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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1920

SIXTEEN PAGES

LIVED AS RECLUSE THROUGH 24 YEARS

As Hidden From the World as If Dwelling in a Wilderness—Was Unhappily Married.

London, May 13.—A dilapidated twelfth in the quaint little village of Tidhurst, Sussex, surely will be known as the "House with the Green Shutters." Although a woman has occupied the house for twenty-four years, very few of the 1,000 villagers know she lived there. She was almost as completely hidden from the world as if she dwelt in a wilderness.

The secret was revealed only when she died recently. Years and years ago, when she was thirty, she married a man younger than herself. Soon she regretted the step; suddenly she disappeared. Undoubtedly, her purpose in hiding herself was to deprive her husband of any claim on her money, which was her own. So well did she seclude herself that her husband believed her dead—until she died. Learning of this through the law's channels, he applied for letters of administration of her estate. Besides, he seeks to have set aside a protection order against him which she obtained in 1880 on the false assertion that he had deserted her.

Secret Kin Not Informed.

Even the woman's closest relatives did not know her whereabouts for years. She had not even told her sister.

If ever you need me put an advertisement for a cook in certain newspapers."

Years passed. Every day the wife, without a husband, had to study the advertisement columns of the newspapers she had fixed upon. The call came in 1896. The woman answered it and went to the house with the green shutters to her sister. There, too, lived her brother, but, unknown to him, this secretive, lonely woman entered the house. Unknown to him, she occupied the room there. He and the sister died. The woman in hiding dwelt there until her last day. No one ever saw her out of doors. The weather-beaten house, with its two front doors made into one, looked out for at least twenty years. And all that time the ground floor windows have been barricaded by the heavy green shutters.

"She was a complete puzzle to us," said a neighbor of the mysterious double house yesterday. "We knew she was there, but for years and years we never saw her. She never put her face outside the front door."

"Save Money," Her Injunction.

"When the war broke out and my husband joined she became more friendly. Occasionally she would put her head out of the back door and inquire about the war. She did not seem to know anything of what was going on in the outside world. Her favorite topic of conversation was money. 'Save, all the money you can,' was her oft-repeated advice."

"You should always keep your front door locked; you never know who might walk in unexpectedly," was another of her sayings. She seldom talked about herself. But on one occasion she told me that if ever I wanted her I was to knock on the side door. 'Never knock on the front door,' she said, 'because I shall never answer it. I never answer the front door because I'm afraid that one day some one might come whom I do not want to see.'"

"How she lived was a mystery. Once a week a little boy would call at the house to run the errands. Her wants must have been very few, for she seemed to buy very little. On very rare occasions a bag of coal would be delivered. "In the depth of winter I've seen her hands swollen up with cold, but she never complained. Her clothes were old and ragged and her appearance suffered from general neglect."

"Why once she said to me: 'If some one knew I am living here my plans would be upset.'"

TO LONDON EXHIBITION.

Montreal, May 13.—The C. P. O. liner, Scotian, sailed this morning, with Canada's first contingent in its drive to the world trade, a second will leave tomorrow on the Venetia. The contingent comprises exhibitors at the Canadian Industries exhibition in the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, June 3 to 17.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents.

BIRTHS

FORESTELL—At the Maternity Hospital, Cliff street, on May 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forestell, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

RING-GILES—On May 12, by Rev. J. D. Hudson, in St. John's N. B., Berton Wellington Ring to Miss Florence A. Giles, both of this city.

GELDART-BLIZARD—At 53 Simonds street, on May 12, 1920, by Rev. Neil MacLachlan, Robert E. Geldart to Miss Blizard, both of this city.

DEATHS

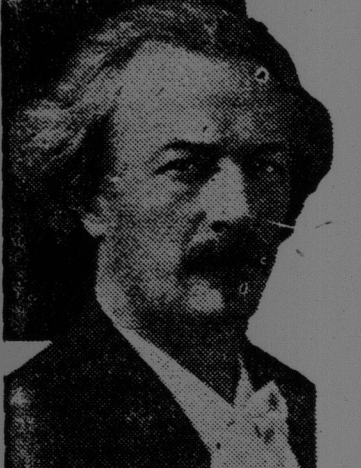
ROLSTON—At his residence, 109 Pitt street on 13th inst., John Rolston, leaving four sisters and two brothers to mourn.

Notice of funeral later.

ADAMS—In this city, on May 12, Ernest Walter Adams, of St. John's, N. B., leaving his father, mother, and eleven brothers and sisters in St. John's, Antigua.

Funeral on Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. from the residence of Mrs. George Hecto, 41 Spar Cove road.

OFFER HIM MILLION.



Ignace Padewski, who has been offered \$1,000,000 by an American promoter to make a concert tour of Canada, United States and South America.

NEW CANADIAN CENT READY FOR END OF MONTH

Ottawa, May 13.—Authority has been given for the issue of the new Canadian cent on and after May 15. It will not, however, actually be in circulation till towards the end of the month. It will be slightly larger than the Canadian ten-cent piece, or three-quarters of an inch in dimensions. It will bear the following design: His Majesty's crowned effigy, consisting of head and neck, wearing the royal robes, and looking to the left, with the inscription: "GEORGE V. DEI. REX IND. IMP. REVERSE IMPRESSION, the words One Cent supported by a maple leaf on either side, and bearing the word Canada above and the date of issue below.

LOCAL LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE B. R. T.

An organization meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was held in the hall of the Grand Lodge of the B. R. T. on May 12. Mrs. Delia F. Leonard, grand secretary of the executive of the Grand Lodge of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen of the United States, was the guest of honor. She was accompanied by Mrs. William A. Tobin, president; Mrs. William A. Tobin, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Thompson, secretary; Mrs. James Burns, outer guard; Mrs. George Costley, inner guard; Mrs. George Costley, journal agent; Mrs. B. Cox, Mrs. W. Moore, Mrs. W. Brownell, Miss J. Sullivan, Mrs. R. Peer, Mrs. H. Robinson, Mrs. D. Ring, Mrs. C. Cooley, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. P. Belyea, Mrs. M. Perry, Miss M. Sullivan, Mrs. Frank Ervin, Mrs. J. O'Brien and Mrs. James Warnock.

HERE'S FINE WAY TO KEEP DOWN THE COST OF LIVING

Montreal, May 13.—Seventeen tons of pickled herrings, cured in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, were shipped to Montreal last September and owing to the shortage of cold storage room they were stored in a large shed with the result that they are now spoiled.

It Was Pitiful.

An inexperienced young divine was officiating at his first funeral. Desiring to ask the congregation to step up and view the body, in his nervousness he worded the invitation in this way: "And now, dear friends, will you kindly pass round the Bier."

Over all those drawn, gloomy faces in that vast edifice there passed a look of mild, peaceful, happy expectation that the young clergyman, perceiving the error he had made, almost broke down.

IN MEMORIAM

MORRILL—In loving memory of Ernest Hartley Morrill, who departed this life on May 12, 1919. Gone but not forgotten.

WIFE AND SON.

SARGEANT—In loving memory of our dear father, Thomas N. Sargeant, who departed this life May 12, 1918. Thou art gone but not forgotten.

CARD OF THANKS

Simon Anderson and Timothy O'Leary thank the many friends for the floral and spiritual offerings and sympathy extended them in their recent bereavement.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

ENJOYABLE BILL AGAIN TONIGHT

Another Chance for Patrons to See This Feature Mid-Week Programme—New Acts Here Tomorrow.

The mid-week programme, which made such a hit during the last two days at the Opera House, will be continued this evening. The acts are all good and many patrons maintain that the bill is one of the best they ever enjoyed at this popular vaudeville house. It includes Homer Romaine, a sensational aerialist; Princess Nal Tai Tai, "The Chinese Nightingale," Crehan, Weeks and Company, in a stirring one act playlet, "On the Rio Grande;" Daniels and Walters, in a novel comedy skit; Larimer, Hudson and Company, in a feature comedy cycling offering replete with thrills. There will also be another episode of "Daredevil Jack," a popular motion picture serial featuring Jack Dempsey, champion pugilist of the world.

The new programme for Friday will be as follows:

Another episode of "Lightning Bryce;" Lark Laing, a stellar comedy mimic; Mr. and Mrs. Norcross, in a song and dance number; "The Merry Men;" Shannon, two merry minstrels in comedy singing and dancing; Carney and Ross, the "Kill Kari Couple," in nifty songs, acts and dancing; and Davey, the Australian comedy juggler.

ALL FALL IN AT QUEEN SQUARE THEATRE TONIGHT

Today there will be an entire change of programme by the Rivoli Musical Comedy Company at the Queen Square Theatre. The new offering is a complete musical comedy in two acts with fifteen musical numbers including songs, duets, choruses and a clever plot, then you'll do well to see "All Fall In," which is the title of the new programme. It is admitted that for first-class singing and dancing, the Rivoli Musical Comedy surpasses anything heard here in that line in many years. This performance will run one hour and a half, the first starting at 7:15 and the second at 8:45, and the matinee at 2:30. There will be a complete change of costumes and the ladies of the audience will find the evening gowning. See big adv. on amusement page.

BEST COMEDY HIT OF THE SEASON

Will Be Presented by St. Peter's Dramatic Club Next Monday and Tuesday.

"It Pays to Advertise," one of the best comedy hits of the season, will be presented in St. Peter's Dramatic Club next Monday and Tuesday evenings under the auspices of St. Peter's Dramatic Club. This feature drama, which is teeming with fun and very amusing, is one of the best ever produced in this city and will undoubtedly attract capacity houses. Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson has the honor of presenting this play, and she will undoubtedly attract capacity houses for the approval of local patrons. The ticket exchange starts today at Colgan's Drug store, Waterloo street.

IS APPOINTED INSPECTOR HERE

Ottawa, May 13.—Civil service commission today announced the following appointments:—R. P. Fortin of Montreal, to be inspector of gas and electricity at St. John, for the federal department of trade and commerce.

THEY STAND BY THE PRESIDENT

San Antonio, Texas, May 13.—General officers of the Carranza army and the governors of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, at a conference held at Monterrey, decided to stand by the Carranza government and will put up a strong counter offensive against revolutionary representatives in northern Mexico, according to official announcement by Gonzales de la Mata, the Carranza consul here.

CHOKED HIS LANDLORD TO DEATH; ACQUITT

Saskatoon, Sask., May 13.—John Arthur was acquitted of murder by a jury at Kinsiders yesterday. The jury decided Arthur acted in self defence when he got into a violent quarrel with his landlord and, seizing him by the throat, choked his life out.

MONTEAL PRICES

Montreal, May 13.—The prices of a leg of lamb is now forty five cents a pound which shows an increase of five cents over last week. Dairy butter is one cent less and creamery butter has dropped two cents. Grape fruit has gone up fifty cents a box and carrots are \$1.75, \$2.25 a bag instead of \$1.75.

OAK HALL'S BACK HOME SALE INTERESTS WOMEN

Yesterday was the first day that women's apparel had been shown at the Oak Hall Back Home Sale at their old home stand, corner of King and Germain streets and judging by the crowds and the quantity of women's apparel that was carried away this has certainly been a move by Oak Hall that is greatly appreciated by the women of this vicinity.

The women's merchandise shown at this Back Home Sale has been carefully selected from Oak Hall's regular high-class stock and marked at drastic reductions for quick selling. And as the floor space is small, only a limited quantity could be shown at one time, but each month this stock will be replenished with new fresh wearing apparel so that those who were unfortunately unable to take advantage of the opportunity yesterday will still have large assortments to choose from.

There are children's dresses here worth up to \$4, all marked at 98 cents and there are also dresses marked at \$2.50 and easily worth twice as much; then there are middie, skirts, undershirts, sweaters, bungalow dresses, hosiery, lingerie, gloves, and many more useful articles all marked at drastic reductions, but if one is to profit by this great Back Home Sale they should take advantage of it now—in a few days it will be too late.

LOCAL NEWS

A complimentary dinner was tendered Rev. Dr. Rabinovitch of Brooklyn, N. Y., last evening by the Young Hebrew Association at the Queen Square Theatre. Dr. Rabinovitch founded the Hazen avenue synagogue and was a leading spirit in the Jewish community here until his departure for the United States in 1907.

At a meeting of the common council yesterday a letter was read from Premier Foster, which stated that the free government employment bureau are costing the province government \$20,000 a half that amount being too much for the province to bear. Frederick and Monahan have arranged with the federal government for the continuance of these bureaus.

Rev. Thomas Marshall has been selected by the Presbyterian Association to be a general manager of the temperance campaign in the coming referendum. He has been released by the Fairview Methodist church to enable him to take up this very important work. Mr. Marshall entered upon his new duties this morning.

The vocational committee have asked the school board to use its authority to secure an issue of debt for a building to be used as a vocational school. At a meeting at which the matter was discussed the school board decided to issue \$20,000 of debt for a building and the remaining \$20,000 for alterations, etc. Some members of the vocational committee are of the opinion that a building is essential to the successful carrying on of the work, considering the fact that 700 pupils have already taken the course, and this is regarded as only a start.

Three very rare birds have recently been presented by Dr. L. A. Langstroth and one by A. L. McIntosh. The birds presented by Dr. Langstroth are a Great Horned Owl, a Screech Owl, and a Louisiana Heron. The bird presented by A. L. McIntosh, is also a rare specimen, having been taken by him while wandering far off from its usual haunts.

PERSONAL

Mrs. A. H. Merrill left last evening on a three weeks' trip to the New England States.

Mrs. and Mrs. Martin Lowe, accompanied by their little daughter, left last evening to visit Mr. Lowe's mother at Loggieville.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Samuel C. Young of Fort William, Ont., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Norma Kathleen, to Captain Stanley M. Smith, M. C. son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smith of this city, the marriage to take place on Tuesday, June 1. Hon. John W. Daniel and Hon. James Donville, of Rothsay, and S. E. Elkin, M.P., arrived home today on the Montreal train.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frodman announced the engagement of their daughter, Eva M., to Frederick H. Potter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hannah of Canon street, announce the engagement of their second daughter, Frances, to Stanley Chesworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chesworth, East St. John, the wedding to take place early in June.

Mrs. C. A. Matthews left for Boston on a train to visit her sister in that city.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, provincial minister of public works, is in the city today.

John McCreath, mining engineer, arrived from Boston yesterday to spend the summer here.

Miss Evelyn Murphy, of west end, arrived home from the United States yesterday, called by the illness of her mother.

IN FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Newcastle, County Down, Ireland, May 13.—Miss Cecil Leitch, present champion, qualified for the final round of the British women's golf championship by disposing of Miss Doris Farquhar of Fallowfield, 4 and 3.

Miss Fraser entered the semi-final by beating Miss Alexander, of Belfast, earlier in the day.

USE The Want Ad Way

LOCAL NEWS

Carpet cleaning. Phone West 67.

"BUSY BEE" FRIDAY SPECIAL. "Busy Bee," 143 Charlotte street, offers as its Friday special this week a Walnut Butter Cream Layer Cake, regular priced at \$2, for \$1.50.

UMBRELLAS REPAIRED.

Recovered; work promptly done, at Duval's, 15 Waterloo street, just around Union street. Open every evening. 5-15

Y. W. P. A. pantry sale. Imperial lobby, Saturdays, at 3 p. m. 5-15

R. D. Harrington has removed his plumbing and heating business from Union street to 5 Dorchester street. 2365-5-15

DR. MERRILL MOVES.

Dr. A. H. Merrill has removed his dental rooms from 75 Charlotte street to 66 Sydney street, corner of Princess. 5-18

The beautiful new song, "The Barefoot Trail," which is being sung by the Grand XI girls at High School on Arbor Day can be procured at the Amherst Pianos, Ltd., 7 Market Square.

NOTICE.

The Sanitary Cafe, 32 Charlotte street, will be closed until the first of the week, during which time it will be thoroughly renovated and will resume business under the name of the "Frisco Cafe." Dated this tenth day of May, A.D. 1920. "FRISCO CAFE." 5-17

ST. JOHN-DIGBY SERVICE.

The St. John-Digby service, between St. John and Digby, will resume service beginning Saturday morning, May 15, from St. John. It was expected to have the regular \$20 to \$40, now \$15.50 to \$28; men's raincoats, ranging from \$14.50 to \$28, men's suits from \$11 to \$24.75. Also a full line of boys' suits from \$7.50 up; children's hats, ranging from \$3 up; men's pants from \$8.25 up. Also a complete line of men's furnishings, suitcases, bags, etc. 5-16

COAL HANDLERS AND TRIMMERS.

Returned soldiers who were members in good standing in this local before enlistment and who wish to retain their membership must report to Secretary at 14 Canterbury street within two months from the time that they receive their discharge from the service.

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SPECIAL SALE AT UNION CLOTHING COMPANY.

The Union Clothing Co., 200 Union street, is featuring the following:—Men's suits, regularly priced from \$25 to \$45, at from \$20 to \$35; men's top coats, regular \$20 to \$40, now \$15.50 to \$28; men's raincoats, ranging from \$14.50 to \$28, men's suits from \$11 to \$24.75. Also a full line of boys' suits from \$7.50 up; children's hats, ranging from \$3 up; men's pants from \$8.25 up. Also a complete line of men's furnishings, suitcases, bags, etc. 5-16

E. A. Sturdee in New Position.

A recent issue of Printing, New York, contains this complimentary reference to E. A. Sturdee:—E. A. Sturdee, secretary and treasurer of "The Merry Print Int., 14 Pynchon street, Springfield, Mass., leaves the firm May 1, to accept a position as assistant manager of the John G. Myers Company, Albany, N. Y.

LATE SHIPPING PORT OF ST. JOHN

Strm Tungus, 1,039, Capt Tidman, from Cuba.

Coastwise—Gas schr Jennie T, 26 tons, Capt R. B. Eady, from Manzanillo, N. S.; Am schr St Croix, 190 tons, Capt W. O. Perry, from Parrish, N. S.; strm Frances Boutlier, 41 tons, Capt C. R. Reed, from Weymouth, N. S.; Gas schr Cora Gertie, 30 tons, Capt H. M. Thuber, from Freeport, N. S.

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Coastwise—Gas schr Claude B Daley, 25 tons, Capt Edward Poole, from Port Greville, N. S.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamship Tungus, 1,039, Capt Tidman, arrived in port at six o'clock this morning from Cuba, with a cargo of raw sugar for the Atlantic Sugar Refinery. Furness Withy are the local agents.

Steamship Kanawha, from this port, arrived at Halifax at 7:30 this morning. Steamship Otomara, 7,758 tons, is expected to sail tomorrow morning for Australia via the Panama canal. J. T. Knight & Co. are the local agents.

Steamship Major Wheeler is on her way to this port with a cargo of sugar for the Atlantic Sugar Refinery. McLean, Kennedy, Ltd., are the local agents.

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The steamships Montezuma and Dunbridge, of the C. P. O. S., are coming here next week consigned to McLean, Kennedy, Ltd., to load a cargo of deals for the Associated Importers, Ltd.

MILLERAND TO ENGLAND

Paris, May 13.—Premier Millerand plans to leave tomorrow morning for Folkestone, where he will meet Lloyd George to discuss the Spa conference.

Kills Wife and Self.

Regina, Sask., May 13.—Mrs. Martha Fireman of Hazeldeh, Sask., was shot dead by her husband on May 10. The agent, Isadore, then blew his brains out.

BISHOP FALLON TO EUROPE



Bishop Fallon of London, who will leave soon on a tour of England and Europe in the interests of the Catholic Church.

The two young men arrested in Hampton, recently charged with being drunk, also creating considerable disturbance around the village, were fined \$10 and costs in Magistrate Brewster's court yesterday morning. The fine was allowed to stand.

DEATH OF JOHN RALSTON.

Many friends in the city will regret to hear of the death of John Ralston, which occurred this morning at his residence, 109 Pitt street, after a lingering illness. He was for years a valued employee of T. McAvity & Sons. He leaves five sisters—Mrs. John Dunn and Mrs. Frank Seely of this city; Mrs. Albert Carr of Amherst, and Misses Mary and Margaret at home.

U. N. B. SENATE DECIDES ON THREE DEGREES

(Special to Times.)

Fredricton, May 13.—At a U. N. B. senate meeting today it was decided to hold another session a week from today on the matter of the memorial building. It was decided to confer the degree of LL. D. Honoris Causa upon William McNeil, B. A., of Ottawa; Prof. A. W. Duff of Worcester, Mass., and Prof. W. F. Ganong of Northampton, Mass. A recommendation was passed that in future the degrees of B. C. L. and D. C. L. be confined to members of the legal profession.

Chancellor Jones was instructed to open the college athletic field to the citizens of Fredericton during the vacation under proper supervision.

Steps were taken to provide a successor to Professor Spaulding in the chair of modern languages.

The insurance on college buildings was ordered to be substantially increased.

Those present were Dr. W. S. Carter, Hon. J. H. Barry, Dr. H. S. Bridges, Dr. W. W. White, Sir J. D. Hazen, R. D. Hanson, Dr. C. C. Jones, J. T. Jennings, Miss E. R. Hunter, Miss Gray, Fleming, Dr. Murray MacLaren, Dr. Thomas Walker and Dr. W. C. Crockett.

Chancellor Jones presided at the exercises this afternoon.

Ex-Warden John Scott of this city celebrated his eightieth birthday today. He is yet in good health. He was born at Pokok, York county, in a log cabin of pioneer stock.

Secretary Hugh O'Neill of the Fredericton Trotting Park Association says that the mid-summer meet here will be on the three-day plan. W. C. Carter of Holyoke, Mass., is to bring his stable to campaign on this circuit. He has never been in this section before.

ENGLAND REVIVING SHOW AT OLYMPIA

International Horse Exhibit to Be Held After a Lapse of Six Years.

(New York Times.)

The ninth International Horse Show of England, held annually at Olympia, will open its doors to the public on June 16, after a lapse of six years, and will remain open for ten days. Always a social function of interest, the exhibition promises this year to outline all previous efforts in this direction.

King George is again patron, and the English directors are the Earl of Leinster, chairman; Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., C. V. O.; Sir James Buchanan, Bart.; Arthur E. Evans, O. B. E.; Walter Lloyd, Walter Winans and R. G. Heaton, managing director. Judge Moore, with E. T. Stotesbury, Clarence H. Mackay and Lawrence Jones, represent America. Canada is represented by Colonel Sir Adam Beck, George W. Beadmore and Sir Montague Allan, V. O. P. F. Euren, as before, is secretary of the show.

In all there are 101 classes, for which prizes are offered amounting to \$35,000. Pre-war entrance fees are maintained. The new classes are many and interesting. One is for trotters and pacers, for which there is a large demand nowadays in England.

Another novelty will be a Marathon drive for horses in single harness, which will run over a course of twelve miles, finishing in the Olympia Arena. A third will be for horses in private use and not kept for show purposes, and yet another where champion cups will be awarded for the best trotting horse and the best pacer.

FROM PIT BOY TO CHAMPION

Story of Georges Carpentier—Was Born in Lens, a Mining Town Well Known to Canadian Ex-Soldiers.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

In "From Pit Boy to Champion Boxer," the biography of Georges Carpentier, written by F. Hurdman-Lucas, we learn that the French fighter was born in what his enthusiastic biographer calls the "obscure mining town of Lens" in the year 1894, and is now something short of twenty-six years old. As a writer we consider Mr. Hurdman-Lucas to be a clever boxer or something, but at least he appears to have first-hand knowledge of what he tries to write about. He was the first Englishman to recognize that Carpentier was something out of the common, and was the time-keeper in the boy's first important match in Paris. He mentions that Georges' parents were of the peasant class, and that the boy was sent to work in the mines when he was twelve years old. He has also the theory that the lad's physical prowess was derived from his grandfather, who was a man of unusual strength and above the ordinary stature, while his parents appear to have been nothing out of the common.

Descamps' Academy.

Francois Descamps, who later was to win fame and fortune as Carpentier's manager, had recently opened a boxing and athletic academy in the town, and here he had used to resort on every opportunity. Though of frail build he was unusually symmetrical and Descamps, a good judge, thought the lad might make a gymnast. He gave him some acrobatic lessons but soon perceived that he had a natural bent for boxing. He had not only the grace and speed, but he had the fighting instinct. The quickness with which he came to work with the "muffs," which Mr. Lucas has apparently nicknamed the boxing gloves, delighted Descamps, and presently he arranged with Georges' parents that the boy should quit the mine and become a pugilist. Georges was then earning five francs a week which he turned over to his mother and Descamps agreed to pay her the same amount. So he became Georges' manager, and mentor, and for all practical purposes his father.

Child Knocks Out a Man.

Descamps appears to have had some slight ring experience, but perhaps no so slight as to justify one to speak slightly of it in his presence. At any rate he was qualified to teach the boy. Mr. Hurdman-Lucas holds the Aristotelian theory that all knowledge is born in one, and that Georges merely needed to have his lore on the subject "drawn out," as he says. His ring debut was made when he was thirteen years old and weighed less than 100 pounds. His victim was an alleged pugilist traveling with a little circus who used to curdle the blood of audiences by his challenges, probably a run-soaked rather of some fourth-rate boxer. But he was heavier and bigger than "the mere child of a boy," as Mr. Lucas calls him, and the fact that he was knocked out attracted local attention. Several others of the same tribe were polished off in quick order by the lad, and Descamps believed this kind of practice was extremely useful to his protégé.

Wins on a Fool.

His first engagement of any importance was with Kid Salmon, whom the author speaks of respectfully as "the roundabout" and it may be said here the names of nine-tenths of the Battling Anarchites, K. O. Cokes and other ferocious sluggers whom he mentions are unknown to fame. But Salmon, an Englishman, had challenged all France at his weight, and in vain until Descamps matched Carpentier with him, and at the time the notion that an alleged pugilist traveling with a little circus who used to curdle the blood of audiences by his challenges, probably a run-soaked rather of some fourth-rate boxer. But he was heavier and bigger than "the mere child of a boy," as Mr. Lucas calls him, and the fact that he was knocked out attracted local attention. Several others of the same tribe were polished off in quick order by the lad, and Descamps believed this kind of practice was extremely useful to his protégé.

From Flyweight to Heavyweight