

## BRANTFORD DATLY COURIER

smoke his attitude had unbent. With 1 ns own nabitation with the quiet necuracy that some men exhibit in moout conscious determination he had ments of absorption chosen the one factor capable of eas-He crossed Clifford's inn with the

ing his mood. A cigarette is for the same slow, almost listless, step; then, trivial moments of life; a cigar for its as his own doorway came into view. he fulfillments; but in real distress-in stopped. Some one was standing in its the solving of question, the fighting of recess , For a moment he wondered if his

difficulty-a pipe is man's eternal fancy were playing him a trick. Then solace. his reason sprang to certainty with so So he had passed the first night of fierce a leap that for an instant his his return to the actualities of life. mind recoiled. For we more often Next day his mind was somewhat settled, and outward aid was not so essen-

he possessed brought with it no de-

This he realized even more fully on

and of other channels of generosity he

other blacknesses dispersed by time,

but the man of level nature has none

of these. Depression when it comes

is indeed depression; no phase of mind

to be superseded by another phase, but

a slackening of all the chords of life.

It was through such a depression as

this that he labored during three

weeks, while no summons and no hint

of remembrance came from Chilcote.

His position was peculiarly difficult.

He found no action in the present, and

toward the future he dared not trust

himself to look. He had slipped the

old moorings that familiarity had ren-

dered endurable, but, having slipped

them, he had found no substitute.

Such was his case on the last night of

the three weeks and such his frame of

mind as he crossed Fleet street from

Clifford's inn to Middle Temple lane...

It was scarcely 7-o'clock, but al-

ready the dusk was falling. The great-

er press of vehicles had ceased, and

the light of the street lamps gleamed

back from the spaces of dry and polish-

ed roadway, worn smooth as a mirror

by wheels and hoofs ( Something of the

soliture of night that sits so ill on the

strenuous city street was making itself

felt, though the throngs of people on

the pathway still streamed eastward

and westward, and the taverns made a

Having crossed the roadway, Loder

paused for a moment to survey the

busy trade.

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stand aghast at the strength of our own feelings than before the enormity tial: but, though facts faced him more of our neighbor's actions. solidly, they were nevertheless very "Is that you, Chilcote?" he said below drab in shade. The necessity for work, that blessed antidote to ennul. his breath.

At the sound of his voice the oth no longer forced him to endeavor. He wheeled round. "Hello!" he said. " was no longer penniless, but the money thought you were the ghost of some old inhabitant. I suppose I am very uner When a man has lived from pected?"

hand to mouth for years and sudden Loder took the hand that he extended y finds himself with £100 in his pocket and pressed the fingers unconsciously he result is sometimes curious. He The sight of this man was like the findfinds with a vague sense of surprise ing of an oasis at the point where the thuc he has forgotten how to spend. lesert is sandiest, deadliest, most un-That extravagance, like other artificial

bearable "Yes, you are-unexpected," he anwered

the days that followed the night of his Chilcote looked at him, then looked first return, and with it was born a out into the court. "I'm done up," he new bitterness. The man who has said. "I'm right at the end of the friends and no money may find life tether." He laughed as he said it, but difficult, but the man who has money in the dim light of the hall Loder and no friend to rejoice in his fortune thought his face looked ill and harassed lespite the flush that the excitement of or benefit by his generosity is aloof indeed." With the leaven of incredulity the meeting had brought to it. Taking that works in all strong natures, Loder his arm, he drew him toward the stairs. distrusted the professional beggar; "So the rope has run out, eh?" he therefore, the charity that bestows eassaid, in imitation of the other's tone. But under the quiet of his manner his ily and promiscuously was denied him own nerves were throbbing with the was too self contained to have learned peculiar alertness of anticipation, sudden sense of mastery over life that When depression falls upon a man lifted him above surroundings and of usually even temperament it de-scends with a double weight. The above persons-a sense of stature, mental and physical, from which he nercurial nature has a hundred counsurveyed the world. He felt as if fate terbalancing devices to rid itself of gloom-a sudden lifting of spirit, a in the moment of utter darkness had given him a sign. As they crossed the hall Chilcota memory of other moods lived through.

had drawn away and was already mounting the stairs. And, as Loder followed it came sharply to his mind that here, in the slipshod freedom of a door that was always open and stairs that were innocent of covering, lay his companion's real niche-unrecognized in outward avowal, but acknowledged by the inward, keener sense that manifests the individual. In silence they mounted the stairs,

but on the first landing Chilcote paused and looked back, surveying Loder from the superior height of two

"I did very well at first," he said. "I did very well. I almost followed your example for a week or so. I found myself on a sort of pinnacle, and I clung on. But in the last ten days I've -I've rather lapsed."

"Why?" Loder avoided looking at his face. He kept his eyes fixed determinedly on the spot where his own hand gripped the banister.

"Why?" Chilcote repeated. "Oh, the prehistoric tale-weakness stronger than strength. "I'm-I'm sorry to come down on you like this, but it's the social side that bowls me over. It's the social side I can't stick."

"The social side? But I thought"-"Don't think. I never think; it entails such a constant upsetting of principles and theories. We did arrange for business only, but one can't set up



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## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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previously reported killed in action, Sergeant Field was accountant of the

Bank of Montreal at Peterboro, where

slowly filled it with tobacco.

all the strangeness he recognizes the one essential-the workshop, the atmos-On this first night of return Loder comprehended something of his posttion, and, comprehending, he faced the problem and fought with it. He had made his bargain and must pay his share. Weighing this, he had looked about his room with a quiet gaze. Then at last, as if finding the object really sought for, his eyes had come round to the mantelpiece and

rested on the pipe rack. The pipes stood precisely as he had left them. He had looked at them for a long time, then an ironic expression that was almost a smile had touched his lips, and, crossing the room, he had taken the

oldest and blackest from its place and With the first indrawn breath

But humanity in the abstract barriers. Society p scene. made small appeal to him, and his glance wandered from the passersby to the buildings massed like clouds against the dark sky. As his gaze moved slowly from one to the other a

clock near at hand struck 7, and an instant later the chorus was taken up by a dozen clamorous tongues. Usually he scarcely heard and never heeded these innumerable chimes, but this evening their effect was strange. Coming out of the darkness, they seemed to possess a personal note, a human declaration. The impression was fantastic, but it was strong. With a species of revolt against life and his own personality. he turned slowly and moved forward in the direction of Ludgate hill.

For a space he continued his course, then, reaching Bouverie street, he turned sharply to the right and made his way down the slight incline that leads to the embankment. There he paused

and drew a long breath. The sense of space and darkness soothed him. Pulling his cap over his eyes, he crossed to the river and walked on in the direction of Westminster bridge.

As he walked the great mass of water by his side looked dense and smooth as oil with its sweeping width and network of reflected light. On its farther bank rose the tall buildings, the chimneys, the flaring lights that suggest another and an alien London. Close at hand stretched the solid stone parapet, giving assurance of protection.

All these things he saw with his mental eyes, but with his mental eyes only.

for his physical gaze was fixed ahead where the houses of parliament loomed out of the dusk. From the great build-Ings his eyes never wavered until the embankment was traversed and Westminster bridge reached. Then he paused, resting his arms on the coping of

the bridge. In the tense quietude of the darkuess the place looked vast and inspiring. The shadowy terrace, the silent river, the rows of lighted windows, each was significant. Slowly and comprehensively his glance passed from one to the other. He was no sentimentalist and no dreamer. His act was simply the act of a man whose interests, robbed of their natural outlet, turn instinctively toward the forms and symbols of the work that is denied them. His scrutiny was steady-even cold, He was raised to no exaltation by the vastness of the building, nor was he chilled by any dwarfing of himself. He

looked at it long and thoughtfully; then, again moving slowly, he turned and retraced his steps.

His mind was full as he walked back, still oblivious of the stone parapet of the embankment, the bare trees and the flaring lights of the advertisements across the water. Turning to the left, be regained Fleet street and made for

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where nowadays, into business most of all. I don't want you for theater parties or dinners. But a big reception with a political flavor is different. A man has to be seen at these things. He needn't say anything or do anything, but it's bad form if he fails to show

Loder raised his head. "You must explain," he said abruptly. Chilcote started slightly at the sud-

den demand. "I-I suppose I'm rather irrelevant," he said quickly. "Fact is, there's a reception at the Bramfells' tonight. You know Blanche Bramfell-Viscountess Bramfell, sister to Lillian Astrupp." His words conveyed nothing to Loder, but he did not consider that. All explanations were irksome to him and he invariably chafed to be done with

"And you've got to put in an appearance-for party reasons?" Loder broke

Chilcote showed relief. "Yes. Old Fraide makes rather a point of it-so does Eve." He said the last words carelessly; then, as if their sound recalled something, his expression changed. A touch of satirical amusement touched his lips and he laughed.

"By the way, Loder," he said, "my wife was actually tolerant of me for nine or ten days after my return. I thought your representation was to be quite impersonal? I'm not jealous,' he laughed. "I'm not jealous, I assure you, but the burned child shouldn't grow absentminded."

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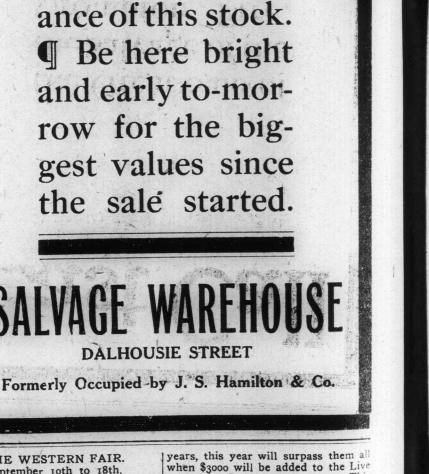
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