

## MADAME'S WARD

BY PAULINE BEVERLY.

"Yes," I said, not feeling just then inclined to pursue the subject, "I say, doctor, I hope he'll turn up by and by."

"York?" Oh, yes—no fear of that! I think his visit to Paris has done the boy good, by the way. He seemed to be down in the dumps a few weeks ago, and then, just before Christmas, that he should like to leave White-thorpe; but he seems to have got over that idea. I'm glad to say, Nat, and enough, of course, for he's more or less thrown away here, but the practice generally would go to the dogs without him."

"Now, Ditzie, I'm waiting for you to make up a rubber. Come along! You don't want to dance, I suppose, and you're keeping this boy from doing it."

"I'm sure he's welcome," I said, maliciously, but the doctor only laughed, and, looking across the room, he saw the two old fogies turned off in the direction of the card-room.

"There was a cessation in the dancing just then, and, looking across the great glittering space, I saw Nat standing by the conservatory doors, smiling at something which Ruby St. George, his dark face tonight as beautiful in its fervent way as ever, was whispering in her ear. Alice Deeping, flushed and pretty in her white-and-pink dress, stood there, too, and Major Constable. The doctor did not dance, of course, and for the first time within my knowledge of her and to the consternation of her numerous admirers, the doctor's daughter had refused to walk on principle, as she informed me in a whisper, that if she could not with him, she would not with anybody. Determined if I could to get a word with Nat, I crossed over to him.

"Did lady Ditzie scratch you, Ned?" was Alice's greeting.

"Eh? What do you mean?" I returned.

"Because you got rid of her in the most unceremonious fashion—that's all. I watched her face. She looked as though she could have boxed your ears with pleasure!"

"I wanted to speak to Ditzie," I said.

"So I saw. What a blessing it must be to be an ear's daughter, when one is plain and disagreeable. George, Alice rattled on, turning her bright face to the major—"mustn't it? Her ladyship has not sat out a single dance yet, and wholly and solely because she is her ladyship."

"Neither has Nat, for that matter," I said, looking half angrily at the brilliant little figure in cream-and-scarlet, but she only turned away her head obstinately, although I know she had heard me—listening to Ruby St. George's whispers.

"Nat?" echoed Alice, raising her eyebrows as she played with her pink-and-white bouquet. "Of course not. She is the queen tonight. Indeed I intend to accuse Madame of getting up the ball solely for her glorification. It's too bad, I declare, I was never so disgracefully outshone in the whole course of my life. Oh, Ned!"—her face

## Advertiser Patterns

DESIGNED BY MARTHA DEAN.



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## MONTREAL CITY IS FULL OF TYPHOID

The Water Being Used Is Termed Unfit for Human Consumption.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The typhoid epidemic in Montreal is daily becoming more severe and the citizens are now bordering on a state of panic. The epidemic is one which the medical men are at a loss to explain. The general cause is declared to be the water supply, but many cases are reported in which the victim, prior to contracting the disease, had not been drinking any tap water.

This morning the Westmont health office placarded the suburban city with notices warning the citizens that the water supplied by the Montreal Water and Power Company "is unfit for human consumption," and calling on all who use the water to boil it before drinking it as a precaution against typhoid.

It is estimated that there are over two thousand cases in the city at present, though it is impossible to ascertain the exact figures, as no general record is kept by the civic authorities. The hospitals are all full and this morning many applicants had to be turned away.

There were ten deaths from typhoid last week in Montreal, while 173 new cases were reported. The type is particularly virulent.

Want Filtration Plant.

There is a general agitation on foot for a filtration plant, and many doctors declare that there will be no limit to the spread of the disease until something is done to purify the water supply.

A scarcity of nurses has within the past few days greatly aggravated the situation, and additional trained help has been brought in from other cities. Many have come from Toronto, Hamilton, and other Ontario points.

The alarming aspect of the spread of typhoid that is prevalent this year is that it has been found to be contagious. The nurses at the various hospitals are continually in danger of catching the disease from some of the patients. In numerous cases the members of the family who have been attending the typhoid patient have been stricken. The charts kept at the hospitals show that by far the greater number of cases are from the outlying districts of the city.

One of the governors of the Royal Victoria Hospital remarked today that the situation was such that no other civilized place in the world but Montreal would stand for it, and it was up to the people to force the city council to take some action.

TEMPERANCE FIGHT IN HAMILTON POLLING

Hamilton, Dec. 29.—Failure to get a candidate to oppose Mayor McLaren has discouraged the hydro-electric supporters, and it looks as if the municipal election on Monday would be decided on the clear-cut issue of license reduction. The license men are strongly organized under the name of the Ratepayers' Association. The temperance people will send out a circular mail from the pulpits of all the city churches on Sunday next. Eighteen licenses will be out off if the temperance people control the council.

GRAVE NOT NEEDED

Kingston Man Supposed To Be Dead, But Turned Up Alive.

Kingston, Dec. 29.—A Marysville, Tyndinaga, dispatch says: "The friends of Martin Doyle, of Buffalo, N. Y., formerly of this place, received a message of his death. They dug the grave and met the trains for a couple of days, when they still another dispatch that he was still alive and likely to recover."

FEAR GENERAL WALKOUT

Chicago Anxious Lest Switchmen's Strike Spreads To All Branches.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Fear of a general strike of railroad workmen, following the signature of the switchmen of the Northwest to a decision on terms in the conference with the railway officials in St. Paul, caused worry today among shippers in Chicago.

That the strike will spread until it assumes the proportions of a general walkout of railroad employees is the prediction of the Chicago committee. It was feared that the Chicago committee of switchmen now in conference with the railway managers' committee in the Railway Exchange Building would insist upon the original demands of the men, and that unless the managers yielded a walkout of switchmen in Chicago would follow.

That the situation is very grave was admitted by both sides. The Chicago committee of switchmen has been in conference with the railway managers' committee for two weeks, and still there have been no reports of results. Both sides are maintaining secrecy as to what progress is being made.

The second day's session of the wage conference of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the general managers' committee was opened during the morning.

The brotherhood has asked wage increases varying from 15 to 40 per cent.

TAFT TO INTERVENE

May Be Asked to Bring About Settlement of Switchmen's Strike.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—All of the strike leaders who have been in consultation with President Hawley of the Switchmen's Union have left the city. President Perham of the Railway Telegraphers was chairman of the American Federation of Labor railway section, is in Chicago today, and tomorrow evening he expects to be in Washington, where he will confer with the members of the Interstate commerce commission to learn if that body or President Taft may be induced to intervene in the dispute between the switchmen and the railroads, and thus avert a general strike.

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## ZELAYA WAS BARRED FROM BRITISH SHIP

Could Not Take Refuge Unless Promising Not to Return to Nicaragua.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 28.—The statement by former President Zelaya at Salina Cruz, Mexico, yesterday that he had been offered a steamer to the British cruiser Shearwater by the British minister is denied here today.

The facts are these: Zelaya, who he wished to leave the country, begged of the British consul in this city that he be given permission to embark upon the Shearwater, which was then in the harbor of Corinto. The consul referred the matter to the British foreign office. Two days later, the British government replied in effect as follows:

"If Zelaya reached the side of the Shearwater in his own skiff asking refuge he would be allowed to go on board. First, however, he must agree formally never to return to Nicaragua."

Zelaya balked at this condition, whereupon permission for his presence upon the Shearwater was withdrawn. Subsequently the fleeing ex-president agreed to the same terms when imposed by the Government of Mexico.

General Irujo announced today his intention to travel abroad. He is leaving Nicaragua, he says, to free President Mazarin of the suspicion that the latter means to continue the Zelaya regime.

CORRESPONDENCE

Farmers' Sons Can Vote.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As the time shortens when the vote on local option is to be recorded, there is more interest being taken by the electors in the various municipalities. Word comes from many places of prospective victories in not only rural municipalities, but in towns and cities.

Reports are also being spread abroad as to methods that will be adopted against the local option movement. For instance in Lobo Township it is said that all farmers' sons thought to be in favor of local option will be sworn on election day. This bluff (for it can be nothing more than a bluff), is expected to stop some from voting. According to the local option act, every person who has a vote for reeve or councillor has a vote on the local option bylaw, and such unfair tactics on the part of the barroom interests should not stop one person who is entitled from recording his or her vote at the proper time. It is hoped, by calling public attention to this scheme, that the farmers' sons in Lobo and other municipalities will be forewarned and not surprised into being done out of their votes. There are also other electors on the list of the sworn. Let all be ready.

At the last vote Lobo almost passed the bylaw, and it is earnestly hoped that this year will carry it through. There is no doubt but it will receive the necessary three-fifths majority, if every elector opposed to continuing the barroom will go to the polls and vote. It is a responsibility that should not be shirked on any excuse whatever. MACK.

The Sewerage Bylaw.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As there appears from your news column to be great probability that the storm sewer bylaw will be approved by the ratepayers, permit me to voice the opposition to it. Storm sewers as distinguished from sewers are an absurdity in London, expert opinions to the contrary. A sewer for sewage alone is not an absurdity in places like New Orleans, where the river is higher than the city, and the sewage has necessarily to be pumped into the river. The sewers in London should carry off both sewage and storm water. The system for sewage only was a blunder, which should now be abandoned and useless expenses for parallel storm sewers saved. The present sewers can receive and carry off the storm water if sufficient overflows are made at various points direct to the river, similar to those already in operation on the main branch of the river. Until sewers are laid in outlying parts of the city, the storm water can be carried off the streets by

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The tremendous selling of the weeks before Christmas has shattered the assortments in many lines; active trading always does. These little limited lots we have specially priced for Thursday's selling. The qualities are reliable, while the prices are low enough to effect a complete clearance

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dry wells. The storm sewer bylaw should be defeated.

London, Dec. 28.

SCHOONER LOST.

Ipswich, Mass., Dec. 28.—The wreck of the schooner Ada K. Damon on Cass's Hill Beach during Sunday's storm was reported here today by the vessel's master, Captain A. K. Brewster, of York, Maine. The Damon while anchored off the beach, was driven ashore and smashed to pieces. Captain Brewster and his two sailors escaped, but suffered severely before they found shelter.

The Damon registered 91 tons and hailed from Boston.

AUTHOR GILMAN DEAD.

Atlantic City, Dec. 28.—Arthur Gilman, author of Cambridge, Mass., died here yesterday. He was 72 years old. He was the founder of the Harvard Ames, now known as Radcliffe College, and the author of numerous historical works.



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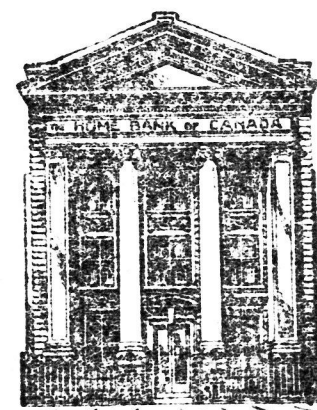
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