

TANGLED
THREADS

"When Hepburn's men left, I put it down by the wall with the trestles, threw some coats carelessly upon it, and one hid it out of sight. It was time then for Bessy to get up. Whilst she was dressing, I went round to the stables, where the horse and gig I use are kept, to make sure that the ostler had gone to bed—for he had a habit sometimes of sitting up late. It was during this absence of mine that Bessy went to the landing to listen whether or not I had come in. The chamber-door was open, so that light shone on the landing. It happened to be at that moment that Bessy was at the opposite window, and—later—thought it was Mrs. Rane's ghost that she had seen."

"Mrs. Rane's face was something good to witness. She nodded in triumph. 'I thought it might have been the effects of fear,' said she. 'I told Jolly what an idiot she was. I know it was no ghost!'"

"Bessy made herself ready, took some refreshment, and I brought the gig to the garden-door and drove my wife away. The only place open at that time of night—or rather morning—would be some insignificant railway-station. We fixed on Hoveley. I drove her there; and their left her sitting under cover in solitary state—for I had to get back with the horse and gig before people were astir. As soon as the morning was pretty well on, Bessy walked to Church-end, about five miles distance, and took a lodging in this village—this very strange room. Here she has been ever since, and it is a great deal longer time than we ever anticipated. 'Poison my wife!' added Dr. Rane, with some emotion, as he involuntarily drew her towards him, with a gesture of genuine affection. 'She is a great deal more precious to me for that. You know, don't you, my darling?'"

"The happy tears stood in her eyes as she met him. He stooped and kissed her, very fondly."

"If my wife was taken from me, the Tickle might keep the tontine money, and welcome; I should not care for it without Bessy. It was chiefly for her sake that my desire to possess it arose," he added emphatically. "I could not bear that she should be reduced to a poor home after the luxury of Dalry Hall. Bessy constantly said that she did not mind it, but I did; minded it for her and for her alone."

"Couldn't you have managed all this without the funeral?" asked Richard North, speaking for the first time.

"How could I?" returned Dr. Rane. "It was not possible. When my wife was given out as dead, she had to be buried, or Inspector Jekyll there, might have been coming in to look for a reason why. Had I properly thought of all that must be done I should, as I have ever have attempted it. It was hateful to me; and I declare that I don't know how I could, or did, carry it through. Once or twice I thought I must give in, and confess, to my shame, that Bessy was living—but I felt that might be worse, of the two, than going on with it to the end. I hope the Tickle will suffer for what they have cost me."

"Jolly says she saw the ghost twice," observed Mrs. Gass.

"Ah! that was Bessy's fault," said Dr. Rane, shaking his head at his wife, and reproval, as we do at a beloved child when it is naughty. "She was so imprudent as to come home for a few hours—walking across the country by easy stages and getting in after nightfall. It was about her wardrobe, times, in it, that she saw the ghost. She was coming in to look for a reason why. Had I properly thought of all that must be done I should, as I have ever have attempted it. It was hateful to me; and I declare that I don't know how I could, or did, carry it through. Once or twice I thought I must give in, and confess, to my shame, that Bessy was living—but I felt that might be worse, of the two, than going on with it to the end. I hope the Tickle will suffer for what they have cost me."

"And Bessy, my dear, what have the people here thought about it, all the time?" inquired Mr. North. "Do they know you are here?"

"Why of course not, papa. They think I am a lady in bad health; staying here for the sake of the country air—and I did feel and look very ill when I came. An old widow lady has the house, and she and her son are her servants. They are not at all inquisitive. They know us only as Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, and think we live at Biotheley. I want to know who pushed matters to extremities in regard to these proceedings against my husband, and that is what I must depart. If the others chose to stay and countenance all this unparalleled iniquity, she could not do so."

"She stood, upright as ever, tossing back her head, all her impudent returning to her. Dr. Rane quietly put himself in her path as she was gaining the door."

"Mrs. North, pardon me if I request you to give me a little information as you depart, as it is probably the last time we shall ever meet. What has been the cause of this long-continued and persistent animosity you have borne towards me?"

"Animosity towards you?" returned madam, sippingly. "I have borne you none."

"The coolness of the avowal, in the very face of facts, struck them as almost ludicrous. Mr. North raised his head and gazed at her in surprise."

"You have pursued me with the most bitter animosity, since the first moment that I came to Dalry, madam," said Dr. Rane, quietly and steadily. "You have kept practice from me; you have done what you can to crush me. It is you who urged present proof of what I assert. But for you I might never have been made."

"Madam was slightly at bay; she seemed just a little flustered. Rallying her powers, she confronted Dr. Rane and told him that she did not think him at all fat, and did not personally like him; if she had been biased against him, the feeling must have taken its rise in that—there was nothing else to cause it."

"Another of her shuffling untruths—and they all knew it for one. But they would

get nothing better from her. The fact was this. Madam had feared that Mrs. Cumberland could, and perhaps would, throw light on a certain episode of the past years; a contingency madam had dreaded above anything earthly; for this she had wished and hoped to drive Mrs. Cumberland from the place, and had advanced—under the guise of giving Oliver Rane, his mother would follow him. That was the actual truth; but no living person, excepting madam, suspected it."

"She quitted the room with the last denial, and—later—thought it was Mrs. Rane's ghost that she had seen."

"When you found things were going against you, sir, why did you not declare the truth?" asked the Inspector of Dr. Rane.

"I know that the moment I declared the truth, all hope of the tontine money was at an end; I should have done what I had to do for nothing," answered Dr. Rane. "I do not say that I was not a very timely warning if things went to far; but he was disabled, you know, and could not do so. Until they were in the act of disturbing the grave, I had no warning of it whatever."

A silence followed the answer. Dr. Rane resumed:

"Ill-luck seems to have attended it from the first. Perhaps nothing else was to be expected. Jolly's having seen my wife was a great misfortune. And then look at the delay as to the tontine money! Had the trustees paid over at once, Bessy and I should have been safe away long ago."

To be Continued.)

Ringling Notes.

In the ears, sometimes a roaring, buzzing sound, are caused by catarrh, a very common disease. Loss of smell or hearing also result from catarrh. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, is a peculiarly successful remedy for this disease, which it cures by purifying the blood.

Hood's Pills are the best after dinner pills, assist digestion, prevent constipation, and are pleasant to take. The population of London is said to be 5,948,300, and increasing at the rate of 105,000 a year. The city, therefore, has a population of about a million and a half more than Scotland and a million more than Ireland.

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WESTERN ONTARIO.

A daughter of Mr. Alex. Frame, insurance agent, Stratford, while skating Monday ruptured a blood vessel. She is not likely to recover.

Lord Aberdeen will be unable to attend the annual meeting of the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association at Stratford on Jan. 15, 16 and 17.

Mr. Charles McLean, sheriff of Huron county, Mich., has been visiting his sister, Mrs. N. A. McKinnon, of the Hastings House, Parkhill. Mr. McLean is an old Parkhill boy.

Mr. H. P. Chapman, merchant, Ripley, has arrived home from a six weeks' trip to Denver, where he was engaged in winding up the estate of his late uncle. He was delighted with Colorado.

Mr. Reid, first assistant in the Parkhill High School, has left for his parents' home in Huron county. After the holidays he will enter on his duties as teacher in the Ridgeway Collegiate Institute.

Frank Howard, of Sheddin, who was kicked and trampled on by a horse Saturday morning, never recovered consciousness, dying Sunday evening. Drs. Guest and Lawrence removed fourteen pieces of skull from the brain without effect. He leaves a wife and two children.

On Saturday there passed away Mr. C. A. Hand, proprietor of the well-known Hotel Vendome, of Sarnia. The deceased had been sick for five weeks, but was thought to be on the way to recovery, when he was taken dead again, and passed away suddenly. He was in his first year, and leaves a wife and two young boys.

Divorce proceedings have been taken at Detroit by Kate A. Dodd against her husband, Albert W. Dodd. The parties were married eighteen years ago at St. Marys, Ont. Thence they removed to St. Johns, N. B. Subsequently they lived at Moncton, Traralgar, and last year at the Elliott House, Toronto. Mr. Dodd is a fire insurance appraiser.

Friday night, when the ferry steamer was returning from Port Huron after the opera, she was assailed and had to be beached to save the lives of the passengers, who were all from Point Edward. The officers of the boat ran ashore below the old Wolverine dry dock, and got the passengers off as fast as they could, the passengers having to go around through the tunnel to get home.

Tara Leander: A man by the name of Thomas Nelson, while on his way to work in the bush, fell dead on the road just as the far end of the long swamp on the Derby gravel road on Friday afternoon last. He was seen to fall by a young girl, and when found life was extinct. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause. The deceased was about 60 years of age and leaves a grown-up family to mourn his loss.

In the Guelph Police Court on Saturday, Wm. Truckee, convicted of stealing a fancy jug from Mrs. Fennel, was sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary Reformatory. James and Richard McCormack were each sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary Reformatory for stealing from Jas. Ryan and Mr. Tolton. Mrs. Margaret McCormack, for a similar offense, was sentenced to two years in the Andrew Mercer Reformatory. Thomas John Gault, for stealing an overcoat from Felix Devlin, got twelve months in the Central.

BOTHWELL.

(Agent for the ADVERTISER, James Fleming.)

Dec. 31.—Crowds of owners and goers took advantage of the reduced railway fares, and the C. P. R. station was crowded on the arrival and departure of every passenger train, nor was Mr. McLean, our obliging bus driver, by any means idle, for the C. P. R. kept him busy all week in taking away and bringing back passengers from North Bothwell station.

Upon inquiry we find that the volume of business done by our merchants and shopkeepers generally was fairly good during Christmas week, although one or two of the big stores had a lull in their business. The year did not equal that of last year by 30 per cent. Generally, however, it is conceded that considering the hard times, the falling off is not as perceptible as might have been expected. The exhibits of prime beef and mutton at our butchers' stalls, with choice poultry and tempting tid-bits, showed a laudable rivalry between Mr. Brower and Mr. O'Neill as to which of them should take the prize for the choicest assortment of their respective edibles.

On Friday evening last the Baptist Sunday school held their annual entertainment in their meeting house, which was presided over by Rev. Mr. Iler. Fully 150 were present, and a voluminous programme of over 30 numbers was well sustained. The Christmas tree, laden with gifts, which was distributed by the chairman and Mr. Boon, was highly appreciated by the juveniles, whose choruses, songs, dialogues and games were warmly applauded. Miss Boon, of London, gave an amusing reading, called "The Two Courtships," with fine elocutionary effect, wherein the Scotch accent was admirably sustained, calling forth the loudest applause. The choruses were highly appreciated, so also the dialogues; but it would be invidious to attempt a criticism where the whole programme was so well performed.

The Sabbath school entertainment of the Presbyterian Church, which comes off in the town hall tomorrow night, promises to be the event of the holidays, so far as the young people are concerned, and we hope to see a crowded house.

Frank Fleming, the newsboy, who tells so unsuccessfully in all weather to deliver the ADVERTISER to subscribers every morning, wishes to return his grateful thanks to those of your patrons who gave him Christmas presents, and to Mr. N. McLean, Mr. N. Avery and Mrs. E. Avery, whose more substantial donations place him under higher obligations to them, which but for the hard times would no doubt have been limited by others.

Quebec makes haste with commendable tortoise speed to obey the law. The financial statement, which any well-regulated corporation would have ready on Dec. 15, comes from the Times printing press on the 22nd, twelve days after date! But this is an improvement upon the publication of the auditor's report, which was handed to the council four months after date. Wake up, townsmen, and see whether 1895 cannot improve upon the expiring council of 1894.

SHE JUST MISSED IT.

Miss Kate Claxton Was Not in the Delavan House Fire.

DETROIT, Jan. 1.—Spencer Cohen, brother of Miss Kate Claxton and manager of her company, arrived in the city yesterday, accompanied by Miss Claxton and Mrs. Janaschek. In conversation with a reporter yesterday Mr. Cohen said regarding the report that Miss Claxton was in the Delavan House fire, Albany, N. Y.:

"We left the Delavan a few hours before the fire occurred, having closed our engagement at the Leland Opera House the previous night. That was one of the many fires that Miss Claxton narrowly escaped, but it was a singular circumstance that she was the first thing we saw on our arrival in Detroit was a fire engine. By the way, there was a slight fire in the opera house at New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 10, while Miss Claxton and Mrs. Janaschek were playing; that was the latest. Miss Claxton is always perfectly cool under such conditions, but Mrs. Janaschek is the very opposite, and gets excited over the least alarm."

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A SARNIA SENSATION.

Joseph Glass' Body Ordered To Be Exhumed—A Post Mortem.

SARNIA, Jan. 1.—Joseph Glass, a well-to-do farmer, died at his home, in the outskirts of this town, on Dec. 22, under rather suspicious circumstances, having been ill scarcely 24 hours. The cause of his death was given, and he was buried last Monday without any investigation having been made, although the sudden demise had caused considerable comment among the friends of the man. Owing to facts that came to light during the past week, Coroner Fraser ordered the body to be exhumed, and yesterday impelled a jury to investigate the affair. The body was taken up this afternoon by Undertaker Phillips and a post mortem held, but the result has not yet been disclosed by the physicians. If the man's death was due to poison, as is suspected, it can readily be ascertained, as the body had not been embalmed.

How He Remembered His Wife.

A traveler who registered at the Hotel Schlosser, Pittsburgh, this week, inscribed on the book this legend: "Wife and John G. Butler, Wilkes-Barre, Pa." "What does that mean?" asked the clerk. "I'm not registering that way for notoriety," replied the guest. "I was in New York not long ago, and I had a horrible time at a hotel because I forgot to write 'and wife' after my name. She had gone up to the ladies' parlour. So now I put her first, and obviate all danger of forgetting her. It's funny, of course, but no hotel clerk has dared to call me down since."

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RAILWAY TIME TABLES

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY

LONDON TIME.

Canada Southern Division—Going East.

	Leave London	Arrive Sarnia
American Express (daily except Monday).....	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Atlantic Express (daily).....	9:30 a.m.	9:10 p.m.
Mail and Accommodation (daily except Sunday).....	2:55 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
New York and Boston Special (daily).....	7:45 p.m.	10:25 p.m.
Fast Eastern Express (daily).....	7:45 p.m.	3:35 a.m.

Canada Southern Division—Going West.

	Leave Sarnia	Arrive London
North Shore Limited (daily).....	6:25 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Fast Western Express (daily).....	6:30 a.m.	10:40 a.m.
American Express (daily except Monday).....	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Mail and Accommodation (daily except Sunday).....	2:55 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Pacific Express (daily).....	7:45 p.m.	8:50 p.m.
Chicago Special (daily).....	7:45 p.m.	4:10 a.m.

[NOTE.—No trains to or from London on Sundays.]

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GRAND TRUNK—Southern Division

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MAIN LINE—Going East.

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Lehigh Express (M).....	4:02 a.m.	4:07 a.m.
Wabash Express (M).....	4:10 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Atlantic Express (M).....	11:20 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
Day Express (M).....	12:17 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Wabash Express (M).....	12:45 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Mixed (M).....	6:45 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
Detroit Express.....	10:50 p.m.	.....

MAIN LINE—Going West.

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Chicago Express (M).....	2:15 a.m.	.....
Accommodation.....	2:15 a.m.	7:05 a.m.
Lehigh Express.....	10:45 a.m.	.....
Wabash Express (M).....	11:20 a.m.	.....
Accommodation.....	12:25 p.m.	.....
Day Express (M).....	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Accommodation.....	7:25 p.m.	.....

Sarnia Branch.

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Lehigh Express (M).....	4:02 a.m.	.....
Accommodation.....	4:10 a.m.	.....
Atlantic Express (M).....	11:20 a.m.	.....
Day Express (M).....	12:17 p.m.	.....
Wabash Express (M).....	12:45 p.m.	
Accommodation.....	6:45 p.m.	
Accommodation.....	7:25 p.m.	

Sarnia Branch.

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Chicago Express (M).....	2:15 a.m.	
Accommodation.....	2:15 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
Lehigh Express (M).....	10:45 a.m.	
Wabash Express (M).....	11:20 a.m.	.....
Accommodation.....	12:25 p.m.	.....
Day Express (M).....	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Pacific Express (M).....	7:25 p.m.	

London, Huron and Bruce.

ARRIVE DEPART

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Express.....	9:45 a.m.	
Mail.....	6:25 p.m.	

St. Marys and Stratford.

Mixed—Mail.....	11
Express.....	2
Express.....	3
Express—Mixed.....	4