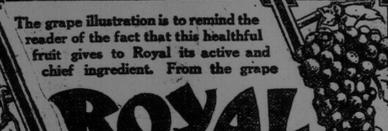


The grape illustration is to remind the reader of the fact that this healthful fruit gives to Royal its active and chief ingredient. From the grape



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A Mysterious Disappearance
By Gordon Holmes
A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)
Mrs. Hillmer did not even know of Sir Charles Dyke's death until weeks had passed. Acting on Bruce's advice her brother simply told her that everything had been settled, and that the authorities concerned with the matter in the opinion that Lady Dyke was accidentally killed.
When she had completely recovered from the shock of the belief that her loyal friend had murdered his wife, Mrs. Hillmer one day told her the whole sad story. But he would allow no more weeping.
"It is time," he said, "that the misery of this episode should cease. When the chief actor in the tragedy gave his life to the suffering, we would but ill meet his wishes by allowing it to occupy our thoughts unduly in the future."
Memoranda were made with Phyllis Brown as now definitely fixed for the following autumn, so he carried his sister off with him on a hasty trip to Wyoming in company with Corbett—a journey required for the protection and development of their joint interests in that state.
Not only did their property turn out to be of great and lasting value, but during the absence the Springfield Mine began to boom. Even the cautious business man found himself hesitating whether or not to sell at half-over par, so excellent were the reports, and so extensive the dividends from that auriferous locality.
The two young people were married, a son of the house, and became Chief Inspector, Mr. White, had become a dignified man, and Miss Marie Le Marchant had, by strenuous effort, risen to the dignity of a double crown peeress, a "dabbling comediennes"—when Bruce's memories of his lost friends were suddenly revived in an unexpected manner.
Mr. Sydney H. Corbett came to him with measured questions and brooding thoughts centered on his brother.
"It is like this," he said, when they were settled down to details, "I want to get married."
"To whom?" inquired Claude, wondering at the savage tone in which the announcement was made.
"To Mrs. Hillmer."
"Oh."
"That's what everybody says the moment I mention her. She screams 'Oh!' and runs off with tears in her eyes. Her brother says 'Oh!' and looks uncomfortable. He refuses to give the proposition. Now you say 'Oh!' and gaze at me like an owl at the bare statement."
"I'm not worrying about what happened years ago. Mrs. Hillmer is just the sort of woman I require as a wife, and I'll marry her yet if the whole British nation says 'Oh!' loud enough to be heard and answered by the United States."
"That's the proper sort of spirit in which to set about the business."
"Yes, sir; but I can't get any farther. There's a kind of rock below water which holds me up every time I shoot the rapids. She calls me 'Syd' as sick as butter, and I call her 'Gwen'; but there you are—I want to go ahead a bit she pulls up and weeps. Now, why the—"
"Steady, Mr. Corbett. Women weep for many reasons. Do you know her history?"
"No, and I don't want to."
"But perhaps that is exactly what she does want. Remember that she has been married before, with somewhat bitter experience. She probably believes that a husband and wife should have no secrets about each other. Mrs. Hillmer is highly sensitive. If she imagined you were un-der any misapprehension as to the cir-cumstances under which Sir Charles and Lady Dyke met their death—not to forget that you were personally mixed up in the affair—the world neither entertain your proposal nor explain her motives. She would just do as you say—run away and cry."
"Well, now that beats everything," said Corbett admiringly. "That never struck me before."
"It is the probable explanation of her attitude, nevertheless."
"Then what am I to do?"
"Write to her. Ask her permission to learn the facts from me. Tell her you be-lieve you understand the reasons for her reticence, and that your only excuse for the request is that you want to go to her on an equal plane of absolute confidence. It seems to me—"
"That I'd better get quick and do it," shouted Corbett, vanishing with the ut-most celerity.
Hence it occupied his old chambers in Victoria Street. He did not expect to see Corbett again for a couple of days. To

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



A WHITE AND PINK HAT FOR MIDSUMMER.
Flowers will be more used than ever this year, not only in clusters, but in great masses over the crown of big midsummer hats. This wide-brimmed shape of white chip straw is faced with black satin and entire crown is covered with bunches of white anemones and silk poppies in soft rose pink shades. The photograph shows also one of the little silk man ties, or shoulder wraps, which will take the place of the ruffles and ruffs worn in the past.

CITY TAX RATE WILL BE ABOUT \$2.00 THIS YEAR

About Fourteen Cents on the \$100. Heavier Than Last Year—The Pruning Knife Applied to the Estimates But General Assessments Will Be \$30,000 Greater Than Last Year

That the tax rate for the coming year will be increased from \$1.86 to about \$2.00 is the outcome of the meeting of the treasury board last evening when it was shown that about \$30,000 would be added to the general assessment.
The first calculation showed an increase of \$41,000, but the knife was applied. In any event it looks like a rate of \$2.00, which some of the aldermen were figuring on Saturday afternoon.
A delegation representing a large body of taxpayers asked for exemption of all incomes to the extent of \$500, and after considerable discussion and a lightning verdict against the proposal, it was decided to reconsider the matter, and it will be discussed in a general committee.
The knife was applied to the applications for grants for the Horticultural Society, Every Day Club, Riverview Park and the Tourist Association, and they will get only half what they asked for.
It was decided to abandon the proposition to have pamphlets printed showing the financial statement for the past year, which was the chairman's suggestion on using as campaign literature. An incident of the discussion on this question was that if he was opposed he intended to take the stump in various parts of the city.
Ald. Baxter presided, and there were present Ald. Kelley, Frank, Baskin, McGoldrick, McGowan, Pickett, Sprout and Rowan, with the chairman, controller, chairman of assessors and the common clerk.
Complaints from F. R. Barbour and Henry Fletcher regarding payment of their taxes were referred to the chamberlain.
Before hearing delegations asking for grants, the chairman said these grants were supposed to be made out of the general revenue. The amount of the general revenue was placed at \$64,500, and the estimated expenditure was \$92,500, leaving only \$28,000 available. The board had no power to make up the deficiency unless they could take it from some other account.
Geo. S. Fisher and Col. J. R. Armstrong applied for the usual grant of \$4,000 for the Horticultural Society; Gray Murdoch asked for a grant of \$200 for Riverview Memorial Park; A. M. Belding for the Every Day Club, made a special appeal on account of the grounds being used as a playground for the children. He asked for \$200, the same as last year. F. B. Ellis, for the Tourist Association, asked for \$750.
Hon. A. T. Dunn, L. R. Ross, Peter Sharkey, M. Kelley, A. J. Gross, T. H. Belyea and Dr. N. R. Colter, of the Civil Service Association, were heard. Collector Dunn said that as the aldermen were considering a bill to exempt incomes of \$300 and under, a large body of the citizens whom they represented asked that instead they should frame the bill to provide that all incomes be exempt to the extent of \$500.
The matter was discussed at considerable length and it was finally decided that it should be taken into consideration when the new assessment act was taken up.
H. M. Hopper, of the St. John Railway Company, was heard with reference to a proposed section of the new assessment which provides for taxing the company

PASSAIC MAN HAS VERY STRANGE DISEASE

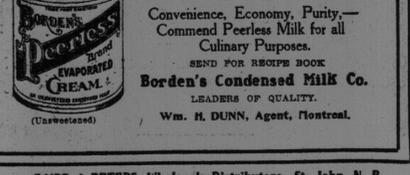
Even at the Dinner Table Paul Zubach Feels an Intense Desire to Doze Off Dreamily—Walking Only Brings a Standing-Up Slumber

Whenever he stands he dozes; whenever he walks he sleeps; he falls when he rises.
The only time he peeps.
He snores when at the table; he falls when he rises.
His slumber's sweet when both his feet are pedalling on a bike.
Standing, sitting or walking, Paul Zubach, formerly an officer in the Hungarian Army, now of Passaic, N. J., feels an intense desire to sleep, says the New York World. But nature strikes a balance, for it is utterly impossible for him to sleep when he is lying in bed. Not even the pleasure of a home-made goulash can arouse him unless it is served in bed. He has to be given his favorite noodle soup because when a man is flat on his back he can't eat soup except with a spoon. He has to be given his favorite noodle soup because when a man is flat on his back he can't eat soup except with a spoon. He has to be given his favorite noodle soup because when a man is flat on his back he can't eat soup except with a spoon.

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CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO AID MOTHER COUNTRY

Canada Will Offer Naval Aid to Britain and Will Consult Home Authorities as to What Form the Gift Will Take

Ottawa, March 25—The Canadian ministers will make an offer of naval aid to Great Britain.
The matter has been under the consideration of the government since the naval budget was brought down by the British Lord of the Admiralty when the activity of Germany in rivaling British naval construction was disclosed. The Canadian ministers are united in the proposal to offer Canadian aid.
The matter will come before the government for full and careful discussion at the meeting on Saturday, and a message will then be framed to the colonial office containing assurance of Canada's willingness to assume a share of the naval burden of the empire.
The feeling at Ottawa is that Canada should not be behind in this movement, but should be in the front among the British dominions. It will probably be intimated that the dominion while willing and anxious to render aid will not be willing to depart from the self-governing principle of controlling the expenditure which parliament may sanction. There is also a feeling that there is no occasion for a hasty action which may prove the most effective.

VANCOUVER GETS MUCH GRAIN TRADE

Stream of Western Grain is Flowing to the Pacific—Calgary Has Been Sending Only Ten Per Cent of Shipments Eastward

Calgary, Alta., March 25—A comparative statement of the number of cars of grain inspected by the local office from September 1st to March 1st, for 1937-38 and 1936-37 seasons is as follows:
Grain 1937-38 109869
Winter wheat 754 1,022
Spring wheat 671 1,015
Barley 1,106 1,015
Oats 88 123
Shipments of fax were three times as heavy and of rye over twice as heavy during the latter season than during the former. The south again sustains its enviable record as a wheat producing area, in fact two-thirds at least of the wheat was grown in the southern part of Alberta while 75 per cent of oats came from the north. Grain shipments from March 1st this year have been very heavy, up to date 391 cars being inspected. Grain dealers, appreciating the value of a Western outlet, are now shipping all milling grain westward.
For the past two months a total of at least 99 per cent of the grain moving through Calgary has been consumed locally or shipped to the coast, the balance going to Fort William for the purpose of being cleared. Shipments to that point were of such grades as Nos. 4, 5 and 6, with a large quantity of rejected grain, showing that once a suitable terminal and cleaning facilities are provided here or at the coast the entire crop raised in Alberta will find an outlet via the Pacific instead of the Great Lakes route.
The decision of the water and sewerage board to ask for authority to make Lake Louise the source of the city's water supply and to repeal the provision in the act of 1905, limiting the draught in any one day to 7,500,000 gallons will, if the request is granted by the legislature, enable the city to use Lake Louise as a storage reservoir to the fullest extent, and have on hand 600,000,000 gallons of the purest softest water as a reserve supply during the dry season when it will be most needed. There are other advantages which it is figured will be derived from the proposed change.

EAT EGGS 100 YEARS OLD

Priceless Chinese Delicacies Served at Dinner

At the banquet given in San Francisco the other night to celebrate the establishment of a Chinese Chamber of Commerce, priceless Chinese delicacies were served. Among the guests were fifty Americans. Although chopsticks were used, all of the speech-making was in English.
Some of the items in the dinner that cost \$25 a plate, were as follows:—Squid fungus, which retails at \$40 a pound and is one of the rarest Chinese delicacies; shark's fins, birds' nests, preserved eggs, 100 years old; mutton seeds, which the white goods could not eat with chopsticks; brains of yellow fish and water hyacinth seeds with duck. In all there were seven items.

BABY DEAD THROUGH CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE

Gin and Gruel was the Only Food Administered to a Little Bridgewater Waif

Halifax, N. S., March 25—(Special)—The coroner's jury at Bridgewater yesterday returned a verdict on an infant three days old: "Died of pneumonia through criminal neglect of its mother."
The woman is Ruby Cross. The child which was ill-gain, was in the undertaker's room for burial when a policeman, whose suspicions were aroused, made an examination and reported to the coroner and an inquest was held. The evidence showed that the child had been taken of the child, no clothing and no food except what a man mixed up in the case gave it. He administered gin and gruel. Two years ago the same woman had a child which disappeared. It was this that aroused the policeman's suspicions.

MOUNT ALLISON WINS IN DEBATE

Defeated the U. N. B. by a Narrow Margin Last Evening

Fredericton, N. B., March 25—In what was probably the best inter-collegiate debate ever held in this city, Mount Allison won from the University of New Brunswick at the Opera House this evening by a two-point margin. The debate was held in an audience of about 400 in attendance. The Mount Allison team was composed of Ivan C. Rand, leader; J. N. Ritchie and J. Ashbury, while the U. N. B. was represented by L. L. Orchard, captain; G. Percy Burdell and Gordon W. Firth. The subject for debate was "Resolved, that free trade in lumber and coal with the United States would be beneficial to Canada."

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TEXTILE WORKERS WANT HIGHER PAY

Employees of the Dominion Textile Co., Montreal, are Agitating for Promised Advance

Montreal, March 25—(Special)—Among the early signs of spring is the annual dissatisfaction amongst the employees of the Dominion Textile Company who are now agitating for a return to the pay they got during the more prosperous times, since when their wages have been cut ten per cent. The company claims that prices today are so low that if they give an advance in wages the rise in the price of cotton which would necessitate, would cause a rash of cheap cotton from Great Britain and the consequent loss of trade to the Canadian mills. The leaders of the textile workers claim that trade is now so brisk that some of the mills are working day and night and that the time has come for the company to redeem its promise and grant the increase of 10 per cent. to the workers. A notice was posted at the various mills setting forth that they had not forgotten their promise to give an increase when trade warranted it, but the notice set forth that the time was not yet opportune and that any such increase would result in a loss of trade to the injury of the company and the employees. The company, however, looking for a bettering of prices before long, and promised again that as soon as this came about they would carry out their agreement to increase wages.

WANTS RIGHT TO ALL TO HUNT AND FISH

Halifax, N. S., March 25—(Special)—Mr. Armstrong has presented to the N. S. legislature a petition containing 2,300 names from residents of Yarmouth, Digby, Annapolis, Kings and Halifax counties asking that fish and game be preserved for the benefit of the people, that all have a right to the streams and lakes and to be permitted to hunt over all unincultivated lands. In other words, the petition asks that fish and game be vested in the crown and that no private rights be granted.

WANTS RIGHT TO ALL TO HUNT AND FISH

Steamship Manchester Mariner arrived at Halifax on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock on her way here with a general cargo.

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