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People today look for practical usefulness in a Christmas gift. One does not hear "How beautiful it is," but rather "How useful it will be."

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NOW is the time to select your gifts and get first choice. Let us put them away and deliver on Christmas Eve.

Our Christmas Sale, which still continues, will save you on all purchases.

Call and let us show you suitable gifts for everyone.

GORDON & KEITH,
Headquarters for Christmas Gifts.
41 Barrington Street

Daily Investment News

Halifax, Dec. 19, 1913.

We Want Permanent Clients
rather than an outlet for any particular security.

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Our motive for this is not so much that we had purchased the recent issue, as that we firmly believed that it's all-around worthiness and attractive price justified a wide distribution.

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J.C. Mackintosh & Co.
ESTD 1878

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HEAD OFFICES:
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Also, at St. John, Montreal, Fredericton, New Glasgow

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You have just got time to have that black suit made in time for the holiday festivities. Of course you won't be satisfied unless you get it built by

HANIFEN, Tailor of Taste,
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Losses Paid. \$8,000,000

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General Agents for Nova Scotia,
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Will be open for business MONDAY, DEC. 29TH.

All work promptly attended to and executed by first class men.

WE DEAL IN
Wall Papers, Glass, Paints and Varnishes.

Corner of Blowers and Grafton Sts.
Phone 339.

WANTED.
A Capable Laundress.

To take charge of a well-equipped Laundry.

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Makes old plated ware new. We do it in Gold, Nickel, Copper or Brass.

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him, but I could not forgive Harley Wiggins.

"He doesn't know any more about chimney than the man in the moon," my old friend was saying between coughs.

And then quite unaccountably I went smoke, and bending farther over the rail and peering down the stair well I saw smoke pouring from the library into the hall. It seemed to be in greater volume tonight than at previous manifestations. A grey blue cloud was filling the lower hall and rising toward me. I ran quickly to the third floor, to the chamber whose fire place was served by the library chimney. The lights in the third floor hall winked out as I opened the door. I heard a step behind me, but I did not turn. I had a feeling about this. The switch inside the unadorned guest chamber responded readily to my touch, and on kneeling by the fireplace I found it cold. I had expected. There was absolutely no way of choking the library fire at this point, for as I had established earlier, the fireplace in the library chimney had their independent flues.

The hall outside was still dark, and I did not try the switch. The parlor was dark, and I did not try the switch. I had by this time become accustomed to rapid locomotion through unlighted passages. I leaped over the stair well and heard exclamations of surprise at the sudden cessation of the smoke, which had evidently abated as abruptly as it had begun. The window and doors had been closed, and the company had returned to the library.

"Quite extraordinary—really quite remarkable!" they were saying to me. "I heard Cecil's light laughter as the old ways of the chimney were discussed. And as I stood thus peering down and listening the Swedish maid's hand appeared below mine, bending over the well rail on the second floor. She too, was taking note of affairs in the library, and as I watched her she lifted her head and her eyes met mine. Then while we still stared at each other the second floor lights went out with familiar abruptness, and as I glanced my neck to peer into the blackness above me I experienced once more that ghostly passing as of some light, unearthing thing across my face. I reached for it wildly with my hands, but it seemed to be caught away from me, and then as I sought the air I found it there again. I have no words to describe the strange effect of that touch. I felt my scalp creep and cold chills ran down my spine. It seemed to come from above, and it was not like a hand, unless a hand of wonderful lightness. Certainly no human arm could reach down the stair well, to where I stood.

I waited for its recurrence a moment, but it came no more. Then on a sudden, groping I saw a switch by the fourth-floor lighted my candle and gazed about. I thought it well to let the electric light alone, for my ghostly vision too often plunged me into darkness at critical moments, and a candle in my hands was not subject to his trickery.

The hall was perfectly quiet. The door leading down the hidden stair was invisible, and I did not yet learned how it might be opened from the hall, though Bassford Halliwell had undoubtedly left the house by this means after my interview with him on the roof. And reminded of the roof, I opened the trunk room door and peered in. The candle light

CHAPTER XVI.
Lady's Slipper.

As I recall it she was very much at her ease. She sat on one foot and the other bent the trunk slightly. She was bare-headed, and the candle light was making acquaintance with the gold in her hair. She wore her white sweater, as on that day in the orchard, and with much gravity, as our eyes met, she thrust a hand into its pocket and drew out a cracker. I was not half so surprised at finding her there as I was at her manner now that she was caught. She seemed neither distressed, astonished nor afraid.

"Well, Miss Heskiah," I said, "I half suspected you all along."

"Wise chimney man! You were a little slow about it though."

"It was indeed. You gave me a run for my money."

She finished her cracker at the third bite, and her hands together to free them of possible crumbs and was about to speak when she jumped lightly from the trunk, bent her head toward the door, and then stepped back, again and faced me imperiously.

"And now that you've found me, Mr. Chimney Man, the joke's on you after all."

She laid her hand on the door and swung it nearly shut. I had heard what she had heard. Miss Octavia was coming upstairs. She had exchanged a few words with the Swedish maid on the second floor landing, and Heskiah's quick ear had heard her.

But Heskiah's quantity was disconcerting. Even with her aunt close at hand she showed not the slightest alarm. She resumed her seat on the trunk, and her heel thumped it tranquilly.

"The joke's on you, Mr. Chimney Man, because now that you've caught me playing tricks you've got to get me out of trouble."

"What if I don't?"

"Oh, nothing," she answered indifferently, looking me squarely in the eye.

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