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SURPRISE. BY HERBERT HALL WINSLOW. With murmurs low, upon the river's brink, The restless, aimless waters lily beat;

A WILD RIDE.

We had been living in Ireland for about two years, and every day I regretted the time more and more when my husband had decided to leave England and come over to manage his property...

to fail; and, after waiting a long time, to make sure that he was gone, I went slowly home, and reached my room unobserved. There I mated and laid my plans deliberately and carefully, for it was life if I succeeded, and oh! far worse than death if I failed.

value now. I tried to call out, but only a feeble cry escaped my lips; and, still running with a kind of strength and determination born of despair, I pushed on, till suddenly all grew dim and indistinct. I was conscious only of a great and terrible darkness rising and hiding my husband from my sight; struggling on blindly with outstretched hands I staggered a few steps, and then, with a last wild wail of "Lionel—Lionel!" fell senseless upon the earth—my last thought, my last desire being to save him. Was it all in vain?

A NICE QUESTION. A question has arisen in regard to the right or propriety of a professor of an agricultural college, and consequently an employe of the public, acquiring a personal property in any discovery or invention he may happen to make in such employment. The facts are as follows: Two of the professors of the Illinois Industrial University were employed in making experiments in producing sugar from sorghum.

A SOCIAL NUISANCE. The "fast set" in American society whose breast quivers and tingles with delight at the idea of friendly notice upon its travels from the Prince of Wales, and which at home grovels in its own way before any titled Tom Noddy, is a social pest. Its influence is degrading and demoralizing. Bit it has a ridiculous aspect which is wanting in its prototype, Lady Clara Vere de Verb.

THEY NEVER GET OVER IT. "Do you know, my dear," she suddenly said as she looked up from her piece-work—"do you know that next week will be the twentieth anniversary of our wedding?" "Is that so? By George! how time dies! Why, I had no idea of it."

PLEASANTIES. THERE is something high-toned in church bells. WHEN a bank "goes up," it generally fails to "come down." TELLERS of exaggerated stories are known as yarn merchants.