

turned upon all men, and all men are scrutinized according to their position in Society. The notorious offender is pursued by the Officer by means of Steam, & headed in his course by an agency as quick as thought and certain as truth. The guilty man in his movements becomes astounded with the presence of an universal accusation. Strangers appear to suspect him, and things & events seem to frown upon him. He reads but to see new language applied to his guilt, & turns but to shudder in the strong gaze of eyes he has never beheld before. All nature indeed seems to conspire with the people & with Government, - asserting the dignity of the law, & in the employment of all necessary means to detect & to punish the guilty.

It is not strange, then, that wicked men should assume new aspects and provide new means of escape. Such is the natural and inevitable result of knowledge as applied to the protection of Society. The combinations which come from knowledge for the protection of man, usually authorized by government, give to the criminal no alternative but Conspiracy, - the conspiracy of evil minds bent upon evil purposes. The designs of evil men not only embrace the wrong to be done, but the means of escape. They cannot flee from the watchful eye of the Police, and their plans are ~~conceived~~ matured & executed in our midst, and society is called upon to witness the complicated events with which their direful acts are surrounded, & to wonder who the agents are & where concealed.

The incendiary sits quietly in his retreat and writes his terms to the owner of the building which he proposes to destroy. The robber selects his victim, & without asking him to leave his fire-side beg leave to negotiate conditions of life and death. The malicious murderer sends death concealed in