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THE DEATH OF THE FLOWERS.

The melancholy days are over,
The sadness of the year,
The autumn leaves are falling,
And the snow is on the ground,
The winter winds are blowing,
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WON BY A TUNE.

By T. BONNALL.

"Good-by, dear!"
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For the twentieth time Mark Jermyn uttered the words of farewell, and for the twentieth time the girl responded, but realizing that the parting was not an ordinary one, they were both to part even their hands, for they had not even seen each other for many months.

"You were the only child of somebody worth a million," she went on, "and your father forbade you to marry anyone who was not wealthy while you really loved one poor church mouse, would you give up a church mouse for a million?"

"You flatter me, sweetheart," she said, "although it's true my father was far from being a mediocrity. He changed his name on marriage, and when I was only five years old, but his existence really ended, so far as the world was concerned, when he forewent his old name, for he never composed a single thing worth anything."

"How strange!" remarked the girl, "I find in this beautiful story a good illustration of the fact that the world is full of people who are not what they seem to be."

"And his name was—"
"Walter Mark Weger—was of the foremost composers of his time!"

A couple of years later Mark Jermyn was in London. It seemed such a long time since he had parted from Elsie in Paris, where they had been fellow students at the Conservatoire, but for the sake of finishing a musical education, he became a habitué of the future living to consider.

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY.

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE ENTITLED "UPPER AND NETHER SPRINGS."

The Rev. Dr. J. Willard Chapman, in an Old Testament story as a parallel to the New Testament, has written a sermon on the "Upper and Nether Springs." The sermon was delivered at the church of the Holy Trinity, New York, on Sunday, February 1st, 1903.

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LABOR WORLD.

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The Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport Railway Company will not stop running street cars. An arbitration board has raised the wages of 1000 barge and stevedore employees in Chicago to ten per cent.

The Illinois State Free Employment Bureau, established last year, has secured 27,770 men and 23,828 women.

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BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Talks in Satirical Strain of That "Growing Sons of Justice."

HOWEVER, HE IS STILL VERY HOPEFUL.

Many Prominent Northern Men are Cited as Condemning the Folly of Civil War—Bill Finds a Rift in the Clouds.

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