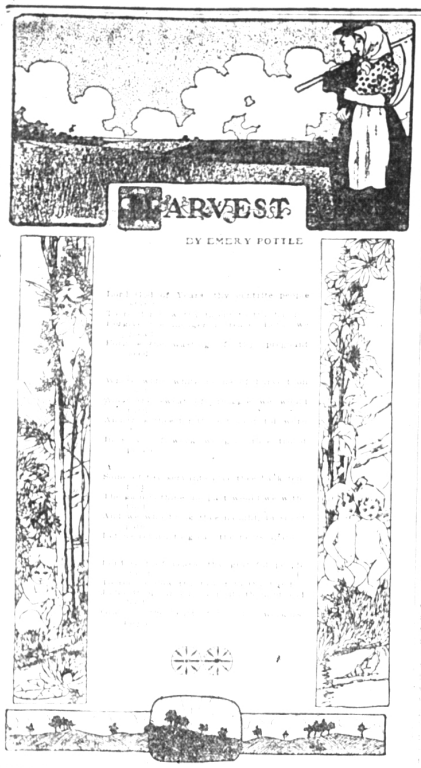

Strategy.

"Go straight to the house."

I did not dare to object for I should rather their suspicions or Molly went away to summer at Grayton, leaving a terribly empty place in our big busy city. She was to be gone only a month, but, ye gods, what a long one it was.

I left Dexter in charge of the office and went to meet her train a full hour before it was due. I hoped she had not run upon anything that had best be forgotten. However, it was the next morning at breakfast before I remembered to ask her about it.

"Mr. Boyton? I don't remember that I heard his name mentioned. It never occurred to me to say that I was a friend of his. Possibly that was the reason. But oh, Edward, I did meet such a dear girl, quite out of the ordinary. She is coming to New Orleans to attend lectures at Tulane and a Isable her promise to spend at least part of her time with me. You will like her I know."

"Of course," I assented. "Your taste where women are concerned is perfect."

"I flatter myself," she retorted mischievously, "that my taste is equally good where men are concerned. Didn't I select you for a husband?"

I tried to stop her, but before I left for the office I was so badly hacked that I forgot to make further inquiries concerning the expected guest.

Of course Dexter came home with me that evening and I left him to find his way into the parlor until I ran upstairs to tell Molly.

"By the way," I said after a little, "Dexter is down stairs."

"Is he? Dear me I think Helen is in the parlor. I hope they haven't found it awkward."

I stopped and stared with one sleeve of my coat on.

"Helen?"

"Yes, the young lady I told you of. Do put on your coat dear. They may be having an uncomfortable time."

They were to all appearances having a very comfortable time and when Molly introduced them, shook hands like old friends.

"We were really getting on very nicely," Dexter said in reply to Molly's apology. "Miss Ainsworth tells me that she intends to attend lectures at Tulane."

"Why yes" replied Molly, aimlessly. "It will be very pleasant I think Edward, you will take Helen into dinner."

She was not pretty, but straight and strong looking, with deep, deep eyes and that perfect repose that goes with perfect strength and innocence. I caught myself thinking several times during dinner what a veritable angel of rest she would be in a pain-stricken room. I wondered as I watched her talking to Dexter if they had ever met before. When I questioned Molly about it later on she laughed merrily. It was on a raw, bleak day in March that the boy came into my private office with a queer drawn look on his face.

Mr. Morton," he began quietly enough, "I am leaving town for a long time perhaps forever. We had better strike my name from the firm."

"Leave town?" I exclaimed aghast.

"I see what you are thinking of." He moved to the window and looked out mechanically. Standing there with his back to me the poor fellow told me all about it. It was to the love affair, money. Until last summer he had believed himself an orphan. But he was not. Out in one of the western states was a man named Hall, now a prosperous farmer. He had married Dexter's mother. Dexter was the child of this union.

"Mr. Morton," he said, "I am a coward. I am afraid to face my father."

"You must come with me sir. You know that I have right to offer no defense. I came to that myself when I believed him dead. My answer is, I do but all I have to say will be under five heads."

Remark the first. The Scriptures are full of revelations from God that if we get no communication from him in dreams we ought nevertheless to be satisfied.

With twenty guidebooks to tell you how to get to New York or Pittsburg or London or Glasgow or Manchester, do you want a night vision to tell you how to make the journey? We have in this Scripture full direction in regard to the pilgrimage of this life and how to get to the celestial city, and with this grand guidebook, this magnificent directory, we ought to be satisfied. I have more than a dozen times in my life gone without a dream in a whole night. I come when I am with anxiety than when I am asleep. I often feel that the most important transactions of my life are those that occur when I am awake. I have more than once gone to bed with the impression that I would dream of a certain thing, and I have not dreamed of it. I have gone to bed with the impression that I would not dream of a certain thing, and I have dreamed of it. I have gone to bed with the impression that I would dream of a certain thing, and I have dreamed of something entirely different. I have gone to bed with the impression that I would not dream of a certain thing, and I have dreamed of it. I have gone to bed with the impression that I would dream of a certain thing, and I have dreamed of it