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A STERLING HEART.

He could not quite get over his irritation against Mr. Norwood for having drawn him into such an uncomfortable position. He felt that he had been deceived quite square with him, for he had known that the wishes of his own parents and those of his fiancée had been regarding their future; while, during the last winter, there had been some indications that the girl herself had been encouraging any tender sentiments on her part.

He was fully convinced that she did regard him as marked favor by a little incident which occurred one morning about a week after their arrival in London.

The mail was always brought to Mr. Norwood while the family were at breakfast, and on this morning he had been playfully demanding the privilege of distributing it.

Accordingly, her father passed the package to her with an indulgent smile; whereupon, she began to deal out the numerous letters and papers.

"Mercy, papa!" she exclaimed, as she separated the epistles addressed to him. "Two, four, six, eight, ten, oh, dear, how wearying it must be to be obliged to read so many business letters!"

"Oh, dear!" complained Mrs. Norwood, "one likes to oblige one's friends, but when you are able to have to pay duty on what you buy for yourself, it makes it rather awkward to have to spend a small fortune for other people, not to mention the impossibility of trying to suit their taste."

She broke the seal as she spoke, and, lo! a letter fell from the package. "Well, Mr. Vining," she continued, returning to the business of distribution, "you will be getting impatient, awaiting your turn, I am afraid. Ah! here are some home letters for you. You perceive that I have learned to know the handwriting of your father. Already, I am sure these two letters are from Annie and your mother; while here is another dainty missive, the odor of which makes one think of wood-violets fresh from some mossy dell, where woodland fairies dwell."

This quotation was smilingly hurled at Clifton as he came to a fairly perfect envelope that was addressed in beautifully clear and delicate cursive; while, as she glanced at the two black eyes glowing with an angry light as she also noticed the Canada Postmark so familiar to her.

For the first time a suspicion of the truth flashed upon her mind. Her father had not, of course, confided his schemes to any member of the family; for he wished to keep the much wished-for relations between Clifton and Blanche develop naturally if possible. Consequently, the letter had not had a thought of a rival until she espied this letter.

She knew that Clifton had recommended Shirley Livingston to her father as a companion for her Aunt Felice; but, until now, she had never given the circumstance a second thought.

Shirley Livingston was a very beautiful girl, she was forced to own, in spite of the dislike she had conceived for her; and now, she realized that Clifton Vining had become sufficiently well acquainted with her to warrant a correspondence, he might also be foolish enough to fall in love with her.

This was not a very comforting reflection, in view of her own aspirations; therefore she began to hate sweet, innocent Shirley most vehemently.

Clifton received his letter in silence, but a flush mantled his cheek as his eyes fell upon the superscription, which suspicious circumstance did not escape the sharp eyes of at least two of his companions.

"Hum!" mused Mr. Norwood, pausing in the midst of an important business letter, "what a queer fellow is that young fellow! He has been getting another letter today, as he had one by the last steamer. I think it will be from Clifton Vining, the mail to Blanche again; I will give orders that it be delivered into no hands but my own."

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WESTERN ONTARIO

Live Items Culled for Busy People's Information.

Charles Blake was presented with a chair on severing connection with the Galt Reporters' staff last week.

Rev. V. J. McKelvey, B. E. D. pastor of the Stratford Baptist Church, has declined the call of an Ottawa church.

George Sylvester, aged 30 years, died on Sunday at his home at Chatham. Deceased went to Chatham from Brantford.

The soundings have been taken at the mouth of the Chippewia River, and shown to be exactly 6 feet 6 inches over the low water mark.

Tupperville, a village on the L. E. and D. R. R., has been changed from a flag to an open station. C. Gatzke has been appointed station agent.

Claude Bragg, of Chatham, left on Monday for Blenheim, where he has accepted a position in the branch store of the firm of George Stephens & Sons, Douglastown.

Dr. F. F. Smith, of Ripley, who died suddenly on March 20, after two weeks' illness with pneumonia, was only in his 46th year, and was widely known as a skillful surgeon and successful doctor.

The Ontario Gazette contains the appointment of W. J. Little, of the village of Lucknow, to clerk of the county division court of the county of Bruce, in the place of David B. Foster, resigned.

The lieutenant-governor in council has confirmed the bylaw of the Goderich Knitting Company, Limited, providing for the increase of if the company had in its company from the sum of \$20,000 to the sum of \$60,000, by the issue of 400 shares of \$150 each.

The death took place on Sunday of Minnie Agnes, wife of Richard Harwood, a resident of the town of Chatham. Deceased was only 29 years old, and died at the home of her father, W. E. Thompson, on Sunday, April 14. The funeral took place yesterday in the Baptist cemetery, Woodstock.

Mr. Stefania Chown, wife of Robert Wood, died Sunday night at Stratford. Mrs. Wood was a pioneer of the district. The surviving members of the family are: Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Blackie; Stratford; Mrs. Leahy, Parkhill; William, St. Mary's; George, Douville. She leaves one brother, George Chown, of Ingersoll, and three sisters, Mrs. Crozier, St. Mary's; Mrs. Taylor, Downie; Mrs. Winkler, of Dakota.

There died in East Zorra recently Mrs. Ludwig Schmitt, in her 70th year. Her husband died several years ago, and since then she lived with her son, Mr. Werner Schmitt, of the 14th lane, East Zorra. Deceased was a sister of Nicholas and Werner Kaufmann, of Cassel, and Anna Kaufmann, of Tavistock. She leaves two sons, Nicholas, of Cassel, and Werner, of East Zorra, and a daughter, Mrs. J. J. Schmitt.

Nell Grey died at her residence, at Rodney, on Sunday, after a few months' illness, aged 71 years. She was born in England, and lived there all her life, being one of the pioneers of that part of the township, and amongst the first to build in Rodney. She leaves two sons and two daughters, viz., Mrs. D. J. St. Thomas, St. Thomas, A. J. Leber, Archibald and Alexander.

Woodstock Times: Mr. Ed. West, one of the oldest residents of the town, called on the Times today and suggested that the Old Boys committee invite all those who were here when Woodstock was named in 1838. Mr. West came to this place on the 21st of June, 1834, and Adolphus Vansittart came here the next year, the admiral naming the town. Messrs. John and Joseph Hatch, Henry Burtch and William J. Grey were all here. West can remember as living now who were here then. The settlement consisted of just nine log cabins. Mr. West's suggestion is a good one.

The Petrolia Packing Company has been incorporated with a capital of \$150,000, divided into 3,000 shares of \$50 each, the head office of the company to be at Petrolia, and the provisional directors are: Messrs. J. Egan, Albert Duncan, Charles Jenkins, John Kerr, William Pratt, James W. West, and Frederick Tichborne. The company is organized to manufacture, deal in, buy and sell dressed, canned, cured, pickled and preserved meats, poultry, eggs, butter, cheese, vegetables and fruits, and to carry on a live stock, packing, provision and general cold storage business, and to manufacture, deal in, buy and sell salt, fertilizers, tallow, grease and hides, and to let for hire or rent any and all cold storage facilities the company may have beyond the requirements of its general business.

Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea

Ask your friends about it.

THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

Many Londoners Will Attend Toronto Horse Show and Tourney.

Seagram's Queen's Platers Have Begun Training at Toronto—Semi-Annual Meeting of O. C. A.

TURF.

LONDONERS AT THE HORSE SHOW. Toronto, April 17.—The Canadian military tournament and horse show, to be held in Toronto on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, is attracting immense attention all over Canada, and large numbers are coming from Ottawa, Montreal, London, Hamilton and Quebec.

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There are now 77 clubs in the association, mostly in excellent financial condition. Only two, Brantford and Belleville, are in difficulties, owing to a lack of covered risks. The financial statement was satisfactory, showing a balance of \$50 to the good. In the district cup competition it was decided that whenever any club had won the cup in two consecutive years it be transferred from the district cup competition to the C. C. A. competition.

President Dalton presented the banner to the Paris club, winners of the tankard. Ships J. Carline and J. Brockbank were given handsome medals. Messrs. C. G. Balfour and Dr. Edgar, the Hamilton ships, were presented with medals. T. G. Williamson, the points prize winner, also received a medal.

The governor-general's prize was not on hand, but Secretary Russell gave Skips J. and R. Rennie, of the Toronto Caledonians, pretty agreeable charms, fashioned in the shape of curling stones.

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