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# The Strange Metamorphosis.

"Now you're angry," said Biddletomb, humbly; "I don't wonder at it.
I've behaved like a cad, I know, but, and this is what I wanted to say, I was sorry for you all the time." "That's very comfonting," said Paul,

dryly; "thank you. I'm vastly obliged to you."
"I was, though," said Biddlecomb;
"I—I was led away by the other fellows—I always liked you, you know,
Buttenda"

"You've a very odd way of showing but affection," remarked Mr. Bulti-tude; "but go on, let me hear all you after him; as usual at the critical mohave to say."
"It isn't much," remarked Biddle-

comb, quite broken down; "only don't pneak of me this time, Dick; let me off, there's a good fellow. I'll stick up for you after this. I will, really. You used not to be a fellow for sneaking bnce. It's caddish to sneak!"

"Don't be afarmed, my good friend," said Paul, "I won't poach on that extellent young man Chawner's pre-

belient young man Chawner's pre-berves. What I am going to tell the doctor has nothing to do with you."
"On your honor," said Biddlecomb,

honor. Now, perhaps you'll let me alone. No, I won't shake hands, sir. I've had to accept your kicks, but I don't want your friendship."

Biddlecomb went off, looking slight-ly ashamed of himself, but visibly redieved from a haunting fear. "Thank goodness!" thought Paul, "he wasn't goodness!" thought Paul, he washed as obsetinate as the other fellow. What a set they are; I knew it; there's another boy coming up now!"

And, indeed, one boy after another Biddle.

came up in the same way as Biddlecomb had done, some cringing more than others, but all vowing that they had never intended to do any harm, and entreating him to change his mind about complaining of his ill-treatment. They brought him little offerings to propitiate him and prove the depth of their unaltered regard-pencil-cases, and pocket-knives, and so forth, until they drove Paul nearly to desperation, However, he succeeded in dispelling their fears after some hot arguments, and had just sent away the last suppliant when he saw Jolland, too, rise and come toward him.

Jolland leaned across Paul's desk with folded arms and looked him full in the face with his shallow, light-green eyes. "I don't know what you've said to all those chaps," he began; "they've come back looking precious glum, but they won't tell me what you said." (Mr. Bultitude had in satisfying their alarm taken care to let them know his private opinion of them, which was not flattering.) "But I've got something to say to you, and it's this; I never thought you would quite come down to this sort of thing.' "What sort of thing?" said Paul, who

was beginning to have enough of it. Why, going up and letting on against all of us-it's mean, you know. If you have got bashed about pretty well since you came back, it's all been your own fault, and you know it. Last term you got on well enough—this time you began to be queer and masty the veryfirst day you came. I thought it was one of your larks at first, but I don't know what it is now, and I don't care. I stood up for you as long as I could, till you acted like a funk yesterday. Then I took my share in lamming you, and I'll do it again. But if you are cad enough to pay us all out in this way, I'll have no more to do with you -mind that. That's all I came to

This was an unpalatable way of putting things; Paul could not help seeing that there was some truth in it. Joiland had been kind to him, too, in a careless sort of way, and at some cost to himself: so it was with more mildness than temper that he answered

"You're on the wrong tack, my boy, the wrong tack. I've no wish to tell tales of anyone, as I've been trying to explain to your friends. There's something the matter with me which you wouldn't understand if I told you." "Oh, I didn't know," said Jolland, mollified; if it's only physic you want." "Whatever it is," said Paul, not caring to undeceive him, "it won't affect you or anyone here, but myself. You

are not a bad fellow, I believe. I don't want to get you into any trouble, sir; you don't want much assistance. I'm afraid, in that department. So be off, like a good fellow, and leave me in All these interviews had taken time.

He was alarmed on looking at the clock to see that it was nearly eight: the doctor was a long time over that call. For the first time he began to feel uneasy; he made hurried mental calculations as to the probability of the doctor or Chawner being first to re-

The walk to church took about 20 minutes; say, the service took an hour, allowing for the return, he might expect Chawner by about half-past eight; it was striking the hour now—half an hour only in which he could hope for

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For he saw this plainly, that if Chawner were once permitted to get the doctor's ear first and show him that infamous love-note, no explanation of his (even if he had nerve to make it then, which he doubted) could possibly seem anything more than a desperate and far-fetched excuse; if he could anticipate Chawner, on the other hand, and once convince the doctor of the truth of his story, the informer's malice would fail flat. And still the long hand went rapidly

on, as Mr. Bultitude sat staring stupidly at it with a faint sick feeling—it had passed the quarter now—why did the doctor delay in this unwarrantable manner? What a farce social civilities were—if he had allowed himself to be prevailed on to stay to supper! Twenty minutes past; Chawner and the others might return at any moment—a ring at the bell; they were there! all was over now-no, he was saved, that was Dr. Grimstone's voice in the hall-what an unconscionable time he was taking off his great coat and gloves!

But all comes to the man who waits. In another moment the doctor looked in, singled out Mr. Bullitude with a sharp glance, and a "Now, Bultitude, I will hear you!" and led the way to

ment, his carefully prepared opening had deserted him—his head felt heavy

chair by the fire, crossed his legs, and joined the tops of his fingers together. 'Now, Bultitude," he said again.

"Might I-might I sit down?" said poor Mr. Bultitude, in a thick voice; it was all that occurred to him to say. "Sit down, by all means," said the doctor blandly.

So Paul drew a chair opposite the doctor and sat down. He tried desper-ately to clear his head and throat; but the only distinct thought in his mind just then was that the green lamp-shade lent a particularly ghastly hue

to the doctor's face. "Take your time, Bultitude," said the latter, after a long minute, in which a little skeleton clock on the mantelpiece ticked loudly; "there's no hurry, my boy.'

But this only reminded Paul that there was every reason for hurry. Chawner might come in, and follow him unless he made haste.

Still, he could only say: "You see me in a very agitated state, Dr. Grimstone -a very agitated state, sir.'

The doctor gave a short, dry cough. 'Well, Bultitude,' he said.
"The fact is, sir, I'm in a most unfortunate position, and-and the worst of it is, I don't know how to begin."
Here he made another dead stop, while the doctor raised his heavy eyebrows and looked at the clock.

[To be Continued.]

## CANADA'S

## The Moblization of the Contingent

**MILITARY FEAT** 

Credit to the Military Department,

Ottawa, Oct. 28.-War news generally, and the preparation of the Can- had his jaw broken the other day by occupied the public mind this week to the practical exclusion of all other matters. Not since the dark days of March, 1885, when the midnight alarm was sounded for our milibia to take up arms against the rebellious half-breeds of the Northwest, has such intense interest and excitement been aroused in matters military. The popular attention today is even more aroused than it was then. For there is scarcely a village or hamlet from sea to sea that has not a son, or at least an acquaintance, on the muster

The smoothness and rapidity with which the machinery of mobilization has worked, the completeness of all the arrangements and the general efficiency displayed by the militia department, has won the admiration of the country, an admiration which is only second to that felt at the promptness and enthusiasm with which the boys have responded to the call to Almost without exception, the difficulty recruiting officers have had to overcome had been to choose the comparatively few recruits from the many who were anxious to serve: while among civilians, all classes of the community are vieing with each other in their efforts to render every possible attention, great or small, that will make the bows realize the extent which their patiotism is appreciated by the people, and the interest that will be taken in their every movement from the moment of enlistment till they are brought safely home again.

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## ALL-HALLOWE'EN

Nuterack Night of Burns' Time Has Gene Forever.

Nuterack Night was the most popular in all the year among the youth of the "North Countrie" of Britain, Nuts were distributed with lavish hand and cracked and eaten in abundance, besides being made to decide the fate of many a lad and lassie. In the words of Burns:

The auld guidewife's weel-hoordit nits
Are round and round divided.
And mony lads' and lasses' fates
Are there that night decided; Some kindle, couthle, side by side, And burn thegither trimly; Some start awa' wi' saucy pride, And jump out-ower the chimly Fu' high that night.

The nuts were placed in the hot ashes or along the bar of a grate, and when they burned peacefully side by side the happy fate of the couple was assured; should one or both of them crack and jump away the thoughts of a successful courtship might as well be aband-

Not satisfied with nut-cracking, the pulling of the kail was also part of the evening's sport. With closed eyes the young people made a raid on the glodman's kail stalks, that perhaps had been allowed to stand for this very purpose. Upon the nature of the stalk pulled depended the appearance and disposition of the mate for life. Should a stalk be well-formed and Should a stalk be well-formed and straight the finder was considered for-tunate, especially if a quantity of earth clung to its roots, which Indicated that a goodly amount of earthly goods was to accompany the union. If, however, the stalk was crooked and runty, the finder was mortified at the thought of being mated for life with a "crooked stick;" and was doubly mortified should the pith of the kail taste bitter instead of sweet, as that was a sure indication of a disagree-

Few carried to a successful issue their Hallowe'en spells. who was brave enough to steal out to the kiln and throw in a skein of yarn, loose thread of which she retained in her hand and wound over an old skein, was sure to drop the yarn and fly with all speed to the house if, when she neared the end of the skein, it was caught and held, as she hoped and expected it would be. She should have held to the yarn and asked, holds?" when an answer would have come from the depths of the kiln giving the full name of her future hus-

The observance of AM-Hallowe'en is dying out in Great Britain. It never was observed properly in the United States. As belief in superstitions died out the spells that had been practiced gave place to practical jokes, and Hallowe'en came to mean merely a license to destroy property and annoy peace-

able citizens.

In some places dipping for apples burning nuts, and pulling cabbage-stalks are still observed, but the Nut Crack Night of Burns' time has disappeared for ever.—From Self-Culture Magazine for November.

W. F. Schwalm, a Zurich farmer, the breaking of a sapuing.

The Windsor Brewery has been closed up, and the proprieteor, George Schoenith, has moved the plant to Chatham.

Mr. Robert Farewell, a farmer, Living on con. 12, Huron, fell from the mow of his barn a few days ago, and died from his injuries. The public meeting that was to have

been held in Walkerville, Friday evening, for subscribing for the Transvaal soldiers, has been postponed indefinite-The McBurney-Beattie Company, re-

cently incorporated with a capital of will commence the manufacture of bicycles and horseless carriages in Ingersoll. Mr. J. Clisdale, cattle buyer, Pe-

trolia, one day recently shipped 153 head of cattle and paid out \$10,000 for them. The live stock business is growing rapidly in that section. At a recent meeting of the board of

directors of the Economical Fire Insurance Company, held at Berlin, Mr. J. A. Ross, of Guelph, was appointed inspector of the company. There were 23 applications for the position. The young woman who deserted her thild at a Port Huron hotel some time

ago was arrested at Bothwell. The arrest was accomplished from a clue to a man's name on a Canadian paper wrapper around the clothes left with Thomas Teakle, aged 75, one of the

best-known residents of Sandwich, died Saturday morning, at the residence of his niece. Mrs. Charles Clarke, Bedford street. He was a native of England and came to Canada when he was 15 years old. Thieves entered George Pauluci's

room at the Helmer House, Sombra, on Thursday night by tearing away the screen window. With a pitchfork they reached across the room and secured Mr. Pauluci's trousers, which contained \$22. Mr. Pauluci is J. B. Stringer & Co.'s (Chatham) grain buyer

Petrolia Topic: This week the price of oil has been increased four cents. thus making Petrolia and Oil Springs receipts \$1 60 and \$1 64, respectively. If Mr. Chamberlain, the general manager of the Imperial Oil Company, Limited, keeps on advancing the price at this rate, he may expect to be worshiped as a hero of the right sort. Such a strengthening of the market should in-

duce the drill to work overtime.

John P. McDonald died on Friday evening at Hill Crest, Port Stanley, aged 61 years. He has been ill two years with a complication of diseases. He leaves a widow and eight chil-dren. Until a year ago he resided in Toronto, and was employed as a clerk in the attorney-general's office. On account of ill-health he secured a leave of absence for twelve months. He was an uncle of J. A. Robinson, barrister. A meeting of the Dutton High School Literary Society was held Friday, with the president, Mr. Anglin, in the chair. The different committees who managed the annual games, held on the 20th, were instructed to hand in their report at the next meeting. The High School Journal, edited by Miss Mc-Intyre and S. C. Kirkland, was then read. G. C. Leitch was appointed reporter for the local paper.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review, speaking of Permier Laurier's listening to a good discourse by Rev. Dr. J. L. Murray, of Kincardine, says: "The premier is a gentleman of literary taste and knows a good thing when he sees or hears it; and knowing Dr. Murray as we do we venture the opinion that Premier Laurier thoroughly enjoyed his discourse on Sunday. More than this the premier is known to have a great tiking for Presbyterians and is always proud to know and ac-knowledge that so large a proportion

of them are his followers and warm

Attorneys J. H. Rodd and J. W. Hanna were before Judge McHugh, of Windsor, Saturday morning, on a case where the dispute was over an item of \$2 50. "It will take three hours to scrap out this matter; let us split the difference," suggested Hanna. "No, I'm right," answered the other attorney. "Well, then, take the whole thing: my time is valuable," said Hanna, as he took his hat and left the court-

On Thursday afternoon as two cars loaded with sand were being hauled up to the top of the coal shute at the tunnel, Sarnia, the cable broke allowing the cars to descend the incline at about a thirty-mile-an-hour gait. The Observer says: There were three men on the cars at the time, Messrs. Ken-nedy, John Pebles and John Swain Messrs. Kennedy and Swain jumped when the cars got near the bottom of the grade and escaped unhurt. Pebles was not so fortunate, however, and was pretty badly hurt. The runaway cars ran into two empty box cars that were standing on the track and turned things upside down generally.

Much credit is due to D. L. Carley and George Bartlet, two of Windsor's prominent business men, who waited on a number of citizens with a view to having them subscribe an amount for the creature comforts of the Windsor contingent of the Canadian volunteers, who are going to South Africa. The subscription list was first circulated on Thursday, and on Saturday the sum of \$214 was forwarded to Quebec to be distributed among the Windsorites. In addition to this \$20 was subscribed to different persons for the Red Cross fund, and this was also forwarded to Quebec. Walkerville and Sandwich councils will, in all probability, vote some money to the soldiers.

### **AMUSEMENTS**

"FAUST" ON WEDNESDAY. It has been demonstrated times without number that an intellectual dish daintily served with the necessary ac-companying refinement, will always receive the commendation of the public. No better evidence of the efficacy of such a statement is required than the mere mention of Lewis Morrison's great production of "Faust," a play which was originally presented to the public sixteen years ago, and which is today recognized as one of the foremost dramatic successes of this age. The presentation this year is announceed as positively on its farewell tour, and that the public are taking advan-tage of this announcement is demonstrated by the enormous attendance given to this popular play wherever it FRANK DANIELS TONIGHT.

Frank Daniels will be at the Grand He has with him his big company, and will produce for the first time his big comic opera success. "The Ameer." It is said to be very funny, and in the hand of Frank Daniels excruciatingly so. Daniels' support is larger this year than even it was last. The increase is said in no way to lessen Daniels' reputation for being surrounded by the best equipped organization, both in beauty and voice on the stage. The mounting of the apera is described as sumptuous and in good taste. The Toronto Globe of Oct. 27 says: The principal feature of the first act is a waltz with the refrain "Fond Love, True Love, Tell Thy Secret, Pray," which the composer must have thought would prove very attractive, as he utilizes it for the finale of both the first and third acts. The second act opens with a taking grotesque male chorus, which last night met with great favor and was enthusiastically redemanded. The duet, "Old Maids Are Willing to Please," for the Lord Chamberlain and Mirzah, is a pleasing number, and is followed by a march for female chorus, which made a great hit. The Ameer has a humorous song, "The Rubber Man." The finale of the act is well played out, and the ensemble is brilliant and effective. The third act has an opening chorus, "Soft to Sensuous Music Swaying," ably intended to be Oriental in character. Following this is a popular ditty, "The Little Poster Maid," assigned to Fanny, one of the leading women personages, and a trlo satirizing in the music and action the continuous performance of vaudeville, and intro-ducing a coon song and rag-time music. This last number made a great hit, and won a double encore. A very pret-ty serenade, "On Thy Lattice," for Constance, with chorus "a capella," is the next prominent number, and then we have the most meritorious song for the Ameer in the work, en-titled "In Old Ben Franklin's Days," which is quite a felicitous idea, the style being old English. This song, with a short dance, a slow gavotte, was one of the principal successes of the evening. The close of the opera is simply, as stated, a repetition of the waltz subject of the first act. Mr. Daniels, with the assistance of W. F. Rochester and Will Danforth, contrives to get a lot of droll humor out of the situations. Everybody knows how droll Frank Daniels can be in gesture, facial expression and business, and last night he had the audience laughing when-ever he controlled the stage.

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