

The Witch of Cragenstone

By ANITA CLAY MUNOZ,

"Prithce, she hath repented," his companion cried eagerly. "Didst thou not hear the wench say that every living hour was bitter anguish to her?"

"I doubt not but poor Christopher's body, bruised as bleeding on the rocks, is before her vision constantly, not to mention the Widow Dawson's infant, distorted in dying convulsions. Marry, methinks the councillor did his duty fairly. The prisoner asked for an early day, 'he knowing that no good use could be to any living person, did but grant her request.'"

"The other giving an affirmative grant, they walked a few paces in silence. "Didst ever hear such screams and shrieks as the old dame who hath had care of the witch let forth as the councillor did announce the time of the burning? Methought the prisoner winced an' growed paler as the noisy clamor reached them."

"Yes, friend, I heard them," replied the first speaker, with rough seriousness. "Such eerie sounds could not but go through the stoutest heart. Who was't that led the faithful old dame from the chamber an' put her on her horse?"

"A man by name of Gaston, gossip, the servant of the prisoner's lover, La Fabienne, who hath remained at the Mayland farm as helper. Some say 'tis kindness, but as the fellow's master left him naught of gold to pay for lodging at the inn an' no one without the countersign can go down the mountain pass, the man's station at the rocky ledge on the roadway a half mile below the village I doubt not with a hoarse laugh—that he doth make a virtue of necessity."

"Still discussing the situation, they passed on, followed by a long stream of stern faced, gray clad men and women, some talking excitedly as they picked their way from stone to stone over the muddy road and others walking in grim silence with sealed lips, but an expression of triumphant satisfaction at the sight of the court shining forth on their stern countenances. Others, reluctant to leave and regardless of the steady fall of stones, stood about the prison door, watching with curious interest the mounting and riding away of the chief councillor and the members of the court."

In accordance to a command from her mother Hetty Tanston, frightened and disheartened at the result of the trial, stood waiting a little distance apart, with Simon Kemper at her side. "I give thee good day, Hetty," called her friend, Cynthia Kemper, approaching, greatly excited. "Happen it do not see thee before, we'll make sure to stand together at the burning. Although I wene, 'twill be fearsome an' awful sight, I would not miss it for a bright new gold piece. 'Twill be something to talk of o' nights for years to come."

"It will not go to see my cousin burned," Hetty answered soberly. "By the law I was forced to come today, but unless they drag me there with ropes and chains I will not see sweet Margaret burned."

"Oh, se on thee for a faint heart!" cried the other girl. "'Thou'd best change thy decision,' she added as she turned away, 'as 'twill be a great day, I do warrant thee.'"

Soon Mistress Tanston came toward them, talking volubly to the Widow Dawson. "Such sleepless nights as I have spent," she said dolorously, "expect every moment that lightning would strike the house or some of us be carried off or struck dumb, I could ne'er describe to thee. Hetty, go now and see that thou dost wear a brighter face."

For Coughs and Colds

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The Railway Commission propose next year to send an inspector over the railways of Ontario to look into the condition of bridges, switches, roadbeds, station yards, and such like, as a preventive to mishaps. The commissioner will need an additional officer after January 1 next to inspect rolling stock. A new law goes into force then, requiring air-brakes on special equipment for cars. The law, it is pointed out, will be ineffective unless there is an inspector to enforce it.

It is likely that Felix Doyle, of Brampton, under sentence of death, will escape the gallows. He has been recommended to mercy by the judge who tried the case, and while degrading is no excuse for crime, it is customary to act on the judge's report.

It is expected that the new Canadian Pacific Hotel at Winnipeg will be opened about May 1 next. No name has yet been agreed on for it, but among those suggested is the Kildonan, which would preserve historic associations and is favored by a number of C. P. R. men.

Twelfth Muscles and Sleeplessness.—The hopeless heart sickness that settles on a man or woman whose nerves are shattered by disease can best be picturesquely described by a patient who has been in the "grippe" and has seen Dr. George Webster, of Forest Hill, Ontario, from the body of the American Kidney Cure drive out all impurities from the body's "filters," repairs weak spots.—46

The Russian proposal to send six army corps home from Manchuria, but to allow three army corps, with 322,000 men and 1,400 guns, to remain in the time being. The movement of the homegoing armies is expected to occupy eighteen months.

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The total exports of barley from Canada amounted to 947,012 bushels in the fiscal year 1903 and 1,057,470 bushels in the fiscal year 1904, a total of 2,004,482 bushels exported from all Canada for the two years, whereas the quantity of barley produced in Ontario, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories during the two calendar years was 69,538,334 bushels.

"Weak Heart" — Painful and irregular action of the heart are due largely to a thin, watery condition of the blood. The heart and nerves refuse to perform their proper work for want of support. Pale, weak, or anemic people should use "Psychic" and avoid heart troubles. "Psychic" makes rich blood, tones the system, regulates the heart action and restores vitality. All weak people should have a bottle handy in case of sudden heart trouble.

THE UGLY OCTOPUS.

A greedy, voracious, relentless creature is the octopus, and a most formidable enemy even to man. For it is easier to cut or tear off one of those terrible long arms with its two rows of suckers than to induce the creature to relinquish any prey it has laid hold of. These suckers also enable it to drag its body into very narrow crevices, from which scarcely any force will avail to remove it.

Like its beautiful brother the argonaut, it defies its enemies by ejecting ink, but the octopus is so subtle and clever that he can vary the color of his ink according to the color of the ground he is passing over, and, as he is very active and darts about at lightning speed, he constantly escapes being caught. He is an unsociable creature, apparently quite satisfied with his own society, as he roams about alone, seeking what he may devour on rocky shores, where he may be met with of all sizes, varying in length from an inch to two or more feet.

The octopus has one very curious habit when resting he coils up some of his arms into a semblance of the shell of the argonaut. A MARKET PRIMER. It Tells About the Butcher and the Way He Sells His Meat. What is the man doing behind the counter? He is selling meat. Let us watch him.

What is the lady going up to the counter for? To buy meat from the greasy man with the white apron. What does she ask for? A five pound roast of porterhouse. What does he give her? A seven pound roast. Then does he charge her only for what she asked for? No, indeed. He charges her for what he chose to give her. Didn't the lady know what she wanted?

Evidently the man didn't think so. Can't he tell the weight of a piece of meat when he picks it up? Certainly he can. Otherwise he would never be able to know that he is always selling you a piece of meat several pounds bigger than you wanted. Why does the man do this? It is impossible to associate constantly with greasy things and not become pretty smooth yourself. Now run and play.

FISHING LINES. The Very Finest Are Those Formed From Silkworm Gut. Silkworm gut forms the best line for fishing purposes, partly on account of its great tenacity and partly because it is so transparent. Every year a sufficient number of Spanish silkworm grubs are selected for this purpose. After they have eaten enough mulberry leaves to enable them to begin to spin they are thrown into vinegar for several hours. Each insect is killed, and the substance which the grub in the natural course would have spun into a cocoon is forcibly drawn from the dead insect into a much thicker and shorter silkworm thread.

The threads are then placed in pure water for about four hours and afterward dipped for ten minutes in a solution of soft soap. The fine outer skin is thus loosened so that the workman can remove it with his hands. The threads must be dried in a shady place and are often bleached with sulphur vapor until they acquire the bright appearance of spun glass.—London Telegraph.

The Walters. Usefulness of any man or woman lies principally in the willingness back of the hands to do as well as they possibly can on whatever comes their way. As a rule, it will be found that the most useful persons in the world are those who are "waiting" for something to turn up. And by the same sign it is a fact that the most useful beings are those who have taken up the first thing that came to hand and done the best they could with it. These people usually find something to their liking in the long run, too, and if this be denied them they have the good sense to learn to like what comes.

Long Flight by Night. Nearly all small birds make their long flights by night, spending the daytime quietly feeding and resting, so that if on a sudden they are taken, they are full of fighting-little warblers it is no sign that the following day will find them still there. Some kinds, like phoebe, song sparrows, meadow larks and bluebirds, come very early—as soon as the snow has melted and the south sloping hillsides begin to feel warm and "smell of spring"—St. Nicholas.

Nothing of the Kind. "Now, sir," said the alcoholic, cross examining a witness, "your answers are not satisfactory. I am afraid you are slightly ambiguous." Witness (with great indignation)—I am naething of the kind, sir. I'm a strict teetotaler.—London Tit-Bits.

Suspicious. Junior Partner—The bookkeeper has been married nearly six months now. Senior Partner—Well? Junior Partner—Well he hasn't asked for a raise in salary. Senior Partner—Heavens! We'll have to have his accounts examined. Be brave in trouble; meet distress with dauntless courage; but when the gale for prosperity blows be wise, no less, and shorten sail.—Horace.

The Giant's Staircase. One of the most widely known geological curiosities in the vicinity of York is a series of knobs or knott projecting from the face of a cliff. There are sixteen of these huge projections all together, all regularly set in the face of the cliff, one above the other, forming a series of such uniformity as to give it the general appearance of a staircase. Since time out of memory this queer ascent and its projecting "steps" have been known as the Giant's Staircase.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. In Ireland there are 3,310,300 Catholics, 579,380 Episcopalians, 504,749 Presbyterians and Methodists, and 62,384 belonging to other denominations. Itching, Burning, Skin Diseases Cured for Thirty-Seven Cents.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves in one day, and cures Peltier, St. Rheumatism, Eczema, and all eruptions of the skin. It is soothing and quieting, and acts like magic in the cure of all baby humors. 25c.

Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and Lord Cromer, who have accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to participate in the naval and military displays on the occasion of the Jamestown, Pa., Exposition, in 1907. Itch, mange, prairie scatchels, Cuban itch, on human animals, cured in 30 minutes by Wolford's Sanitary Lotion. It never fails. At all druggists.

Treated With Flood. Crookston, Minn.—The Red River valley is threatened with a repetition of the 1896 flood. The drainage convention meets here in January and will have an object lesson of the country's needs. Three hundred military men are being detailed to clear the snow that, when thawing, will swell the numerous streams and inundate large sections. The farmers and business men are greatly concerned.

They Are Not Violent in Action. Some persons when they wish to cleanse the stomach resort to Epsom and other purgative salts. These are speedy in their action, but serve no permanent good. Their use produces incipient chills, and if persisted in they injure the stomach. Nor do they act upon the intestines in a beneficial way. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills answer all purposes in this respect, and have no superior.

It is expected that the new winter time card of the Canadian Pacific Railway will be put in force on January 1 next. Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. The Canadian Bank of Commerce has added three branches in the west, making a total of 130 branches, of which 126 are in Canada.

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