

THE MAELSTROM

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"H'm!" Menzies stuck his thumbs in the arm-holes of his waistcoat. "You went and made sure it was only a half-penny afterwards, of course?" The man's eyes had hitherto not met. No they were fixed boldly on his face. "No," he declared. "I didn't think it worth while." "A man may fall to look one in the face and be perfectly honest and truthful. But when such a man does do so it is because he has become conscious that an averted gaze may arouse suspicion. Menzies smiled under his mustache and stretched out a hand. "Where is it?" he asked quietly. "Give it to me."

The lift attendant flushed and drew back. The directness of the demand had disconcerted him. "I don't know what you mean," he said. "I haven't got anything."

"That so?" said Menzies smiling. "And then, with a swift change of voice: "Now, sonny, don't let's have any monkey business. You can't play with me."

Reluctantly, as though hypnotized, the attendant thrust two fingers into his waistcoat pocket, slowly drew something out and placed it in the detective's hand.

It was a plain, heavy circle of gold—a wedding ring!

CHAPTER IX.

News and a Note.

Jimmie Hallett had run into Weir Menzies in the police court corridor after the magistrate had formally remanded "William Smith." The detective threw up his hands quickly in the attitude of one parrying a blow. "Don't hit me, Mr. Hallett," he implored. "I've got a weak heart."

Jimmie grinned a little shamefacedly. He had not been quite sure how the detective chief would take the assault on the shoulders of Miss Greye-Stratton. He brazened it out. "Well, what are you going to do about it?" he demanded.

Menzies caught him through the arm and pulled him into a small room set apart for consultations between lawyer and client. "I suppose you know that men have got six months for less than you did this afternoon. You can't knock police officers about with impunity, you know."

"There was an underlying current of seriousness in his jocular tone which Jimmie could not fail to perceive. He ran his hand through his hair.

"I'll see you," he said, adopting the language of the poker table. "What are you driving at?"

"This." The detective laid a thick forefinger on the palm of his left hand. "You're got sense, Mr. Hallett, and you've had experience. Now, I've gone into your credentials, and I believe you're straight. But I'm not going to stand for any funny business. I'm investigating a case of murder, and any one that stands in the way is liable to get hurt. Now, don't interrupt. Let me finish. I don't know whether you were putting up a grand-stand play after lunch to win the girl's confidence or if she talked you over."

He paused inquiringly. Hallett pressed his lips together firmly. "Go on," he said.

"Right. You were batted into this at the start and I've tried to treat you fairly. Don't you forget murder's a

dirty thing, however you look at it. I don't say Miss Greye-Stratton's not straight, but she knows a deuce of a sight more than she ought to—or than she's telling us. She's got something up her sleeve. She's no fool for all her pretty face. She seems to have taken a fancy to you. Do you know why?"

The other shook his head, although he had a very good idea what Menzies was going to say. His face was impassive.

"For the same reason that the man we've got below tried to get you this morning. You're an important witness. She wants to shut your mouth and to find out how much you really do know."

Jimmie laughed outright. "You're wrong there. She's not asked me a single question. All the talking was on her side."

Then he realized that he had fallen into a trap. Not that Menzies gave any obvious indication of triumph. He merely stroked his mustache serenely. "Well, I don't know that I'm far wrong. She wouldn't be too quick. So she talked, did she? What did she say?"

The young man was not to be caught off guard a second time. "It will all be stale to you. She repeated what she said she had already told you."

"All the same, there may be something new," persisted the detective. "Let's have it."

"If you like to let me have a look at her statement I'll tell you if there's anything fresh I can add," parried Jimmie.

Menzies raised his eye-rows. "I think I see," he said. "I'd consider this a lot if I were you. Why man, can't you see she's playing with you? Confidence for confidence is an old trick. She has known you a matter of hours, and here she is pitching a tale to you as though you were an intimate friend. I trust you—you trust me! That's what it comes to. Now, why not play our game instead of hers? If she's innocent you won't hurt her, but if she's got her pretty fingers in the tar—"

Hallett became conscious of a smoldering rage at the innuendo of the comfortable, ruddy-faced detective. He did not realize that he was being deliberately provoked for a purpose. Menzies wanted to discover, without doubt, his attitude to the girl.

"Cut it out," he advised curtly. "And then more quietly: "I think you entirely misjudge the lady. If I've only known her for a few hours I guess I'm a better judge of her type than you."

"Bearing a bit hot, eh?" smiled Menzies. "It's no good getting angry with me. I'm clumsy, but I mean well. I hate to see a man stepping into trouble. And you'll find trouble on your hands pretty soon, believe me. If I were you I think I'd carry a life-preserver, or advertise that you didn't see the man who killed Greye-Stratton."

Hallett had taken a quick turn or two about the room, his hands thrust deep in his trouser pockets. He came to a sudden halt. "What do you mean by that?"

Weir Menzies had a well-worn briar pipe in one hand and a tobacco-pouch in the other. He methodically filled the pipe before answering. "Only

from what I have gathered the lady's in with a tough mob. I'll know more about 'em by tomorrow, but I don't want you laid out before I've picked up all the ends. I've warned you. You must do as you like. Only don't go believing she's a little blue-eyed saint, that's all."

Jimmie's temper held in till now, continued to rise. Whether it was the implication that he was being made Miss Greye-Stratton's antagonist, or whether it was the suggestion that the radiant girl was the willing accomplice of a gang of criminals, he did not stop to analyze.

"We was wroth with Menzies because he did not know by intuition what was plain to him—that if she was acting a part it was for the sake of some one else. He regretted now that he was bound not to divulge anything she had told him."

"I guess you're a fool, Menzies," he sneered. "You're barking up the wrong tree."

Menzies took the handle of the door. "You think so, do you? Well, we'll let it go at that." He swung open the door. "I suppose the lady told you she was married?"

He spoke casually, as though by an afterthought, but he was quick to observe the change that passed over Jimmie's face.

"That's a lie," he blurted out. "You've got something at the back of your head."

The detective swung the door to again and took something from his pocket. "Look at that," he said, and smoothed a sheet of paper before Hallett's eyes.

Jimmie read it over twice, unable at first to completely grasp its significance. It was an attested copy of a marriage certificate between Peggy Greye-Stratton and Stewart Reader Ling.

"She didn't tell you about this," went on the detective levelly. "That may alter your idea that she intends to play straight with you."

Jimmie was struggling with a tangle of thoughts. "Who is Ling?" he demanded.

(To be continued.)

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HOW FOREST FIRES START.

The record of forest fires in the United States shows that 25,000 timber conflagrations are started each year by human carelessness. Canada's record is estimated at about five to eight-thousand annual forest fires and nine-tenths are due to the following human causes:

Throwing away lighted tobacco and matches while in the woods.

Leaving camp fires unextinguished. (Every such fire should have at least two gallons of water with every ember thoroughly stamped out.)

Clearing land in newly-settled districts by uncontrolled burning.

Carelessness by locomotive drivers. From what appeared like innocent causes many of Canada's worst forest conflagrations have taken their start. Last summer several thriving communities of New Brunswick were destroyed (with no insurance) because a few settlers took no precautions while burning off their lands. When prosecuted in court, the settlers confessed that they "did not know a little fire could get out of hand so quickly."

RAILWAYS WILL NOT ADOPT DAYLIGHT SAVING THIS YEAR

"Daylight saving time has not been adopted and will not be adopted by the railways of Canada this year, so far as is known at present. A special Federal enactment would be necessary before railways could make this change in time, and such an enactment has not been asked for." This statement was issued by the Railway Association of Canada to clear up a misunderstanding which arose out of an appeal issued by the railways to various municipalities, asking them if they did adopt daylight saving time to make it effective all at one time. The railways suggested that this should be May 1, and October 2, as these are the dates on which the railways make their usual Spring and Autumn time table changes.

No surgical operation is necessary in removing corns in Holloway's Corn Remover be used.

The average yield of wheat per acre in Alberta during the past ten years has been: Spring wheat, 20.54 bushels; winter wheat, 22.61 bushels.

YOUR CHILD

A Department For Farm Mothers.

As a result of many requests from our readers, we have decided to publish each week a department devoted to the better care of children. Articles will be published from time to time many of which have been taken from "The Canadian's Mother's Book" which is published by the division of child welfare of the Dominion of Canada, Department of Health.

If any of our readers wish to secure some particular information, they may do so by writing to Canadian Mother, 31 King William Street, Hamilton.

If the information is of a private nature enclose self-addressed envelope for a personal reply.

Be Glad.

Because you have the promise of a child. The angel of the Lord is coming to your door. God and man will help you with your burdens and share your joy. Through you and your child, the stream of human life will flow on to eternity. New duties, new interests and new pleasures will fill your days.

"We must purify, glorify and dignify motherhood by every means in our power."

Be Brave.

This is not some strange thing which is going to happen to you. It is the right, natural and healthy thing for you, just as it was for your own mother when you were born. Too sacred to be spoken, the dearest wish of the best woman is to be a mother.

Be Cheerful.

Go on with all your regular work and interests, but moderately, and plan so that you will be free from any strain, extra work, or other responsibility for several months before the date of the birth. Do you keep a diary? It is quite a good idea to keep a very private diary at this time. Do not give up anything that does you good, or gives you pleasure.

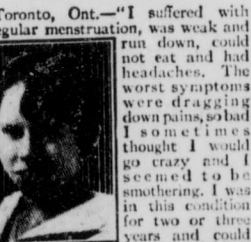
FERTILIZING ORCHARDS, VINEYARDS, AND SMALL FRUITS

In fertilizing vineyards, orchards or small fruits, best results are obtained by applying the fertilizer away from the trees, vines and shrubs, so that it may be immediately helpful to the feeding roots. In trees these active roots are found at a distance from the tree about as far as the tree's branches stretch.

Fertilizers should be applied to vines and cane fruits about a foot from the vines and canes. The best time to apply the fertilizer is early in spring when growth and cultivation start. At this time the added plantfood is most helpful to the crop. The fertilizer should be thoroughly worked into the soil. The quantity

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and analysis of fertilizer to use is as follows:

For grapes, use fertilizers analyzing about 3 to 5 per cent. ammonia, 6 to 8 per cent. phosphoric acid, and 1 to 4 per cent. potash. Good results have been obtained by applying 400 to 800 pounds per acre of such fertilizer.

For orchards, fertilizer analyzing 3 to 6 per cent. ammonia, 8 to 10 per cent. phosphoric acid and 3 to 5 per cent. potash applied at the rate of about 10 to 15 pounds per tree have given profitable results.

Cane fruits and strawberries as well as orchards benefit greatly from an application early in the season of bonemeal or fertilizer analyzing 3 to 4 per cent. ammonia and 8 to 10 per cent. phosphoric acid.—Henry G. Bell, B. S. A.

BABY'S HEALTH IN THE SPRING

The Spring is a time of anxiety to mothers who have little ones in the home. Conditions make it necessary to keep the baby indoors. He is often confined to overheated, badly ventilated rooms and catches colds which rack his whole system. To guard against this a box of Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in the house and an occasional dose given the baby to keep his stomach and bowels working regularly. This will prevent colds, constipation or colic and keep baby well. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

HAS MARRIED 2,161 COUPLES

Canon Dixon's Record—Rev. J. D. Morrow Last Year Alone Tied the Knot for 345 Couples—Fees Are Not Magnificent.

Toronto clergymen agree that an average of one wedding per week is good business, but a few overstep this average, as a glance through the city's registration book for 1920, and the 7,786 weddings entered therein, proves:

Out on the American border, at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, there is a Methodist minister, Rev. T. R. Basterday, 84 years old, who, in his 57 year in the ministry, has tied three thousand and six nuptial knots. Mrs. 67 years in the ministry has tied three thousandth bride, and Dr. Basterday gave her a set of silver spoons, each marked "3,000," and also a white prayer book.

345 in the Year.

Some Toronto ministers said it was, of course, only a "border" record, with the advantage of catching an elopement "trade." However, Rev. J. D. Morrow, of Toronto, topped the local list of marrying minister with 245 couples in 1920. Canon H. C. Dixon came second with 241, and Rev. Logan Goggin had 126. The Methodist ministers had 1,431 weddings among them, but they divided them pretty well, and Rev. G. Norris Gray at Carlton street church scored the highest number, with 82 couples.

Married 2,161 in 14 Years.

Few of the ministers kept any record through their ministry. Canon Dixon has married 2,161 couples during the last 14 years, Dr. Isaac Towell, in the Methodist ranks, counts up over one thousand in his 47 years in the ministry. He had married the parents and the grandparents of one young couple, and the

Over 50 Years Ago



A young man who practiced medicine in a rural district became famous and was called in consultation in many towns and cities because of his success in the treatment of disease. He finally made up his mind to place some of his treatments before the entire people and, moving to Buffalo, N. Y., he put up what he called his Favorite Prescription, and placed it with the druggists in every state in the Union and in Canada.

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