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The Midnight Guest

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They parted at the corner of the street and Mrs. Delahay continued her way slowly, always keeping the figure of Silvia in sight. An impulse to follow him had suddenly seized her, though she had said nothing of this to her sister. She reflected vividly upon the words that had passed between Silvia and Stevens as to Lord Ravenspur, and the things that she knew to the contrary, she might be the means of preventing another tragedy. She felt almost sure of this presently as Silvia turned into Park Lane, and pulled up before Lord Ravenspur's house.

feelings were at that moment. The beauty of the place had been a delight to him at one time. He had enjoyed the planning and building, but now he would have changed it for the meanest cottage. If only he could approach to peace and comfort thereby. The house seemed full of omens. Danger seemed to lurk everywhere. No doubt those banks of palms behind the water gave a charming effect to the hall, but, then, an assassin might have hidden behind them, for they afforded plenty of cover. The great smile which still on Ravenspur's face. No one would have guessed the grey tenor of his thoughts. Even the pretty woman by his side had no idea how anxiously he was watching the clock in the gallery. Meanwhile, the guests filled from place to place, and Ravenspur could hear the click of the balls in the billiard-room. Somebody was playing brilliant music in the drawing-room. Usually, Ravenspur's guests were loth to leave, and to-night was no exception to the rule; but presently they began to drift away, until, at length, Ravenspur was alone.

CHAPTER XXII The Worth of a Name. The great house in Park Lane was brilliantly lighted up, and passers-by asked themselves what distinguished company Lord Ravenspur was entertaining to-night. Inside of the house the master of it all was counting the moments till he should be alone. He was only giving an informal dinner, but the guests numbered upwards of thirty all the same. And now Ravenspur sat in the great hall with his mosaic floor and wonderful marble pillars. It was one of the show places of London, the envy of many whose means were greater than Ravenspur's. The velvet lights shone through palm and fern. The sultry evening seemed to be rendered cooler by the murmur of the fountains. It was possible to sit there and see the fish darting hither and thither, so that the effect of being somewhat far away in the seclusion of the woods was complete. A tall, fair woman, marvellously attired, was languidly singing the praises of the place to her host.

"I will not be for long, then," she said. "My dear guardian, can I have a few moments' conversation with you?" "We will go as far as the library if you like, and then I can smoke a cigar and listen to your weighty utterances. Come along."

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. At a meeting of the creditors of Nathan Drake in the office of J. A. McKinnon yesterday afternoon, a dividend was received for amounts aggregating \$2,500. By vote, Hon. Mr. McKinnon was appointed assignee, J. King Scobie and J. A. Sinclair inspectors, and J. Roy Campbell, secretary. The inspectors were instructed to make an inventory of the assets which are not expected to reach more than half the amount of the liabilities. Another meeting will be held in two weeks' time.

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NEWS FROM FREDERICTON. Cushing's Lumber Drive of 8,000,000 Feet Abandoned at Nine Mile Rapids. Fredericton, June 11.—Fredericton district Methodist meeting is in progress at the Methodist church in this city. Rev. J. C. Berrie, of Gibson, is chairman; Rev. W. J. Kirby is absent on leave enjoying his honeymoon in Montreal. This morning James Watson Howe, of Stanley, son of Major W. T. Howe, ex-M. P., passed satisfactory examination before the Hon. the Minister of Education, Mr. W. B. Thomas, being placed on the University of New Brunswick, was formerly engaged in Y. M. C. work in the United States, and is now proceeding to the A. M. degree at U. N. B. It was decided to recommend Rev. G. B. Payson, Rev. J. J. Macdonald, and Rev. J. Colter to the conference for superannuation. Delegates to the conference at Montreal were elected by the conference at Fredericton. The total amount raised for the conference funds of the church was \$3,007. There was an increase in about every department.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



TWO-TONED TAFFETA SUNSHADES ARE SMART. Coaching parlours are more than ever fashionable. They are of moderate dimensions and mounted upon fine frames, supported with natural or treated wood handles ornamented with ribbon bows to match the cover's coloring. These are chiefly of striped, checked or plaided taffetas in two tones of brown, blue, green or rose, the darker shade narrowly edging the parasol and forming the several broad bands and octagonal apex. When sunshade and hat are of corresponding colors, the effect is exceedingly smart.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

TWO SHOWS AT NICKEL. The hotter the wave the better the Nickel likes it for the big picture house was cool and comfortable last night with its three new 24-inch air vents working to capacity. Today the show—or rather shows—will be remarkable for their excellence and variety. This afternoon the new Pathe wonder, the extravaganza, The Legend of a Ghost, will be shown for the first time. It is without doubt the most elaborate film (1,016 feet) ever photographed. Russian Fisheries will be in structure and night-seeing and A Weird Symphony is something like the Merry Widow, only of the famous funny Pathe make. As a very special feature this afternoon and Saturday, the great child picture, "Teddy Bears" will be put on in addition to the regular programme. It is a 1,000-foot Edison film, pictorial of the fairy tale, "Silver Locks and the Three Bears" and shows Teddy Bears living at home, doing their amusing tricks and cutting up all sorts of laughable antics. The Nickel has procured this feature as a specialty, by general request from time to time.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



Robinson Crusoe's companion treats him to too much punch. Find his companion. ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE. Left side down, under arm.

E. Britton, P. H. C. R., Gananoque; L. P. D. Tilley, St. John; J. A. A. Broderick, Montreal; Mark Mundy, Galt; members of the executive committee. W. L. Roberts, high auditor, Brantford; W. P. Hoag, high auditor, Brantford; W. Walker, high registrar, Montreal; Rev. W. J. West, high chaplain, Bluevale; W. G. Strong, superintendent of organization, Brantford; Lyman Lee, high court collector, Winnipeg; D. E. McKinnon, district high secretary, Winnipeg; R. G. Affleck, P. D. H. C. R., Winnipeg; and R. H. Shanks, P. D. H. C. R., Winnipeg.

The cadets of the Scotch brigade at St. Andrew's church were inspected last evening by Col. G. Robt White D.C.O., of the school room of the church. The boys mustered about thirty strong and presented a very smart appearance. They went through the different drills with great precision and reflected much credit on their instructor, Major Magee. Col. White expressed himself as much pleased with the result of the inspection.

W. H. Harrison returned to the city last evening.

Abbey's Effer-vescent Salt. There comes a time to every man when he must say "I can't" for "can." On rich foods he must call a halt: That means he should take ABBEY'S SALT.

MARY EMERSON COMING. The appearance of Miss Mary Emerson and her supporting company at the Opera House is being looked forward to with interest. Samuel Lewis, who has been in the city for the past few days in Miss Emerson's interest, says people will see an unusually fine artistic and two-mot entertainment and attractive plays in His Majesty and the Maid will play the first half of the week, and Will O' The Wisp the latter half, and the engagement beginning next Monday.

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N. S. GRAND LODGE

MASONIC OFFICERS. Yarmouth June 11.—(Special)—The N. S. Grand Lodge concluded its session this afternoon when the following officers were elected: Grand Master, C. R. Smith, Amherst; Deputy, McE. Hall, Halifax; Senior Grand Warden, D. F. Fraser, New Glasgow; Junior Grand Warden, F. L. Beaton, Sydney; Treasurer, James Dempster, Halifax; Secretary, Thos. Mowbray, Halifax; Lecturer, John Z. McKim, Wallace; Chaplain, Rev. William Duffield, Digby; Senior Deacon, E. J. Vickery, Yarmouth; Junior Deacon, Westford, D. McKay, North Sydney; Supt. of Works, W. F. Soper, Halifax; Director of Ceremonies, J. A. Northup, Canning; Sword Bearer, W. L. Rogers, Yarmouth; Organist, J. W. Doyl, Yarmouth; Pursuivant, Hugh McDonald, Thorburn; Stewards—Henry Churchill, Yarmouth; R. A. Spawton, Halifax; John W. Grant, Glace Bay; David Steek, Sheet Harbor; Orlando Van Amburg, Public; Harry K. Lewis, Yarmouth; Tyler, E. Webster, Halifax.

MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR THE CANADIAN FORESTERS

The twenty-ninth annual session of the High Court of the Canadian Order of Foresters opened in the city of Niagara Falls, Ont., on Tuesday afternoon, June 9. There was a large number in attendance, including high court officers and delegates representing subordinate courts of every province of the Dominion. After the usual opening ceremonies and the appointment of the several standing committees, the high court officers submitted their reports which showed the order to be in a most flourishing condition. The progress made during the past year far surpassed that of any previous year of its history. The high chief ranger, J. A. Stewart, (M. B.), after extending a hearty welcome to the representatives present, submitted his report which was replete with facts and figures relating to the growth and extension of the order during the past year. On January 1, 1907, the order had a membership of 44,035 and there were in being an increase of 771 over the previous year. During 1907, 3,134 members departed, leaving a net membership of 68,424 at the close of the year. The increase in the insurance reserve of the order during the year amounted to \$2,174,872.45, and at the close of the year, \$2,428,690.87. The amount paid in death claims was \$413,326.24. The sick and funeral benefit department is also in a flourishing condition. During the year no less than \$134,418.44, covering 5,903 claims, was paid in this branch. The amount to the credit of this fund at the close of the year was \$112,864.48. The high chief ranger, in concluding his address, expressed the hope that the meeting would be a pleasant one for the members and a profitable one for the order, and felt that if ever there was a time in the history of the order when the members should all feel inspired with hope and confidence in the future of Canadian forestry, that time was the present. In an inspiring address he urged upon the representatives to do all that in them lay to make 1908 the banner year of the order. The report of Geo. Faulkner, high secretary, covering the general work of the order, was next in order, and showed in detail the large volume of business transacted through the lead office at Brantford. The amount of insurance premiums received during the year was \$75,916.20, which with the interest on insurance account, made the total receipts in this branch, \$868,149.96. There were 409 death claims paid amounting to \$413,326.24, leaving the sum of \$251,818.42 to carry to the reserve fund which at the close of the year was \$2,428,690.87. The sick and funeral branch of the order also showed a marked advance. The amount of fees received during the year

W. A. Earp returned to the city last evening on the Boston train.