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A DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT*

BY EDMUND VANCE COOKE

Now, everything that Russell did, he did his best to
hasten,
And one day he decided that he'd like to be a Mason;
But nothing else would suit him, and nothing less would
please,
But he must take, and all at once, the thirty-three degrees.

So he rode the—ah, that is, he crossed the—I can't tell;
You either must not know at all, or else know very well.
He dived in—well, well, never mind! It only need be said
That somewhere in the last degree poor Russell dropped
down dead.

They arrested all the Masons, and they stayed in durance
vile
Till the jury found them guilty, when the Judge said, with
a smile,
"I'm forced to let the prisoners go, for I can find," said he,
"No penalty for murder in the thirty-third degree!"

*Lippincott's Magazine.

TABLE MANNERS*

BY JAMES MONTGOMERY FLAGG

When you turn down your glass, it's a sign
That you're not going to take any wign.
So turn down your plate
When they serve things you hate,
And you'll often be asked out to dign.

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