running over with tears. The utmost of it was, she made a scene in one of the parlors, and do his best he couldn't get rid of her without a fuss, and when he did, some of his most intimate friends said to him that it was pretty rough on that poor girl, and others allowed confidently that he ought to do something for her. He swore he never set eyes on her before. But they were bound to play the part of honest mechanics, and that was just what she had calculated on. It cost him about $5,000 before he got done with her. Do you know why? Because he was afraid of her? No. Because he was afraid of his own friends."

This account of the officer's agrees substantially with my own experience. The better class of dissolute women is the most mercenary in society. They use their beauty and their art to get men in their power and the more secure the position of the man the better for their purposes. The few splendid parasites who fasten onto reckless and liberal public men, and lead a life of voluptuous display, do more to encourage dissolute lives among women by their example than all other causes put together. It will be found by those who investigate the lives of the poor class of prostitutes, that this is their ambition, viz., to get hold of a wealthy man whom they can fool and fleece to their heart's content.

This will give the key to nearly all the female correspondence that goes into the personal columns of the daily papers; it will in a great number of cases, explain the anonymous letters that respectable people often lay before the Chief of Police, and it is the underlying cause of a great deal of the misery and scandal that society every day hushes up with great care.

If you take your stand at the Grand Central on any sunny afternoon at half past two, you may see a score of them, high and low. And it is necessary to start with this beaten track in order to follow them into the hidden recesses where these women consummate their work. One of the most magnificent women, who walks Broadway at this day, will be sure to swing past with majestic step. She is a queenly looking person and beyond all dispute remarkably beautiful. It is the voluptuous beauty that fills the eye. Grace of outline and expression in affluent curves. Nothing niggardly in her endowment or her art. You will see at once that she carries the same magnet that Hebe herself carried, and that she turns the heads of men and women as she sails through the crowd. The very swing of her drapery has some of the overflowing voluptuousness of her person in it. Nor is this splendid animality without a finer charm. Her face is the face of a sensitive, amiable woman. Her brown eye flashes with a wholesome, healthy light. Her cheeks are unpainted, and her lips the color of that unmatched carmine that burns in Carlo Dolce's pictures yet.

This woman—more beautiful than a hundred that will follow her—is one of the most notorious of characters. You have read her name over and over again in the papers. It is only four years ago since she began her career with a young man who came from St. Louis on business for his firm. He met her in Thompson's restaurant. He attracted her attention; she fascinated him. They came together. She played the modest, tremulous dodge, as my friend the officer would say. He was susceptible and she was deep and cruel. The only deception on his part was the pretence that he had a wealthy father and could command unlimited means. Anything less vicious than this would have been fatal to the amour. She became a constant companion of his. He spent all his available money on her. It was to him a clear case of the most ardent affection. Greater modesty of demeanor an' prouder no woman could have shown than she did. He sent photographs of her horse, and swelled with pride at the queenly entree she would make into his Western circle. Of course the thing exploded one day. Do you know how? I'll tell you, for I had it from his lips. She tried the "love me for myself alone" dodge, sitting at his feet. What did she care for riches or fame, secure in his affection? So she got it out of him, by pouring it through that time-out-of-mind channel of manly independence, and swelling again with the determination to win her an independence and all that. And when he had made a clean breast of it, do you know what she did?

She spat in his face.

By his own admission, he lung after her for days, trying to win her back for the sake of the old love. Those are his words. But the old love didn't worry her a bit. She fell in with a hide merchant from Rio, and, from the best authority that I can obtain, she mulcted him in about twenty thousand dollars in eight months.

Now, the only curious part of this latter transaction—which came out accidentally in another case—is that $5,000 was known to have been given in regular instalments by this woman out of that sum, to a man in Twenty-eight street. The man's name and occupation were not proven, but there was evidence to show that her connection with him was purely a business one, and antedated the affair with the South American.

You will recollect, in the case already referred to—which was given in the *World*—when the woman was finally cornered by a neat counter conspiracy and threatened with the State Prison, she divulged enough to show that there was something very like an organization behind her. She could command money in her own defence, and even had physical aid on one or two occasions. Putting these things together, it isn't very difficult to imagine that the beautiful conspirators sometimes act as the agents of somebody else. They may be guaranteed a certain amount of assistance in case they get in trouble, on condition that they will pay