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A Double Courtship

The boy came, in reply to Webbe's ring, with the pulls of the costume picture which were to accompany the ladies' page. Barling touched his forehead respectfully to Miss Reade, and that young lady looked with great care at the impressions.

"That evening dress sketch hasn't come out very well," she said, "but it was not my best work. This walking costume is right enough, but I haven't got the trick of drawing for reduction yet."

"You always recognize your own faults," remarked Bradley Webbe, taking up his hat.

"Perhaps that's because there are so few of them," remarked Gilbert.

"Isn't he simply perfect?" demanded Webbe. "Doesn't he say lovely things, Miss Reade?"

"Sometimes," said Miss Reade. "Good-bye, Mr. Gilbert."

"Until tomorrow evening," said Gilbert, holding her hand for a moment. "I shall try to call round at about 8."

"Do!" she said warmly. "Mr. Webbe, are you going to see me into a 'bus?"

"That was the idea," said Webbe. "And I want to make a call. I shall be back in half an hour, Gilbert. You might write something, if you will, that can be set up for next week in case the advertisements don't come in thick. Ready, Miss Reade?"

They went out and the door closed. Gilbert resumed his seat and dipped his pen in the inkstand. He was thinking; thinking a good deal of the young lady who had just left; he was wondering, too, whether he would find himself able to write with facility. He began to write the title.

"The Choice of ——"

A swish of skirts behind him. Two hands on his eyes. The scent of a girl's hair. A whisper:

"Guess who?"

She snatched up her gloves which she had left on the table and hurried off. Gilbert, in a perfect glow of delight, went to adjust his disheveled hair in the mirror.

"This is simply splendid!" he cried delightedly. "Why, I am in love again!"

He had to walk up and down and around the office several times before composure returned. He experienced the joyful confusion of mind that comes to the youth whose heart is affected; a confusion which is too well known to everybody in this world to be here described at length. Moreover, to attempt to do so were only, perhaps, to expose the present writer's ignorance and to bring upon him contumely from the experienced.

Gilbert wrote as carefully as he could, and it gratified him to observe that he retained the facility that he had enjoyed in his previous life. In reading over the 1,400 words which he managed to write before Bradley Webbe's return, one or two conceits in the thing almost made him laugh.

"What do you think of that, Webbe?" he demanded.

Webbe looked through it swiftly, reading apparently about six words on a page.

"Best thing you've done; not half bad," he said throwing it back. "I see that there's a Cabinet Minister resigned. We shall have to hunt up his portrait."

It was one of the great delights of the new life to find that, at lunch in the Strand, Gilbert no longer had to discriminate nervously between about three light dishes from the bill of fare, but that he could eat a good square meal with relish. An elderly man, sitting at the marble table opposite, looked at him enviously and sighed, and sipped at the lime juice at his side.

"Enjoyed your lunch, sir?" said the pretty waitress respectfully. She brought three cigars in a wine-glass and brushed the crumbs from the table cloth.

"I haven't enjoyed one to such an extent," declared Gilbert, "for twenty years."

The pretty waitress laughed so much that she had to put her hair straight.

"You young gentlemen do exaggerate," she said amusedly; "one never knows whether you are speaking the truth or not. I don't believe you know yourselves half the time."

"Give me a light, Miss—Miss——"

"My name's Miss Bangs," she said, giving him the match, "B-a-n-g-s."

"It's a very charming name," said Gilbert pleasantly.

"It's a short name," confessed Miss Bangs; "it has that drawback."

"Oh, that doesn't matter. You won't use it long, I expect."

Miss Bangs looked around to see if anyone else was demanding her attention. Everybody was apparently content, and Miss Bangs twisted her fringe and patted the white pinafore covering the bodice of her black dress, and smiled vaguely at an advertisement of a new kind of ginger-beer.

"Well," she said, "it doesn't become a girl to brag, but I must say that I've had chances that many another girl would have jumped at. There's a gentleman now, that mother's always urging me to marry; he's foreman in a warehouse—at least, he isn't exactly foreman, but he's very near to it—but," Miss Bangs sighed, "I don't know." Miss Bangs glanced with something like admiration at the good-looking fellow to whom she was speaking. "What I think you want is a loving heart," said Miss Bangs.

"There's something in that," agreed Gilbert, "but it is necessary to be circumspect. And those of us who are young should lose no opportunity of endeavoring to find the one——"

"All right, sir," said Miss Bangs to an impatient customer, "I will bring you some household bread in half a minute."

Gilbert discovered his own address in a book at the Budget office, and when Bradley Webbe told him he might go, he went outside a 'bus from St. Martin's Lane to Bloomsbury in order to see what the place was like He found that Doughty street was a good broad street, and quiet, not far from the Foundling, and his number looked even neater than the rest of the houses. The landlady, sitting at the window of the ground floor room, bowed genially to him over the wire blind, and he opened the door with the latch-key that he found in his pocket. In the hall was a bust of William Pitt, with someone's straw hat set atop; a terra cotta bust of Clytie, and a well filled hat-stand.

"I was goidg up to your roob, sir," said the small, near servant, with a cold in her head. "I was takig up this bustard to but id the cruet."

"Go on, Ermyntrude," said Gilbert.

"Jade, sir."

"I prefer to call you Ermyntrude for short."

It was really a pleasant room. Two windows looking out on the street, a bedroom communicating, plenty of books about, a few ferns, an open piano.

"Bistress's coblibedts, sir," said the small servant, "and will you dide id todight or dot?"

"I rather think I will dine in, tonight," said Gilbert, "if you can let me have something soon. I want to go out again."

"Goidg to a busic hall, sir?" asked the small servant as she laid the cloth.

"I might, perhaps."

It seemed a sparkish, youthful thing to do; consonant with the acts of juvenility.

"I wedt last week, sir," said the small servant, placing a serviette on the table, "and I dever saw adythidg so abusidg id the days of by life. They did carry od. I believ it does adybody good to have a bit of ad outidg dow add agaid. What I bead to say is, it wakes you up, dod't it? Have you dode with your evedig paper, sir? I'll take it dowd to mistress. She likes to have a look through, just to read the burders."

Gilbert, dining from an excellent joint of beef, caught sight of himself in the large, shining sideboard at the end of the room, and stopping for a while, leaned back in his chair, and laughed out of sheer joyousness.

"This is delightful!" he cried.

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SUPPER—Buttered Toast. Baked Eggs. Prunes. Cookies. Milk. Tea.

BEEF SAUSAGE.

Chop one pound of raw beef and one-quarter pound of suet separately, and both very fine. Add one-half teaspoon sage, salt and pepper to taste. Mix well; make into cakes and dredge with flour. Put good drippings into skillet; fry quickly on both sides; serve hot.

GOOD CHANCE FOR ICEMEN.

St. Johns, Nfld., May 20.—A dispatch from Cape Race says that 125 large icebergs are in sight from the station there. Incoming vessel report over 400 others within 50 miles of this port. All the bergs are drifting south.

KILLED IN A TANNERY.

Collingwood, Ont., May 20.—A terrible accident happened yesterday at the tannery of Messrs. W. Tobey & Co., by which an employe named John McKinley was instantly killed. No one saw the accident, but it is supposed he was oiling the shaft of the bark mill when his clothes caught, and he was whirled to death. When found he was dead and terribly mangled. The deceased had been a resident of Collingwood for some time, and bore an excellent character. He leaves a wife and family.

The Time for Building

Up the system is at this season. The cold weather has made unusual drains upon the vital forces. The blood has become impoverished and impure, and all the functions of the body suffer in consequence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great builder, because it is the One True Blood Purifier and nerve tonic.

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The oyster grows from the outside by throwing out every year rings or circles of calcareous substance, and experts can tell where the growth begins and ends for the year.

Mrs. Celeste Coon, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "For years I could not eat many kinds of food without producing a burning, excruciating pain in my stomach. I took Parmelee's Pills according to directions under the head of 'Dyspepsia or Indigestion.' One box entirely cured me. I can now eat anything I choose without distressing me in the least." These pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required.

England has had three "blood rains, one blue snow, three falls of black snow and one shower of unknown beetles," since 1428.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

School directors in the district of Duverne, Ia., have ordered a cyclone cave dug at each of the school houses in the district.

Western Ontario.

Latest Happenings in this Section of the Province.

Raney Hope, the Indian, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for criminal assault on a little girl named Effie May.

Windsor tax rate will be 23 mills on the dollar. The council, in striking it, sat twelve hours, adjourning at 7:45 a.m., Tuesday.

The prisoner, Jacob Hill, charged with the manslaughter of his stepson, Abram Claus, will not be tried until the Brant Fall Assizes.

William Worrell, an employe of the Brantford bicycle works, suddenly dropped dead at his residence Sunday night. Death was supposed to have resulted from heart disease.

There died in Sombra township the other day the oldest pioneer in that section, Thos. Tullouch, in his 75th year. The funeral was without doubt the largest that has been held there in many years.

In order to be with his mother, who is now in Colorado for the benefit of her health, Mr. A. E. Allin, of the Western Bank, New Hamburg, has resigned. Mr. Chas. Fox has been appointed manager in his stead.

The Wallaceburg Gas and Oil Company, Ltd., are applying for incorporation; capital, $40,000. J. W. Steinhoff, John Cooper, Edward Kelly, D. A. Gordon and others are to compose the company. E. Kelly is secretary-treasurer, and D. A. Gordon managing director. Land is being leased, and drilling will begin this month.

Col. Stacey, of St. Thomas, offers to electrify the street railway in that city on condition that he is given a $10,000 lighting contract for a term of eight years. The estimated cost of constructing the road and electric light plant would be from $88,000 to $100,000. He would rush the lighting plant so that he would be able to do the lighting in a short time.

Berlin possesses a juvenile genius, aged only about 9 or 10 years. His name is Otto Janke. With only a small pocket-knife, he manufactures small wooden chairs, bureaus, tables, etc., with a marvelous skill. He also makes little wagons, or anything else to which fancy turns his hands. He is one of five children—five others being dead—and his parents are poor.

Gregory Kew, a 7-year-old son of M. Kew, of Brantford, recently swallowed a fish hook of medium size and has since been in great danger. The hook passed down the child's stomach and was felt at the throat and just before entering the stomach giving intense pain. A doctor was called who prescribed for the little sufferer and he was carefully nursed until it is now thought all danger is over.

Mrs. Sarah Havaland, a life convict of the State Prison at Jackson, Mich., arrived at Tecumseh, Ont., Monday, having been pardoned after serving 30 years. Her crime was the murder of her three infant children. Her husband being dead, another man offered marriage, but objected to the children, and she took this desperate means to free herself. She will spend the remainder of her days with her daughter here. She is old and feeble.

Monday, Sheriff John Mercer, of Chatham, hale, hearty, and vigorous, celebrated the completion of the fourscore span of his life. Sheriff Mercer is a descendant of an old English family, whose progenitors came over from Normandy with William the Conqueror, and settled near Battle, in the county of Sussex, members of the family still holding the patent from William the Conqueror. The sheriff was born in the city of London, Eng., on May 16, 1816.

Another old pioneer of Bruce county pased away Tuesday morning in the person of John Corbett, who was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, about 72 years ago, and came to this country when a young man, living in Cape Breton and Oxford county for a time before finally settling down in Kincardine in the early fifties. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a staunch Reformer, a decade ago representing Kincardine township at the county council as reeve for a period of eleven years. Mr. Corbett's death was due to paralysis of the brain. He leaves a wife and nine children, all grown up.

Stratford Beacon: Ed. Derusha, of Markham, on returning from his work to dinner on Friday was surprised to find no dinner and no wife. A few inquiries made left little doubt but that his wife had eloped with George Scully, a beardless youth of 19 or 20, and subsequent information pointed strongly to Paris as the destination of the runaway couple. Mrs. Derusha left her four children behind, the youngest being about 3 years old. Derusha states that this is the second time his wife has gone off with another man—the first time he forgave her and took her back; now he will have nothing to do with her. Mrs. Derusha was "made an heiress" by some swindling lost heir firm on the other side of the line, and since then her husband states she has been troubled with the big head.

MORE TROUBLE.

A Newfoundland Vessel Seized and Held by Venezuelans.

Halifax, May 20.—Chief Officer Sullivan and three sailors of the British schooner Newday, which was seized at Venezuela four weeks ago, left their vessel and came north by the British steamer Taymouth Castle. The Newday is owned by Capt. Slocumb, of Parrsboro, N. S., but is not now a Canadian vessel, having transferred to a Newfoundland register, and is therefore outside the jurisdiction of the Canadian Government.

The crew declare that the Venezuelan customs officers acted in a most high-handed manner. They examined the ship thoroughly, also the manifest, and compared it with the cargo landed. They did this at the captain's request and found no discrepancy anywhere, as they themselves admitted, but said that they had instructions to seize and detain the vessel and had no discretion but to carry out the orders from the central authority.

The Venezuelan officers were very insolent. Capt. Baxter, who was in command of the Newday, made arrangements to leave for Halifax with his crew, but at the last hour before sailing Capt. Baxter was detained, and he still remains in Venezuela. The Newday is in charge of the customs officers.

The owner will make representations of the fact to the Newfoundland Government, and a statement will be transmitted to the Imperial Government. The damages claimed amount to a very large sum.

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RAISING THE FENCES.

Proposed Restrictions Against Emigration to the United States.

Washington, May 20.—Yesterday the debate on the immigration bills was opened by Mr. Bartholdt (Rep., Mo.). The bills were four in number. One, known variously as the Bartholdt, McCall or Lodge bill, provided an educational test. It excluded all male persons between 16 and 60 years of age who cannot read and write English or some other language.

Another bill provided for the inspection of immigrants by consular officers and their certification that the immigrants do not belong to any of the classes of immigrants excluded by existing contract labor or other immigration laws. This bill was offered as an amendment to the Bartholdt-McCall bill.

The Corliss bill, offered as a substitute, applied wholly to the Canadian border, and made it unlawful for any alien to enter the United States (except to teach new arts or industries) and engage in any mechanical trade or manual labor. The provisions of the bill do not apply to sailors on the Great Lakes.

The Mahany bill, also offered as a substitute, made all contracts by aliens to perform labor in the United States illegal. It also makes it a misdemeanor for any person to perform labor in the United States who has become a citizen of the United States and returned to a foreign country to make that his home. Those provisions strike at the conditions on the Canadian border.

MR. STRATHY'S SLAYER

Granted a New Trial on the Ground of Misdirection to the Jury by Justice Armour

Toronto, May 20.—Michael Brennan, now under sentence of death for the murder of J. A. Strathy, of Barrie, has been granted a new trial, on the ground of misdirection to the jury by Chief Justice Armour. W. Lount, Q.C., appealed on Brennan's behalf to the Divisional Court. The judgment of the court rests entirely on the ground that the learned judge at the trial should have left it to the jury to say whether there was sufficient provocation to reduce the crime from murder to manslaughter.

Chief Justice Meredith says: "It was for the jury so say whether the act of the deceased in putting the prisoner out of the house was accompanied by more violence than was necessary."

Mr. Justice Rose says: "There was evidence to go to the jury that Mr. Strathy was not doing what he had a legal right to do. If the jury so found, it was then for them to say whether this was such provocation to the prisoner as to deprive him of the power of self-control."

Mr. Justice McMahon says: "The learned trial judge held that it was a question of law, and withdrew from the jury the question whether more force than necessary was used in putting the prisoner out of the house, whether this force deprived the prisoner of self-control, and whether he fired the pistol shot while in that condition. These questions should have been left to the jury."

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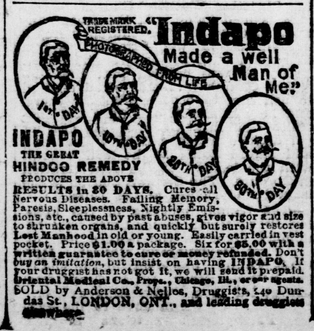

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