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JESSAMINE.

Roy Fordham's full, pleasant tones reached Jessie's ear like an angelic benediction through the seething chaos that was wallowing her up.

"I am glad, moreover, that you have, in the present company, introduced the subject of your misgivings regarding my cousin's behavior while I was away. I appointed him by proxy before I left my betrothed and my native land. The attentions that misled you into doubt of his right dealing were paid in that character. I cannot have you undervalue the 'true and honorable gentleman' I knew Orrin Wyllis to be. He is my friend."

The doctor tugged at his cravat-bow and stared into the chandelier. Mrs. Baxter gulped down all the solicitude she could swallow, and threw all the rest into the deprecating look she cast upon Roy. He stood before his zealous old superior—courteous, kind, but earnest in defense of his absent friend—the model of gallant manliness thought the abject creature, covering in the shadow of Mrs. Baxter's chair, half-dead with remorse and the dread of additional questioning.

The love of this man she had trodden under foot, forgotten affection and duty to him in the mad, wicked delirium wrought by the wiles of one whom Roy, in the simplicity of his sincerity, so accounted honest and faithful. A cheat and a coward—Jessie had written Orrin down since that early September day when he confided to her the fact of his engagement, and shrank visibly at the suggestion of Roy's anger at his shameless breach of faith. She stigmatized him now, in the council of her thoughts, as a liar from the beginning. He had maneuvered, then, to procure Mrs. Baxter's invitation to herself while he denied to her that she had ever been named between them until after this was sent out; he inveigled her away from the shelter of her father's roof and the guard of her sister's care, that he might establish his influence over her. Would not Roy, with all his generous trust in his cousin's honor and friendship, compare the doctor's mal-apropos statement with her confession of the change in herself, and arrive at a tolerably correct perception of the truth that would blast her for ever in his sight, as not merely weak and fickle, but forward and unmanly?

When the throbbing of her heart would let her listen intelligently to what was going on, the doctor had begun to utter a dissertation upon Druidistic history, by Roy's exhibition of a paper-weight in the form of an altar, encircled by a wreath of mistletoe, drawn out of a bit of tapestry, and set up at Stonehenge. His considerate spouse carried him off before one-third of the knots in his handkerchief were untied. Her valet, like her salutatory, was a diffuse apology for their intrusion upon the sacredness of the installation eve.

"But the doctor—dear, blundering man, is amenable to no laws of conventionality," she subjoined, with an indulgent shrug and sigh.

It is questionable whether either of the persons addressed regretted the breach of etiquette. The time had gone by more swiftly and comfortably than if they had been left to themselves. As it was, an embarrassing silence followed the visitors' departure. Roy stood on the rug, facing the fire, motionless and thoughtful. Jessie, trembling in a nervous chill that changed her fingers into shaking icicles, durst not attempt to speak.

Fordham finally came out of his reverie with a start, and turned toward her apologetically.

"You are sadly tired. Our good friends were very welcome, but they have kept you up beyond your strength. May I take you to your room?"

She murmured a disclaimer of the imputation of excessive fatigue, but took his proffered arm, and they mounted the stairs together.

A bright fire burned in the large front chamber, flashed gaily back from the gilt fleur-de-lis of the delicately tinted wall paper and the frames of the few pictures. A cosy arm-chair stood ready for Jessie with a foot-cushion below it, and the marble slab of bureau and mantle bore fragile wealth of Bohemian and frosted glass and Parian ornaments.

"Is there anything I can do to make you more comfortable?" inquired Roy, not offering to sit down. "Wouldn't a glass of wine do you any good?"

"I think not, I need nothing, thank you," without raising her eyes from the carpet.

"I hope you will be quite rested by morning," he continued, with the same

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ceremonious gentleness. "I may as well explain to you that, foreseeing how frequently I shall be obliged to sit up late at my studies, I have had the chamber opposite prepared for myself. So I will bid you good-night now."

He held out his hand. She placed hers within it, silently, eyes still averted.

"Good-night and pleasant dreams," he repeated, with a kindly pressure of the hand.

An impulse she could not control or define drew her to her feet. "Won't you kiss me, Roy?" she asked, in sorrowful humility.

She did not see how bloodless were the lips that obeyed. The salute was not, and, without another syllable, he passed on to the outer door. There he stopped—hesitated, with a backward glance at the drooping figure standing where he had left her—and returned.

"I had not intended to say it yet," he said, agitatedly. "There have been times when I questioned the propriety of any attempt at self-justification. But I would not have you think worse of me than I deserve for my secret misgivings in hurrying on our marriage. I received this letter"—giving it to her—"last night. It furnishes the clue to much that I now see ought to have checked my unseemly impetuosity to claim the right I believed was still mine."

This was the communication to which you referred when you pleaded that the contents of your last letter should have hindered my proposal. I supposed, in the haste and excitement of the moment that you meant the fact of your mother's insanity which had been treated of in a former communication, the receipt of which, let me say here, hastened my return. Not that I dreaded insanity for you, but because I gathered from your letter that you were unhappy and a prey to morbid fancies, and I hoped to be able to do you good by diverting these. If this 'last letter,' which you hold had reached me in season, your request should have been granted."

He passed to matter his own emotion or to give her an opportunity to reply. He may have hoped yet, in the face of the evidence to the contrary he had had, that she would retract her declaration. "I love you no longer," might represent the sincerity of her "morbid fancies" when it was penned; that under the sharp tutelage of sorrow, her affections had regained their balance.

She only sat still, her face hidden in her hands. There was a crouch in her attitude that suggested an unpleasant idea to the observer. It was that she feared him—his wrath and the results of this explanation. He forgot his sufferings in the desire to remove this apprehension if it existed. "I am not, I know what I should have perceived from the beginning, I may spare you annoyance, if not misery, by consulting your wishes and respecting your reticence. If I could set you free, I would. My heaviest burden is the consciousness that this is impracticable. It is my desire that, from this time, you should cease to regard me as your husband, and try to think of me as your friend. For we may still be good to each other—may we not, dear Jessie?"

She was moaning as in mortal pain. "This kindness kills me! I had rather you should say that you hated me."

"But that would not be true," said the gentle voice. "And henceforward we will be very frank and just in our dealings with one another. We will try, moreover, to put vain regrets out of sight, and to do the duty of the day; to serve our fellow-men, and honor Him who has some merciful intent in leading us through these dark waters. Now, my child, this subject need never be renewed. Our Father knows our sorrows. To him we will look for strength. He moves for the sincerely sad heart when I say how deeply it afflicts me to feel how much more grievous is your trial than mine."

Folding in his hands she extended in a speechless passion of tears—her lips trying vainly to form a petition for pardon—prayed the God of all consolation to have her in his holy keeping; to give her joy for weeping, the garment of praise for heaviness. Then, bidding her again "Be comforted and sleep," he went out.

[To be Continued.]

COLOMBIA CELEBRATES.

Colon, Colombia, July 21. — All Colombia yesterday celebrated the 89th anniversary of the country's independence. The public offices were closed and all business suspended in honor of the occasion.

FIRE ON A STEAMER.

Owen Sound, Ont., July 21. — Fire broke out Wednesday night in the P. R. steamer Athabasca, which was tied up at her dock. An explosion of some combustibles took place, after which the fire was discovered. An effort was made to subdue the flames by steam to save the cargo. Eventually, however, the hold had to be flooded with water. The loss will be considerable, as a large quantity of freight was damaged.

A very pretty custom obtains among certain classes by which the newly married pair starts a savings bank for the child yet to be. Every day a penny or dime, as the case may be, is dropped into the bank to swell the fund, and this practice is kept up until the child is old enough to save for itself.

The parents have the right theory but how rarely they carry it into practice. Every mother is perforce laying up for her child what money cannot buy—happiness or misery. The nervous mother will have a nervous child. The irritable and fearful mother cannot have a happy and cheerful child. In mind and body the child will reflect the mother's condition.

The best preparation for motherhood is made by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Its perfect control over the sensitive feminine organism gives it a natural influence over the mind. It banishes anxiety and fear. It does away with the misery of menstrual sickness. It gives vitality and elasticity to the organs peculiarly feminine, and makes the trial of motherhood easy and brief. It makes healthy mothers, capable of nursing and nourishing the babes they bring into the world. "Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol, whisky or other intoxicant. Accept no substitute.

Mrs. Axel Kjer, of Gordonville, Cape Girardeau, Mo., writes: "When I lost a little boy I feel it my duty to write to you. Perhaps some one will see my testimony and be blessed in the same way. This is my fifth child and the only one who came to maturity; the others having died from lack of nourishment. So the doctor said, I was not sick in any way and this time I just thought I would try your 'Prescription.' I took nine bottles and to my surprise, my child came through, and I found a fine little boy as ever. Weighed ten and one-half pounds. He is now five months old, has never been sick a day, and is so strong, and everybody who sees him wonders at him. I am so playful and holds himself up so well. I would like to see this in print for so many mothers. Do you think these are the testimonials of the people, or has Dr. Pierce just made them up and printed them?"

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SENATE KILLS THE BILL

The Redistribution Bill Voted Down, 36 to 14.

The Preferential Trade Motion Defeated in the House of Commons—The House in Supply.

Ottawa, July 21.—By a vote of 36 to 14 the senate yesterday killed the redistribution bill. The division was strictly on party lines, with the exception of the probable late arrival of Sir Mackenzie Bowell moved his amendment declaring that the bill was inadvisable at the present juncture, and that the principle of preferential trade should be adhered to. The vote simply meant that the members of the senate hold that the Commons of Canada are not competent to regulate their own affairs.

IN THE HOUSE.

For the first time this session the House of Commons held a morning sitting yesterday, and from now until the business of the session is concluded the house will sit in the morning, in addition to the regular sitting, which commenced at 3 o'clock on six days in the week.

The time of the house was occupied until 10 o'clock in the evening with the debate upon the motion offered by Sir Charles Tupper in reference to preferential trade with Great Britain.

After the Duke of Devonshire's exposure of the fallacy of the statement that in 1897 he had offered preferential trade to Canada through Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the interest was largely centred in the debate of Sir Charles, in his amendment, reitited this now exploded assertion, and while members on both sides of the house spoke today, some of them delivering increasing addresses.

The amendment was defeated by a controversial character, albeit Mr. Davin essayed to revamp his leader's assertion. The amendment of Sir Charles was simply a direct motion of want of confidence in the government, and was voted down by gentlemen who are quite as earnestly in favor of closer trade relations with the mother land as are Sir Charles and his friends.

The amendment was defeated by a vote of 104 to 40. Messrs. McCarthy, Stubbs and Rogers voting with the minority.

At 10:15 the house went into committee and passed a small item of \$5,000 without delay. At 12:30 o'clock the house adjourned.

WHOLESALE GROCERS' TRUST

Several Firms in Toronto, London and Other Cities in the Province Associated in the Movement.

[From Toronto Globe, July 21.]

An important movement has been undertaken by many of the leading firms engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Western Ontario. For many years competition in this line has been excessively keen, and, although a great volume of business has been done in the aggregate, expenses have been very heavy. In no branch of the trade has this been more noticeable than in the buying department. Shrewd and skilled buyers have been employed by each firm, and no effort has been spared to obtain whatever advantages might accrue from such a system.

This has been found to be a great handicap on account of the expense, and it was decided to inaugurate a new system. An organization has been formed for the establishment of a central buying agency, which will act as a broker for all the firms who are members. This agency will employ a commission grocery buyers, who will visit the principal markets and secure goods under very favorable conditions. By purchasing goods in large quantities the agency will be enabled to command the lowest figures, and to secure the best terms as to credit, discounts, etc. It will do almost all the buying for the houses represented, and only small orders will be given to the individual firms. A vast amount of capital will be directly support the new agency, enabling it to consummate extensive deals in grocery articles.

Mr. H. T. Wilson, of J. L. Watt & Scott, Toronto, is the manager of the new institution, and the following Toronto firms have become members: Elby, Blain Co., Limited, Davidson & Hay, Perkins, Ince & Co., and T. Kinneir & Co. Others have signified their intention of joining, and it is probable that before long all the large wholesale grocery firms in the city will do their buying through the agency. Lucas, Steele & Bristol, and other firms in Hamilton, and firms in London and Brantford are also members. The head office of the concern will be in Toronto. It will take the form of a joint stock company, and application for a charter has already been made. The officers will not be elected until the charter is secured. The headquarters of the concern will be in Toronto. It will take the form of a joint stock company, and application for a charter has already been made. The officers will not be elected until the charter is secured. The headquarters of the concern will be in Toronto.

A FAMILY GATHERING.

The seven surviving sons and three daughters of the late John M. and Rebecca Wilson, who settled in the township of Middleton, Norfolk county, in 1852, held a reunion on Wednesday, July 19, 1899. They met at the G. T. R. depot at 11 o'clock, and proceeded to Edley's to obtain photographs of the group, after which they drove out to the residence of one of the brothers, Charles E. Wilson, 2nd concession of Westminster, where a choice dinner was served. The afternoon was spent in games, and the evening was spent in singing and reciting pleasant reminiscences of the old home life. There were present: Rev. Jasper Wilson, of Godolphin; Joseph A. Wilson, of Chatham; Mrs. Jennie Williams and her husband, of Delaware; Mrs. Susie Thompson and husband, of Kilworth; Mrs. Maria McNeice and husband, of Byron; William Wilson, of Detroit; David C. Wilson and wife, and James Fred Wilson and wife, of London; and E. Bruce Wilson, of

Brantford. There were also present Jesse Wilson and wife, of Culloden, and Mrs. John Wadsworth and wife, from Byron. Those, with the children who accompanied the reunited brothers and sisters made up the number present to 42. It was a very pleasant meeting, and will be long remembered by those who enjoyed it. They all feel very grateful to Charles E. and his wife for so kindly opening their home and affording such generous entertainment.

DEATH IN THE RUSTY NAIL

And a Sliver in a Boy's Foot Has Fatal Effect.

Boy Drowned While Giving His Dog a Compulsory Bath.

RUSTY NAIL CAUSES DEATH.

Halifax, N. S., July 21.—Jennie, a daughter of Michael Blakeney, while at play, ran a rusty nail into her foot. Blood poisoning followed and ultimately lock-jaw, from which, after terrible suffering, the little girl died.

SILVER DID IT.

Detroit, July 21.—A week ago Anton Zemba, aged 12, and living at 421 Lovett avenue, ran a silver into his right foot, having been allowed to go about barefooted. No attention was paid to the injury at first. In a day or two the foot swelled, the boy suffered great pain, and lock-jaw supervened. Dr. Gottman decided to try the new tetanus serum, a recent discovery by German authorities. He obtained the necessary quantity from Parke, Davis & Co., and inoculated the child. The effect was marvelous. After three days the muscles began to relax and the boy's jaw assumed its normal position. However, his physical condition was greatly weakened, and yesterday he died of exhaustion.

Said Dr. Gottman: "The boy got over the lock-jaw all right enough, rather more than he should have. What he needed was stimulants and tonics to build up his weakened system."

LITTLE BOY'S SAD FATE.

Detroit, July 21.—Six-year-old Harry Jerome Elspass started out with his wagon last night and fell in with Lanahan's big black dog. Boy, dog and some companions all went down to the wharf to play. At the wharf Harry wanted to see Lanahan's dog swim, and pushed him into the water, but unfortunately fell in himself and was drowned.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 21.—Eddie Lacy, a boy living in Algoma town, was killed by lightning last night. The bolt came down the stovepipe, passed across the room to where the lad was sitting, and struck him in the chin.

AN AWFUL DEATH.

Lakeville, Mich., July 21.—Edgett, the 16-year-old wife of John Edgett, who the doctors say had hydrophobia caused by the bite of a dog a year ago, died during a paroxysm. During her illness the unfortunate woman imagined herself to be nearly every domestic animal. As a dog she would bark and bite as a cat, spit, claw and purr, and as a horse neigh, and ravenously eat hay.

VERY SUDDEN DEATH.

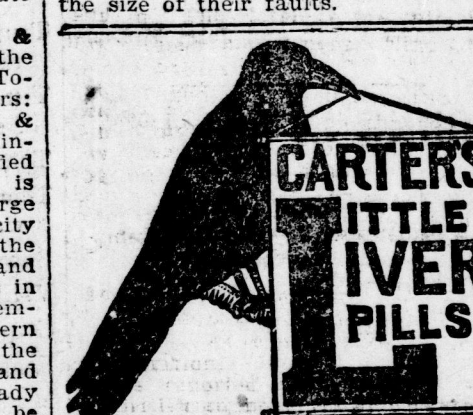
Brantford, Ont., July 21.—Death came with terrible suddenness to Mrs. Julia Sarreant, a widowed lady who resided in Brantford township, five miles east of this city. Mrs. Sarreant, who was 71 years of age, was as well as usual Wednesday. In the evening she was sitting at supper with her family, and had just been handed a plate of berries, and put them down before her when, suddenly, her head dropped forward and she fell off the chair to the floor and was dead before anyone could reach her. Heart failure was the cause.

PROHIBITION

Important Announcement by Premier Greenway of Manitoba.

Winnipeg, July 21.—Answering a question in the legislature by Mr. Johnson, Premier Greenway said: "It is not the intention of the government to introduce this session a measure prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to the full extent of the powers of the province. It is its intention to introduce the measure in the next legislature."

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ECONOMIES FOR ALL DAY SATURDAY AND MONDAY.

Kitchen Graniteware Economies

The following prices will be in force for Saturday and Monday only:

PIE PLATES—Ten-inch granite pie plates, 2c, two for 3c. 15c
PRESERVING KETTLE, granite, 10-quart, 35c
SAUCEPAN, granite, covered, 10-quart, 35c
COVERED SAUCEPAN, granite, 6-quart, 25c
WASH BASIN, granite, very large, 25c
Frying PAN, granite, colored handle, 25c
PUDDING DISH, granite, 2-quart, 10c
DIPPERS, white enamel, 1-quart, 20c
COFFEE POTS, white enamel, good size, 35c
BASTING SPOON, granite, 12-inch, 5c

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TOILET SETS—Three only. Point d'Esprit and Swiss Muslin Toilet Sets, 4 pieces, one trimmed for a yellow room, one for blue, and one for a pink room, and here are the prices:

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Out prices on all of our made-up cushions for Saturday and Monday.

Ladies' Vest Economies

Three very attractive offers for Saturday and Monday:

LADIES' COTTON VESTS, in cream and white, half sleeve, fancy neck trimming; vests worth 15c, but we are selling them at 10c; on Saturday and Monday only, 3 for 25c

LADIES' COTTON VESTS, very fine ribbed, shaped, in white or cream, half sleeves; 15c, or 2 for 25c

RICHETEAU RIBBED COTTON VESTS, half sleeve, cream and white, tape neck; regular price 15c, at 10c

Obtain Ribbons

LADIES' TAFFETA JERSEY GLOVES, in black and tan shades, all sizes; regular price 25c; Saturday and Monday 19c

CREAM GLOVES, fine taffeta, ladies' and children's sizes; regular price 20c; Saturday and Monday 15c

FANCY RIBBONS, 4 and 5 inches wide, about 20 pieces, and all desirable shades; regular price 25c a yard, at 10c

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We place on sale tomorrow and Monday three specially attractive Hosiery Economies: Lonsdale, full FINE HOSIERY, of our own importation, in fast black, Hermsdorf dye, ladies' sizes; regular 25c hose at 15c a pair, or 2 for 35c

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