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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-century village of Tidhurst, Sussex, surely will be known as the "House with the Green Shutters."

The secret was revealed only when she died recently. Years and years ago, when she was thirty, she married a man younger than herself.

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

Years passed. Every day the wife without a husband must have studied the advertisement columns of the newspapers as he fixed upon. The call came in 1896. The woman answered it and went to the house with the green shutters to her sister.

"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."

"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 is a mystery. Once a week a little boy would call at the house to run the errands. Her wants could not have been very few, for the boy 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.

"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 on the world trade, a second will leave tomorrow on the Venetia.

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, N. B., Berton Wellington Ring to Miss Florence A. Giles, both of this city.

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

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

OFFER HIM MILLION.

Ignace Paderewski, 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 and after May 15 it will not, however, actually be in circulation till towards the end of the month.

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 West St. John on May 6.

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.

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. Vincent's Auditorium next Monday and Tuesday evenings.

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

INS 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 revolutionaries in northern Mexico.

CHOKED HIS LANDLORD TO DEATH; ACQUITTED

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

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

WIFE AND SON. SARGENT—In loving memory of our dear father, Thomas N. Sargent, who departed this life May 12, 1918. Thou art gone but not forgotten.

FAMILY. CARD OF THANKS. Simon Anderson and Timothy O'Leary return thanks to 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.

LOCAL NEWS. Carpet cleaning. Phone West 67.

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OAK HALL'S BACK HOME SALE INTERESTS WOMEN

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

LOCAL NEWS. THE BEAUTIFUL NEW SONG, "The Barefoot Trail," which is being sung by the Grade XI girls at High School on Arbor Day can be procured at the Amherst Pianos, Ltd., 7 Market Square.

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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.

LOCAL NEWS. AT WORK AGAIN. The ferry steamer Maggie Miller resumed her sailings yesterday.

LOCAL NEWS. IN HAMPTON. 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.

LOCAL NEWS. 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 employe 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.

LOCAL NEWS. U. N. B. SENATE DECIDES ON THREE DEGREES. (Special to Times.) Fredericton, May 13—At 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 McInnis, 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.

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

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

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

LOCAL NEWS. 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. B. Hunter, Miss G. Fleming, Dr. Murray MacLaren, Dr. Thomas Walker and Dr. W. C. Crockett, M. P.

LOCAL NEWS. Chancellor Jones presided at the encanva exercises this afternoon.

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

LOCAL NEWS. Secretary Hugh O'Neill of the Fredericton Trotting Park Association says that the mid-summer meet here will be on the three-hour plan.

LOCAL NEWS. Campaign on this circuit. He has never been in this section before.

LOCAL NEWS. 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.

LOCAL NEWS. King George is again patron, and the English directors are the Earl of Leonsdale, chairman; Sir Gilbert Grenville-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. May and Lawrence Jones, represent America. Canada is represented by Colonel Sir Adam Beck, George W. Beardmore and Sir Montague Allan, C. V. O. Francis P. Euren, as before, is secretary of the show.

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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.

LOCAL NEWS. Desamps' Academy. Francois Desamps, 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 Desamps, 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 skillfully use the "mufflers," which Mr. Lucas has apparently nicknamed the boxing gloves, delighted Desamps, and presently he arranged with Georges' father to have five francs a week which he turned over to his mother and Desamps agreed to pay her the same amount. So he became Georges' manager, and mentor, and for all practical purposes his father.

LOCAL NEWS. Child Knocks Out a Man. Desamps appears to have had some slight ring experience, but perhaps not 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 chit of a boy," as Mr. Lucas calls him, and the fact that he was knocked out after three local attempts. Several others of the same tribe were polished off in quick order by the lad, and Desamps believed this kind of practice was extremely useful to his protegee.

LOCAL NEWS. 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-fifths of the "Sitting Anthearts, K. O. Cokes and other ferocious sluggers whom he mentions are unknown to fame. But when an Englishman had challenged at Carpentier's weight, and in vain until Desamps matched Carpentier with him, and at that time the notion that a Frenchman could lick an Englishman seemed a mere fantasy. The fight took place when Carpentier was fourteen years old, and to everyone's indignation. Indeed, we are informed that Desamps had to carry him struggling and kicking from the ring. It was in this fight that Mr. Hurdman-Lucas first saw Georges.

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