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MEMOIRS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES BY A. CONAN DOYLE

THE ADVENTURE OF THE SILVER BLAZE

"It was the first time in my chain of reasoning. Powdered opium is by no means tasteless. The flavor is by no means agreeable, but it is soporific. Were it mixed with any ordinary dish the eater would undoubtedly detect it, and would probably eat no more. A curry was exactly the medium which would disguise the taste. By no possible supposition could this stranger, Fitzroy Simpson, have occurred to be served at the trainer's family that night, and it is surely too monstrous a coincidence to suppose that he happened to come along with powdered opium upon the very night when a dish happened to be served which would disguise the flavor. That is unthinkable. Therefore Simpson becomes eliminated from the case, and our attention centres upon Straker and his wife, the only two people who could have chosen carried dinner for supper that night. The opium was added after the dish was set aside for the stable boy, for the others had the same for supper with no evil effects. Which of them, then, had access to that dish without the maid seeing them? "Before deciding that question I had grasped the significance of the silence of the dog, for one true inference invariably suggests others. The Simpson incident had shown me that a dog was kept in the stable, and yet, though some one had seen in and fetched out a horse, he had not barked enough to arouse the two ladies.

"Villain! Scoundrel!" cried the Colonel. "We have here the explanation of why John Straker wished to take the horse out on to the moor. So spirited a creature would certainly have resisted the soundest of sleepers when it felt the prick of the knife. It was absolutely necessary to do it in the open air." "Of course that was why he headed the candle, and struck the match." "Undoubtedly. But in examining his belongings I was fortunate enough to discover not only the method of the crime, but even the motive. As a man of the world, Colonel, you know that men do not carry other people's bills about in their pockets. We have most of us quite enough to do to settle our own. I at once concluded that Straker was leading a double life and keeping a second establishment. The nature of the bill showed that there was a lady in the case, and one who had expensive tastes. Liberal as you are with your servants, one can hardly expect that they can buy twenty-guinea walking dresses for their ladies. I questioned Mrs. Straker as to the dress which she had never reached her, and she made a note of the milliner's address, and felt that by calling this with Straker's photograph I could easily dispose of the mythical Derbyshire. "From that time on all was plain. Straker had led out the horse to a hollow where his light would be invisible. Simpson in his flight had dropped his cravat, and Straker had picked it up—with some idea, perhaps, that he might use it in securing the horse's leg. In the hollow, he had got behind the horse and had struck a light; but the creature,

THE SALVATION ARMY

All Ready if British Government Will Aid to Bring 5,000 Settlers to Canada in the Spring—Great Work in Australia.

(Montreal Witness, Friday.) Commissioner T. B. Coombe, accompanied by his chief secretary, Colonel Philip Kyle, Colonel Bates, of the International headquarters, and Brigadier Howell, secretary of the Salvation Army immigration operations, arrived in Montreal last evening on a business visit. Colonel Kyle is a new arrival in Canada, having come recently from Australia, where he was editor-in-chief of the Army's publications, to take the position of chief secretary for the Dominion, the duties of which office he assumed on Sept. 1. Since that time he has visited Manitoba, and he is now paying his first visit to Montreal. Asked about immigration and colonization work, the chief secretary said that he had, as yet, received no details regarding immigration matters except that the General had announced that it was the intention next spring to send five thousand settlers to Canada. To do this the Army would charter three vessels, one to leave London, another Liverpool and the third Glasgow. The arrangements for their being placed in positions in this country would be similar to those which were carried out so successfully last spring, when one thousand persons came at once and all were placed in situations within a few days. As for colonization, that was a different

question. Mr. Rider Haggard's report had been laid before the British House of Commons and a Royal Commission had been appointed to examine it. Their deliberations might take some months. The colonization scheme could not be proceeded with unless the British government furnished the funds and the commission would have to recommend the appropriation of the necessary money before the plans could be inaugurated. The Army was ready to proceed whenever the government would give the word. It had not yet been decided where the Canadian colony would be located. It would be on a large scale. It would be, in a sense, autonomous and have its own government, the administration conforming, of course, in every way to the laws of the country. Colonel Kyle was asked for a few words about the Army's operations in Australia. The recent revolution in reformatory methods in the island continent was first mentioned. Reformatories on the prison plan had been almost done away with. Homes, friends and incorrigible boys were now placed in charge of private individuals or churches, the government paying a capitation allowance for their partial maintenance and reserving the right to official oversight. The system was not supporting and the result had proved most satisfactory and beneficial. Most of the boys were placed on farms and taught agriculture. They became wags of the farm superintendents until they were about 18 years of age, and if they ran away they could be arrested on sight and returned to their guardians. The Salvation Army has a farm of 50,000 acres at Collie, near Perth, in West Australia; another of 1,000 acres near Melbourne, Victoria, and two farms, including together about 400 acres near Brisbane, in Queensland. They had 130 boys on one farm. They were graded according to age and conduct, and were taught the most approved principles of agriculture, the farms being model farms and the implements used being the most approved, including some Canadian implements. They had also homes for women and children in Australia, the colored reformatory, which were doing splendid work. The girls received into these homes were taught domestic science and made excellent servants, for which there was always a great demand. The government reports stated that 80 per cent of the girls passing through the Army-Homes proved satisfactory cases. In Sydney, N. S. W., there is a poor man's hotel, which accommodates on an average 700 men nightly, all the year round. Altogether the Army has nearly seventy homes in Australia, including "prison gates," "maternity" and "preventive" work.

ALBERTA THE SCENE OF HOT POLITICAL FIGHT

The First Election in the New Provinces Will Be an Interesting One—Straight Party Contests Are on in Nearly Every Riding—Both Parties Are Sanguine.

A dispatch from Calgary gives the following regarding the political campaign in the new province of Alberta: The conservatives selected their candidate in Calgary on Friday last all the party candidates to be brought out in the Alberta south of the Red Deer line were placed in the field. With one exception there will be keen contests in every riding. The conservatives concede the election of Hon. Mr. Finlay in Medicine Hat. In the other seven ridings each party hopes for success. The estimate of Calgary conservatives is that the conservatives will win in Macleod, Calgary, Banff and Gleichen; that they have an equal chance in High River, Innisfail, Pincher and Bowdoin, and that they will have an uphill fight in Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Cardston.

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TO REDEEM WORN COINS

The Canadian government will in the near future take steps to redeem the worn and mutilated silver in circulation. A letter from Deputy Finance Minister Courtney was read at the board of trade council in Montreal on Wednesday. In referring to the matter, Mr. Courtney said that the government had received the notification of the Montreal council's endorsement of the recent resolution of the Toronto board of trade sent worn and mutilated coin. The subject had been under consideration by the government for some time past, and it was understood now that ere long the necessary arrangements would be completed preparatory to redeeming the coin.

WATSON CAMPBELL, OF THE NEW BRITAIN

The monthly meetings of the Holy Name Society of the cathedral parish were resumed last evening, when the first of the winter's meetings was held in the cathedral. The attendance was exceptionally large for the opening night, and drew forth congratulatory remarks from the chaplain, Rev. A. W. Meahan. Father Meahan delivered an instructive address on Finance, this being part of the series of sermons on the sacraments which the reverend chaplain is delivering. The meeting was concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Miss Julia Lewis presided at the organ.

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