

"I remember it well, but how are you going to apply that to the subject? I don't see!"

"I think I shall be able to make it visible. That night your husband, by your device, wore an old, threadbare coat, under his overcoat, did he not?"

"Yes, it was so much warmer than his better ones, which were thinner."

"Very well. That was what you said at the time. But what also did you say?"

"I do not clearly recollect."

"But I do. Shall I tell you?"

"Certainly; let us have it all."

"You said, 'Keep your overcoat buttoned, and no one need know but you have on a good coat.'"

"Yes, I recollect now that I told him so."

"So you not only advised your husband to conceal the fact that he wore an old coat, but you asked him to do so as to make those with whom he came in contact, believe, contrary to the fact, that he wore a good one."

"I believe I shall have to acknowledge the truth of your statement. But there was really no harm in the deception."

"Not in wearing the old coat, but in the attempt to deceive. In that laid the blame, if any existed, and probably no harm was done. But the instance shows that we may honestly and rightly keep secret things which are neither wrong nor reprehensible; and further, that things are not necessarily reprehensible because they are concealed. Your husband has the right to give you a hundred kisses in public, but it would be better to give them in private. You could place your lunch table before an open window and still violate no law of right, but it would be more seemly to have it more secluded; you might have added exposure to the punishment before inflicted on your child, but it was better it was kept secret. You were justifiable in putting the warm coat on your husband to keep him comfortable, even if it was covered by a better one, as long as it was not designed to mislead. Every one has secrets which he is justified in concealing. A secret is not even *prima facie* evidence of fraud."

And so ended the conversation.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

The twenty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Canada, was held in the new By Ward, Market Hall, Ottawa, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 12th and 13th of July. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the following Grand Officers being present:

M. W. Bro. James K. Kerr, Toronto, Grand Master; R. W. Bros. W. H. Weller, Cobourg, Deputy Grand Master; George S. Birrell, London, Grand Senior Warden; A. J. Cambie, Ottawa, Grand Junior Warden; Rev. V. Clementi, Peterborough, as Grand Chaplain; Otto Klotz, Preston, as Grand Treasurer; J. G. Burns, Toronto, Grand Registrar; J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary; V. W. Bros. G. H. Dartnell, Whitby, Grand Senior Deacon; R. J. Hovenden, Toronto, as Grand Junior Deacon; H. L. Vercoe, Seaforth, Grand Director of Ceremonies; J. M. Gibson, Hamilton, as Assistant Grand Secretary; G. R. Vanzant, Stouffville, Grand Pursuivant; Bro. John Sweetman, Ottawa, Grand Tyler; V. W. Bros. J. Ormiston, Brockville, H. L. Orme, Ottawa, Samuel Rogers, Ottawa, R. King, Barrie, A. P. Booth, Odessa, Robert Newbery and Isaac Waterman, London, as Grand Stewards; District Deputy Grand Masters: R. W. Bros. T. C. Macnabb, Chatham, St. Clair District; Jas. Sutton, Lucan, London District; Chauncey Bennett, Port Rowan, Wilson District; J. H. Benson, Seaforth, Huron District; John McLaren, Mt. Forest, Wellington District; Richard Brierley, Hamilton, Hamilton District; D. E. Broderick, Caledonia, Niagara District; Daniel Spry, Toronto, Toronto District; E. Peplow, jr. Port Hope, Ontario District; Donald Ross, Picton, Prince Edward District; W. R. White, Pembroke, Ottawa District. Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bros. W. H. Simpson and James Seymour. Distinguished Visitors, M. W. Bro. M. B. Smith, Grand Master of the G. L. of New Jersey, and M. W. Bro. H. C. Clarke, P. G. M. of Manitoba, and about 300 Representatives from 220 Lodges.

After the usual preliminary proceedings the Grand Master delivered the following able