

WOMAN.
...wandered out of heaven,
And all too bright for Earth even,
Once through the paths of Paradise
Made walking in his waltz guise
And the Eternal Father there
Who, when he saw the truant sprite,
Smiled down and threw all those covers of light.
The while within his fringed spell
Our Eden side lay slumbering near;
God saw and said, it is not well
For man alone to linger here—
Then took that angel by the hand,
And with a kiss his brow he pressed,
And whispering all his mild command,
He laid it near the sleeper's breast—
With earth enough to make it human—
He claimed his wings and called it Woman.
And if perchance some stains of rust
Upon her pinions yet remain,
I'll be the mark of God's own dust,
On the earth's mold of that Eden chain.

Duelling in Austria.
An Austrian officer contributes to a foreign paper an account of a duel which took place not long ago at Vienna, and which is interesting as showing the state of the law concerning duels in Austria, with the laws which are still in vigor in the laws which are the same as those which existed in the days of Maria Theresa, and an exceedingly rare one. One of the most important articles of the code in question is that any officer whose honor has been trifled with has the right of using his arms or cutting a man down; and another article sets forth that any officer who fails to demand satisfaction for an insult must be tried by court-martial.
As the writer says, to make use of a weapon against an adversary without defence is repugnant to a man of honor, but the law is there inflexible. On the subject of a blow the law of Maria Theresa is very harsh; it holds that an officer who has been struck cannot be rehabilitated by a duel, and that the reparation should be instantaneous; in other words, that the officer, who receives a blow should run his adversary through, or put a bullet through his heart, without hesitation.
Now for the application. A few years ago a captain of hussars lived in one of the first hotels of Vienna, where his regiment was quartered. He was five and twenty years of age, and belonged to one of the best families of Hungary; he was loved by his comrades and adored by his wife.
One day, as he was preparing to leave his hotel, a captain of infantry, Baron H, called, and, though unknown to Count Z, was received in that friendly manner usual between officers of the Austrian army. After talking for some time, Count Z asked the baron the object of his visit, who said that he was looking out for a certain lieutenant who owed him money, and who, he heard, was stopping with the count. Count Z, defended his friend, a warm conversation ensued, and what followed no one knows. An hour later Baron H declared in the military cafe that he had struck Count Z for threatening to turn him out of his apartments. Comrades were not wanting to carry this tale to the young Hungarian, who said, "Gentlemen, you know me well enough to be sure that if Baron H had struck me he would not have left the room alive."
To make a long story short, a duel was arranged and the adversaries, who were to fight with pistols, were placed at twenty-two paces distance from each other, with leave to advance. On the signal being given, both the officers stepped forward, Count Z—without attempting to screen himself from his enemy, and Baron H—presenting as small a front as possible to his antagonist. When the distance had been reduced to twelve paces the baron fired and was, consequently, unarm'd. Count Z was stretched on the ground; the bullet had entered his stomach and passed out close to his spine.
Slowly and without ostentation the baron marched up to the barrier, still sheltering himself as well as he could behind his own and his pistol. The blood was pouring in torrents from the count's wound, but with the aid of his hands he was enabled to crawl up to the two sabres which separated the combatants. Raising himself up and supporting himself with his left hand, and with his right he took aim with his pistol. The face of the baron betrayed no emotion. Unpardoned negligence—the count's weapon was uncocked. Unable to cock it himself, he held it out a couple of seconds, and, on receiving it back said to him, "Ask Baron H—if he presumes to lie, that he struck me." The muzzle of his pistol was almost touched; his adversary. The question was a test, and to the surprise of all, the baron, in a low voice, admitted that he had struck the count, who let fall his pistol, murmuring, "This man is not worth the powder!" The baron of course disappeared, and the young hussar recovered his health and his commission, which he had resigned until he could wipe out the disgrace.

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