

others to allay her agony of mind. Physically and mentally Laura is in an abnormal condition. She has but one bitter purpose in mind--to punish the man. How to reach him, in what way to avenge her wrongs, she knows not.

Her uncle says to her:

"Laura, we've all got to bear our share of sorrow in this world of ours. We can't evade it. God meant us each to have our individual share of pain. We cannot fathom his design, but it is proven by the tortures of His own Son".

Laura replies:

~~"But the more I think of the existence of evil in the world the more I am convinced that it is the will of God that we should suffer in this world."~~

"I don't deny that there are worse griefs than mine in the world, but Oh! the mere knowledge of them will not cure mine".

"That's because you are at the primary --the selfish stage-- still drowning yourself in your tears? Your case is still acute, but mark my words, sooner or later the remedy I offer you will cure you".

Laura however is obsessed with her own case. ~~She~~ Wringing her hands and walking up and down in anguish she cries:

"Uncle Dan, I want to pull him down! There is cold murder in my heart. What am I to do? What am I to do?"

Brooding over her purpose for revenge, Laura finally ~~finds~~ ~~the~~ reading of Weston Chambers being nominated for Judge of the Circuit Court sees a way of "pulling him down". She has gone *past* by the stage of sensitiveness to public opinion. No humiliation, no torture worse than that she suffered when jilted at the altar can ~~fail~~ flay her. Laura determines to sue Weston Chambers on the eve of his election not merely for an accounting and for fraudulent misappropriation of funds, but for Breach of Promise.

She goes to her uncle with her intention, and when she