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From its purity, invigorating qualities and healthfulness gives just the desired sensation. Sold only in lead packets—25c, 30c, 40c, 50c and 60c per pound. At your grocer's.

HONORE'S FATE.

"The cases are different, Sir Philip. They were strangers to you, and most probably not the people you are talking of."

"I suppose you mean to insinuate," laughed the baronet, "that these poor fellows, with their overworked wives, and children, and a little desultory cash here, and music there, now a game, at which he would laugh as heartily as a boy, and now a grave discussion on a work of art or scientific specimen."

"Mr. Keith," called Lady Somerton, from one of the mullioned windows, "that sandy bay would be a favorite resort of mine if I lived here."

"I fancy not," said Royden, joining her, "for you would soon learn its treachery. There are times when the tide comes sweeping into the bay with an almost sudden rush. It is two miles in width, and unless you can be quite sure of the tide, and have a fleet horse, it is dangerous to venture there. I once rode home that way from the junction, when the train did not come on to Westleigh, but my horse was fresh and the tide on the ebb."

"You will surely never do that again, Mr. Keith," put in Mrs. Payte, "just fancy anyone standing at this window, and watching you start across those sands. You know that a couple of miles is not accomplished in a breath, however fleet your horse may be, and a year's agony might be condensed into five minutes, for anyone watching you from here—anyone who cared for you."

"There is no fear," said Royden, laughing. "No fear of your riding home along the coast again," smiled Theodore, "or no fear of anyone being frightened to see it."

"That's it," laughed Sir Philip, "Keith knows that only a wife would be frightened; so, to save her, he will not bring a wife here at all. He says, like Benedict, 'One woman is fair, yet I am well; another he wishes yet I am well; another virtuous; yet I am well; but, till all graces be in one woman, one woman shall not come in my grace.' Is not that it, Keith?"

"But shall you ever find such a one?" inquired Mrs. Trent, with an effort at motherly interest, and a struggling effort, too, to discriminate between the jesting and the earnest.

"Such a one as whom?"

"I mean—"

"We all mean," interrupted Mrs. Payte, without any hesitation at all, "that we are dying, and we want to know what sort of a wife you intend to bring to this matchless home."

"Rich she shall be," quoted Royden, his eyes full of laughter, and he looked down into the little lady's eager face; "what comes next? Oh, I know—wise, or I'll never, virtuous, fair, mild, noble, of good descent, an excellent musician, and her hair shall be of what color it please God."

"She is to be rich to begin with, is she, Mr. Keith?" smiled Theodore, feeling herself in that respect, at least, the only eligible person present.

"Yes, rich first of all. It's a word with a wide meaning, Miss Trent. The gods are summoning us to tea. Will you come?"

They saw again that he wished to put a stop to the conversation, and so they sauntered on, talking of other things. At the far, dim end of the picture-gallery, Honore stood alone, gazing in rapt admiration on a marble statue of Leda, bending over the water's brink, and looking down with wondering earnestness upon the graceful swan which bore to her the spirit of the monarch of the gods. A light and faultless figure, with hands clasped and head bent forward, pausing among the flowers on the water's brink, Honore felt, feeling back a little, hesitating, yet smiling coyly; pleased almost as if the Olympian deity had wooed her in his own form. Honore stood, and gazed, and along the carpeted gallery, saw the rich, warm light lie on the living figure, too, away from us while we stood talking and gave no thought to the beauty of the lifeless one.

WE HAVE IT....

—That so much talked about, celebrated....

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which has the indorsation of its president as a perfect food, being delicious, and only takes five minutes to cook. We keep it, and you have not tried it, please do so on our recommendation, and you will be delighted.

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"Miss Honore, why did you creep a few minutes away from me at that?" she said faintly, leading Royden's eyes from her face, where she felt the color rising, hard as she tried to prevent it. "And you were weary of our talk?" he said, with gentleness. "It shall never weary you again. Of my own will I would not have mentioned that subject today. Since you and I walked in Kin-bury that afternoon even a thought of marriage has never entered my heart. It never can again. You know, the answer to all their jesting questions. You know whom I love, and whom alone I could ever ask to be my wife, and live with me in this solitary home. You have told me, Honore, that this longing of mine is never likely to be fulfilled, and, knowing this, you understand what a lonely life mine will be. Is it not so?"

Oh, why had he come to her? Why had he come just then, when her thoughts were full of him as they used to be before Theodore repeated those words of his? Why had he spoken of this again, here in his own home, with all his power, he was so gentle and so kind? Why, above all, would her heart beat even now at the slightest tone of his voice?

Slowly and emphatically did Honore insist on repeating to herself his speech to Theodore, but even then the old spirit of anger was scarcely invoked with strength enough for armor. "Where is everybody gone?" she asked, looking down the long gallery with apparent unconcern as she moved away from before the statue.

"Honore, I will never speak to you of this after tonight. Only let me ask you the question once more, now in full earnestness. If you think you might care for me at some future time, tell me to wait, and I will ask you again. Seven years' waiting would be nothing to me, if, at the end of seven years, you could lay your hand in mine, and say you loved me and would be my wife. Waiting? How could I think waiting?" said Royden, drawing his hand wearily across his brow.

"When, if you say 'No' to me tonight, all the years I have to live will be but waiting years."

"She does very well for an hour's amusement, but no man could bestow on her a strong affection."

The unforgotten words started out clearly and distinctly before Honore's mental eyes. He to speak so of her; and then to mock her with this question!

"I wonder where Mrs. Payte can be," she said with the greatest nonchalance. "Don't let us talk on this subject any more, please," Mr. Keith. Where are we going now?"

"Downstairs, where they are having tea—if you like."

"Yes, I like anywhere where other people are, I'm tired of being alone."

"And with me?"

Honore's heart beat with a strange, sudden pain born of the consciousness that all weariness would lie on the paths he did not tread with her. But it was better so; besides, it was late, now; and he had said those terrible things of her to Theodore!

Despite these thoughts—perhaps, indeed, owing to these thoughts—Honore was one of the merriest of Mr. Keith's guests during that sociable and luxurious tea; and Theodore's eyebrows were so constantly raised in supercilious astonishment that Mrs. Payte whispered to Honore a serious doubt as to whether they could ever again assume their original position.

"She has a splendid extra set of graces on tonight. She would have no objection to reign as mistress in such a place as this, Honore; but I hope he will not choose to do so."

"I am quite ready—quite ready," the girl said, almost eagerly.

"I have enjoyed this day very much," observed the old lady while she put on her bonnet, and Honore stood waiting for her in the warm and beautiful chamber. Mr. Keith had made it very pleasant, but then, of course, any wealthy man could. I regret that I have not said so."

"Hardly," said Honore, staunchly enough now. "Everyone could not have done it, even with the 'argent.'"

"Don't argue, child. I'm generalizing. I say a fact, and I know that, but I am accustomed to say what I mean. Even if Captain Trent had been our wealthy host today, wouldn't he have made us all happy?"

Honore laughed merrily. [To be Continued.]

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The Peculiarities of the Word.

No Name on Earth So Famous

No Name More Widely Imitated.

No name on earth, perhaps, is so well known, more peculiarly constructed, or more widely imitated, than the word DODD. It possesses a peculiarity that makes it stand out prominently, and fastens it in the memory. It contains four letters, but only three letters of the alphabet. Everyone knows that the first kidney remedy ever patented or sold in pill form was named DODD'S. The discovery started the medical profession the world over, and revolutionized the treatment of kidney diseases.

No imitator has ever succeeded in constructing a name possessing the peculiarity of DODD, though they nearly all adopt names as similar as possible in sound and construction to this. Their foolishness prevents them realizing that attempts made to imitate increase the fame of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Why is the name "Dodd's Kidney Pills" imitated? As well ask why are diamonds and gold imitated. Because diamonds are the most precious gems, gold the most precious metal. Dodd's Kidney Pills are imitated because they are the most valuable medicines the world has ever known.

No medicine was ever named kidney pills till years of medical research gave Dodd's Kidney Pills to the world. No medicine ever cured Bright's disease except Dodd's Kidney Pills. No other medicine has cured as many cases of Rheumatism, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Lumbago, Dropsy, Female Weakness, and other kidney diseases as Dodd's Kidney Pills have. It is universally known that they have never failed to cure these diseases, hence they are so widely and shamelessly imitated.

Last year the United States produced 15,465,000 bushels of buckwheat, most of which was consumed at home. There are about 4,000 cakes in one bushel, making a total of 70 billion cakes in the whole crop.

It is often a mystery how a cold has been "caught." The fact is, however, that when the blood is poor, the system depressed, one becomes peculiarly liable to diseases. When the appetite or the strength fails, Ayer's Sarsaparilla should be taken without delay.

Our Cattle Trade.

Outlook Bright for Well-Bred Canadian Animals.

To Profit by the British Market Cattle Should Be Killed Here.

Cattlemen Demand Increased Accommodation at Montreal.

Brantford, Dec. 7. — The annual meeting of the Cattle Breeders' Association was held in the Grand Trunk Hotel last evening. At there was a fairly large attendance of representative cattle breeders. Mr. John I. Hobson, of Guelph, president, occupied the chair. His opening address was as follows:

Gentlemen,—The members of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association have much reason to congratulate themselves on the favorable conditions under which we now meet. For a number of years past the business of farming has been anything but prosperous, and it required men of a very sanguine temperament to see any bright lining in the dark clouds which pressed heavily on the horizon.

Clouds have lifted and the business of the country shows a more healthy state. The higher price of wheat is a most encouraging factor. The influence on many of the other products of the farm. Already the improved condition of farming is being felt in the business generally, the following decisions may be safely drawn: That there is no feeling whatever against Canadian meat simply because it is Canadian. It is a question of quality.

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real money value to the country than the whole cost of carrying on the work from the days of its inauguration until the present time. It has given an impetus to the business of breeding good stock in the east; it has given us a market for all our surplus, and what is of greater importance, the distribution of so much good stock will raise the average quality of the stock throughout all that vast section of country from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains. There are yet some minor matters of detail to be attended to in this transport business, which came under my notice last summer when in that part of the country, and which I purpose bringing before the executive of the association.

SEND THE BEST TO BRITAIN.

While in Britain during part of the summer and fall of this year, I made it my special business to inquire into the working of the live stock and dressed meat trade between Canada and the United Kingdom. I inquired into it in a general way in Liverpool and Glasgow, but more particularly in London. In the latter city, where I spent nearly three weeks, I had letters of introduction to Mr. Philcox, superintendent of the Deptford live cattle market, to Mr. Cooper, chairman of the meat trade section of the London Chamber of Commerce, also chairman of the Meat Markets Association of the great City of London, as well as to Mr. Pridden, the proprietor and manager of several large retail establishments, and others. From the information received in this way, and a pretty thorough looking into the business generally, the following decisions may be safely drawn: That there is no feeling whatever against Canadian meat simply because it is Canadian. It is a question of quality.

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New Brunswick. Mr. T. O. Peters, Directors—A. Johnson, A. Rawlings, James Bowman, D. McCrae, H. Wade, G. W. Clements, R. Gibson, W. E. R. T. W. Al. Stone and G. E. Day.

The Middlesex County Council.

Report of the Bridge Commissioners Received—Repairs Recommended—The House of Refuge—Application for the High Constabulary.

TUESDAY

The report of the bridge commissioner was received and referred to the board. The following bridges had been renewed during the past year: Bridge on the town line between Blanchard and Biddulph, \$298; bridge between West and East Nissouri, opposite lot 3, con. 7, of West Nissouri, \$465; one between Uthorne and Biddulph, \$144; on the boundary line between Adelaide and West Williams, lot 10, con. 4, \$497; bridge over Mud Creek, on the town line between West Williams and McGillivray. The contract price of these bridges does not include cost of local approaches.

During 1898 several bridges will have to be renewed, as follows: On the Coyne road, over the River Thames, between Elkhart and Middlesex; Theford bridge, over the River Aux Sauble, between Middlesex and Lambton; small bridge on the town line between Delawere and Westminster; one on the boundary line between Delawere and Southwold, and one on the boundary line between Westminster and Southwold. All the other bridges are in a fair state of repair.

The commissioners' report concerning the erection of the Kilworth bridge, which cost \$4,475, was adopted. The report of the House of Refuge was adopted. It showed that accounts amounting to \$1078 43 had been paid. It also recommended that a refrigerator be purchased for the institution for the keeping of meat; that the water appliances and baths be repaired, and that the children now at the refuge be bound out as soon as suitable homes can be procured.

The report of the special committee re the lease of county property to the city was adopted. Ben F. Watterson, deputy sheriff and court clerk, presented an application for the position of high constable, offering to accept the same for \$200 per year.

It was moved to empower and instruct the county engineer to act in conjunction with the council of the township of London to make all and any necessary repairs to the bridge on fifth concession line of London township, which municipality to pay half cost of such repairs. Referred to the board of road directors.

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In all the world to-day—in all the history of the world—no doctor nor institution has treated and cured so many cases as has the famous ERIE MEDICAL CO. of Buffalo, N. Y.

This company is a company of medical controls some invention and discoveries which have no equal in the whole realm of medicine.

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