

ST. PATRICK AND THE PINK GOWN

(Benziger's Magazine.)

Margherita stopped at St. Francis Xavier's to light a candle. Dusky-eyed, pink-checked, with a piquant smartness in her tailored suit and jaunty-tipped toque—slender, young, Italian Margherita possessed what Madam, head of the great dress-making shop where the girl worked, vaguely termed "an air."

Far in the end of the church, at either side of the altar, ruddy, flickering flames showed before St. Joseph and the Virgin. A black clad figure knelt silently in a pew, the only figure in the vast edifice, and Margherita, a very splendor of happiness filling her own heart to bursting, felt a rush of pity as she caught the woman's choked sobs.

She hastened out of the church and walked swiftly down Fifth Avenue. In the cool greenness of Washington Square she loitered again, drinking in the soft night air in joyous content. Then she turned away to her own noisy street, where patient Tony would be wondering at her absence.

Not until she had climbed the second flight of dingy stairs did she feel that anything was wrong. Then the troubled face of Ann McGuinness confronted her from out of the door set ajar to catch the girl's footsteps. "Hush, my child, till I break the news to you," she exclaimed, earnestly.

Margherita gazed at her in puzzled astonishment. "But it's plenty you have to be thankful for that it's not killed her," continued Ann McGuinness, with pathetic clumsiness. Margherita felt a sudden clumping at her heart strings, a queer, crushed feeling of breathlessness. She gasped faintly, her face chalky and breathing labored, "Patricio?"

"Sh," said Ann McGuinness, "tis Tony, and Patricio's with him this hour, waiting for you, my dear. Be brave now, like the girl you are. And the dirty villain that done the deed is copped by now and a better job never done. Oh, the hound, to knife Tony, the decenter, most genteel Dago that ever breathed the air of this land of free and equal."

Ann McGuinness, grown oratorical in her honest indignation, had not noticed Margherita's swift flight up the stairs until she heard her little cry as she opened the door above, and the strong tones of Patricio Mullen trying to calm her anguished weeping.

Three weeks passed by, and Tony recovered but slowly from his wound. The knife aimed at a more vital part had landed near the knee, and for a time it seemed doubtful if Tony would ever walk again.

Then Margherita, with dry eyes, faced the first tragedy of her life. Antoinette Guere was going to be married. Antoinette's father was a banker and mayor of the East Side, and she was the only girl Margherita knew who could pay the high price Margherita asked for the gown—the same sun the great surgeon who cut Tony's leg so that he could walk again had placed on his services.

Mullen laughed when first she told him she must not marry him—not now, but perhaps in a year or two, she had explained. "Not yet but soon," with a wistful attempt at a smile.

its background of rose glory. To have the gown, to gaze at and touch with the joy of possession, was sufficient then for Margherita. It was only after Patricio Mullen appeared that she knew wherefore her gown had been from the beginning destined. With the gown she felt less her unworthiness of Patricio. His family were very rich and without doubt "of a very great pride," she told herself. Patricio had laughed at her when she feared they would scorn his Italian wife—but she, herself, with the intuition of a woman, knew, yet, noble and lofty of descent though the Mullens might be, the gown was worthy of them.

Softly the brightness departed from the faces of the saints, and Margherita arose with the start from her dreaming to find the gloom deepened to darkness, touched only by the ruddy, watching eye before St. Joseph and the Blessed Mary. The crane-draped figure of the sobbing woman passed the girl, with a rustle of silk, and Margherita sorrowed for her, "a rich lady, but unhappy."

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The DOMINION BANK

Proceedings of the Thirty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders

The Thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting of The Dominion Bank was held at the Banking House of the Institution, Toronto, on Wednesday, January 29th, 1908.

Among those present were noticed: F. P. Phillips, C. B. Powell, Capt. Jessopp, W. J. Elliott, Hon. J. J. Foy, Dr. Andrew Smith, J. Stewart, Wm. Davies, W. C. Harvey, R. H. Davies, E. B. Osler, M.P.; H. L. Lovering, Archibald Foulds, H. W. A. Foster, H. Gordon Mackenzie, David Smith, Wm. Glenney (Oshawa), Dr. Grasset, Rev. T. W. Paterson, J. Bell, A. Munro Grier, W. C. Crowther, Ira Standish, Richard Brown, R. M. Gray, Barlow Cumberland, W. D. Matthews, Jas. Carruthers, G. N. Reynolds, Jas. Matthews, J. C. Eaton, H. S. Harwood, Dr. C. O'Reilly, W. R. Brock, W. E. Booth, A. W. Austin, J. J. Dixon, S. Halligan, L. H. Baldwin, Percy Leadlay, Wm. Ross (Port Perry), Dr. J. F. Ross, H. N. Evans, F. H. Gooch, A. C. Knight, Andrew Semple, H. G. Gooderham, R. T. Gooderham, H. B. Hoegins, S. Samuel, F. D. Benjamin, James Scott, F. J. Harris (Hamilton), A. H. Campbell, Wm. Mulock, Chas. Cockshutt, W. G. Cassels, C. H. Ritchie, K.C.; C. C. Ross, A. R. Boswell, K.C.; A. C. Morris, F. E. Macdonald, Thos. Walmaley, Colonel Sir Henry M. Pellatt, C. A. Bogert, W. Crocker and others.

It was moved by Mr. L. H. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. A. W. Austin, that Mr. E. B. Osler do take the chair, and that Mr. C. A. Bogert do act as Secretary.

Messrs. A. R. Boswell and W. G. Cassels were appointed scrutineers. The Secretary read the report of the Directors to the Shareholders and submitted the Annual Statement of the affairs of the Bank, which is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Balance of Profit and Loss Account, Premium received on new Capital Stock, Profits for the year ending 31st December, 1907, after deducting charges of management, etc., and making provision for bad and doubtful debts.

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RESERVE FUND. Balance at credit of account, 31st December, 1906, Transferred from Profit and Loss Account.

In view of the financial stringency which prevailed throughout the world in 1907, and the unsettled monetary conditions existing in the United States, it has been necessary to exercise unusual caution and prudence in administering the affairs of the Bank. Our policy has been to restrict advances without interfering with the proper requirements of the customers of the Bank and to assist in marketing the products of the country—more especially the crops of the Northwestern districts—at the same time maintaining strong Cash Reserves.

Having reference to our announcement at the last Annual Meeting that one million dollars of new Capital Stock would be offered to the Shareholders in 1907, we have to inform you that on December 31st 1907, of this amount was subscribed for, and \$845,597.50 paid up.

The opening of our Vancouver Office not only marks our entrance into British Columbia, but completes a chain of Branches at all important centres from Montreal to the Pacific Coast, including the Capitals of the Western Provinces. Results so far indicate that these extensions will be of great benefit to the Institution.

We have to record with regret the death in January last of Mr. Timothy Eaton, whose varied business knowledge and sound judgment made him a valued member of our Directorate. Mr. John C. Eaton, his son, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board.

The usual careful inspection of the various Branches of the Bank has been made during the past twelve months.

The Report was adopted. The thanks of the Shareholders were tendered to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their services during the year, and to the General Manager and other Officers of the Bank for the efficient performance of their respective duties.

The following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. A. W. Austin, W. R. Brock, James Carruthers, R. J. Christie, J. C. Eaton, J. J. Foy, K.C., M.L.A.; Wilmot D. Matthews, A. M. Stanton and E. B. Osler, M.P.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Mr. E. B. Osler, M.P., was elected President and Mr. W. D. Matthews Vice-President, for the ensuing term.

General Statement. LIABILITIES.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Notes in circulation, Deposits not bearing interest, Deposits bearing interest, Deposits by other Banks in Canada, Balance due to London Agents, Balances due to Banks in the United States, Total Liabilities to the public, Capital Stock paid up, Reserve Fund, Balance of profits carried forward, Dividend No. 101, payable 2nd January, Former Dividends unclaimed, Reserved for Exchange, etc., Reserved for rebate on Bills discounted.

ASSETS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Specie, Dominion Government Demand Notes, Deposit with Dominion Government for Security of Note Circulation, Notes of and Cheques on other Banks, Balances due from other Banks in Canada, Balances due from other Banks elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom, Provincial Government Securities, Canadian Municipal Securities and British or Foreign or Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, Loans on Call, secured by Stocks and Debentures, Bills Discounted and Advances Current, Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for), Mortgages, Bank Premises, Other Assets not included under foregoing heads.

Toronto, 31st December, 1907. C. A. ROGERT, General Manager.

FEBRUARY STOCKTAKING SALE

"We Need the Money"

Ready cash is at a premium all over the world, and the problem is how to find money enough to carry on the ordinary routine of business.

We're meeting the situation by selling reliable Furs with absolutely no regard for original cost or value.

During the February Stocktaking Sale, as fast as special lots are sold others will take their place. Our Fur workrooms, which are the largest and best equipped in Canada, are being kept going overtime turning out very heavy stock of skins into manufactured goods, besides keeping our employees (some of whom have been with us over twenty years) busy.

There is enormous enthusiasm in the prices, but you must see the styles and examine the qualities to properly appreciate the saving.

- Natural Alaska Sable Muffs, \$7.25
Coon Muffs, \$6.50
Coon Ties, \$7.45
Muskrat Muffs, \$4.75
Western Sable Muffs, \$5.25
Blended Squirrel Ties, \$9.19
Blended Squirrel Muffs, \$11.57
Grey Squirrel Ties, \$9.50
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Alaska Sable Ties, \$9.10
Pony Coats, \$57.75
Automobile Muskrat Coats, \$89.00
Muskrat Coats, \$34.75
Near Seal Coats, \$27.75
Mink Stoles, \$109.75

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if he could but speak he would comfort her, perhaps even tell her what to do. Would St. Patrick say, like Ann McGuinness, that she, Margherita, had a "fool's pride?" That was what she wanted to know—and oh, she did not want to lose Patricio.

"Sure, there's plenty he'll find to comfort him," Mrs. McGuinness had assured her. "And a finer-looking man nor a better there's not on the force."

The setting sun reddened the robe of St. Patrick with wonderful colors. Kneeling on the ground at his feet, the kings of Ireland looked upward, their faces alight with admiring awe. Margherita fancied she could see their lips move in questioning.

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Natural Alaska Sable Muffs, \$7.25. Natural Alaska Sable Muffs, Empire shape, best satin lining, eiderdown bed, regular \$15.00, for \$7.25.

Coon Muffs, \$6.50. Dark Natural Canadian Coon Muffs, eiderdown bed, best satin lining, Empire-shaped, regular \$12.00, for \$6.50.

Coon Ties, \$7.45. Dark Natural Canadian Coon Ties, best satin lining, 70 inches long, regular \$12.00, for \$7.45.

Muskrat Muffs, \$4.75. Natural Muskrat Muffs, best satin lining, eiderdown beds, Empire-shaped, regular \$8.50, for \$4.75.

Western Sable Muffs, \$5.25. Western Sable Muffs, Empire-shaped, best satin lining eiderdown bed, regular \$10.00, for \$5.25.

Blended Squirrel Ties, \$9.19. Blended Squirrel Ties, 70 inches long, satin lined, regular \$15.00, for \$9.19.

Blended Squirrel Muffs, \$11.57. Blended Squirrel Muffs, best satin lining, eiderdown bed, Empire shape, regular \$16.50 and \$18.00, for \$11.57.

Grey Squirrel Ties, \$9.50. Grey Squirrel Ties, 70 inches long, satin-lined, regular \$12.50 and \$15.00, for \$9.50.

Grey Squirrel Muffs, \$9.50. Grey Squirrel Muffs, best satin lining, eiderdown bed, Empire-shaped, regular, \$12.50 and \$15.00, for \$9.50.

Alaska Sable Ties, \$9.10. Natural Alaska Sable Ties, 70 inches long trimmed with six tails and two heads, satin lined, regular \$15.00, for \$9.10.

Pony Coats, \$57.75. Russian Pony Coats, in brown and black, semi or tight-fitting backs, plain or with braid trimming, plain or fancy buttons, 24 and 26 inches long, regular \$80.00, for \$57.75.

Automobile Muskrat Coats, \$89.00. Dark Muskrat Coats, sizes 38 and 40, lengths 48 and 50 inches, regular \$140.00, for \$89.00.

Muskrat Coats, \$34.75. Muskrat Blouses, Natural Canadian Muskrat, 24 and 26 inches long, sizes 32, 34 and 36 only, regular \$65.00, for \$34.75.

Near Seal Coats, \$27.75. Best Quality Near Seal Coats, in blouse or straight-front styles, regular \$40.00 and \$45.00, for \$27.75.

Mink Stoles, \$109.75. Large Mink Stoles, full cape effect over shoulder, plain stripe or animal effects, long tab fronts, regular \$150.00 and \$160.00, for \$109.75.

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With a shout Patricio Mullen caught the little figure in his arms, in the midst of the hustling traffic of roadway, and placed her pink and speechless on the opposite sidewalk.

"You'll be ready to marry me next Sunday," he announced, with the masterful air of a victor.

"It is as Patricio says," she returned shyly, and then she turned and fled, and the radiant happiness had almost lost forever bubbled fresh again in her heart. Ellen Farley.

The fleur-de-lis is the national emblem of gay France. The violet is the national flower of Athens.