A HALLOW-E'EN COMEDY.

By Fergus Hume in Vancouver Saturday Sunse

The independence of human nature is vividly illustrated in this constantly recurring example. If man or maid is told to do anything, maid or man, at once, wishes to act in opposition; not because he or she dislikes the thing itself, but from an intuitive desire to disobey. On this account Eve ate the apple, and her daughters are particularly prone to follow this lead in the conduct of love affairs. Consequently, when Effic Grant was informed that her father wished her to marry Hector Mackenzie, she instantly desired to become the wife of Robert Douglas, the playwright. Certainly she loved Hector the best—he was a handsome lieutenant in the Black Watch—but contrariety of disposition to the suiter whom Mr. Grant did not approve.

"I wish to marry for happiness," she confessed to Jean, hor old nurse, as they sat over the fire on a raw October aftermoon, "not to please my father, who never is pleased."

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"There may be a third, Jean," said Effie, tossing her head.

"Ay, but the hairt of ye's set on ain of they two, Toots!" the old woman rubbed her nose. "A'm nae a spaewife, but there's Hallow E'en, ye ken, mae hairn."

"Bobbing for apples in water," said
Effic, contemptuously, "what good would "Speiring for husbands, to, if ye

"I don't mind. Well?"

Jean rose slowly and hobbled to a door opposite the fire-place.

"Why do you listen there?" asked

Miss Grant, when she saw Jean's car

at the key-hole.

"Tae see if you lad's gane oot! Nac, he's, scrautchin' letters an'—" she applied her right eye to the key-hole, settin' at th' round taible."

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"Lufortunately the lodger, whose name was Hammersley, had overheard her mutterings at the door, and, being as curious as a woman, applied eye and ear to the key-hole in his turn. He knew that the handsome young lady, listening so intently to the aged crone, was the wife his friend Douglas desired to win, and knew, also, that there was a powerful, soldier rival in question. Therefore, as he really was indebted to Douglas in his profession, and wished, with a view to future favors, to do him a good turn, he had no scruple in eavesdropping. Thus it came about that, when Jean forgot her caution, he heard her repeat three or four times the advice, that on Hallow-Een, Effie Grant second. repeat three or four times the adshould tempt fate with necromantic eremonies, and learn for certain which of her possible marriages was made in

heaven.

"You'll come here," explained the beldame, earnestly, "in eight days, the which wall be th' thirty-furst o' the month. An' in this room, mae bairn, in th' mirk o' midnight, ye'll cat an maipple afore you looking glass aboon the mantelpiece, wi' nac mair licht nor a caundle."

in th' mirk o' midnight, ye'll eat an 12 sipple afore yon looking-glass aboon the mantelpiece, wi' nae mair licht nor a caundle."

"Oh, what nonsense!" cried Effic, impatiently.

"Tis nae noansense, ye fule lassie Dima I tell ye, hoo, he as ye'll merry, him; if Douglas, byon't the mon,"

"Jean," said Effie solemuly, "which ever face I saw, I would marry the man who owned the other, just to show how foolish you are in believing that these things come true."

When Hallowe'en came in eight days, Effie was still perplexed as to whom she should choose. Hector had called again and again, and had proved himself the most charming of lovers; but then Douglas, from London town, had written the most delightful letters, and had called her sweet names, which the less intellectual soldier could not think of What could a poor girl do between two such fascinating swains." Nothing, Well, yes. She could apply to the Useen for information. So thus it came about that Effie Grant slipped out of the house at hali-past eleven, and ran down to old Jean, shalipast eleven, and ran down to old Jean, and manding her the fata! fruit. "An 'I'll jenjit th' caundle in front o'the gless. Noch him, I'll gang tae mae room, for the spell must be warked alane, and in mirk gloom, for bye the caundle gies a 'wee bit-tock glimmer. Comb yer hair, an' bit the apple, and leuk int' the gless' an'.

So here was Effie, with unbound hair, quavering before a dingy mirror, in a small room lighted only by a single tallow dip. Shadows filled the further end of the apartment, and the tiny circle of light thrown by the guttering candle only served to make the darkness more dreary. Anxious to get the uneanny business over as speedily as possible, Effie hastily stepped forward until her face was close to the speedled glass, and hergan to comb her hair, eating mean to comb her hair, eating mean the face was close to the speedled glass, and hergan to comb her hair, eating mean there are the comb of the part of the part of the grown and war, and as levely and the part

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"Ay, hinny, hinny," muttered the old dame, fearfully, glancing round, "yell has seen mair nor flesh an blood, I'm thisking."

Ent what Effie saw she would not tell, As soon as she recovered ber senses, she huddled on her cloak and hat, and with still unbound hair, left the cottage.

How she reached home, or entered by the side door she had left-open, she never could tell to her dying hour. But she felt very ill, and next day did not rise until the afternoon. Then she came down to see her father, having sent a messeuger previously to Edinburgh with a letter.

"What is the matter, Euphemia" asked old Grant, surprised at her hag.

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gard looks, and placing his arm around her. "What is it, my dawty?"
"Nothing, only I'm ready to accept Mr. Mackenzie's hand. I have sent a letter, telling him to come.

Mr. Grant would have questioned her, as he saw that something untoward had happened. But Effic refused to speak, and shut herself in a drawing-room until the arrival of her lover. He came post haste, his face shining with joy and impatience, for her letter had told him sufficient to assure him of success.

"Effie, darling," he cried, clasping her in his strong young arms. "You really will?"

"Yes," she said, faintly, then hid her face in his breast. "Oh, I have had such a fright. I saw you last night."
"Saw me. That's impossible. I was at mess, and never left the castle."
"I—I—saw you—in—id—the glass," murmured Effie. "I didn't believe that I would see anything, and I told Jean that I would marry the man that I did not see. But it proved so true that, I felt it was necessary to—to—marry—yo-o," and Effie, almost fainting, sank

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again into her puzzled lover's arms.

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tor drew from the terrified girl the story of her experiment in the super-physical, and shook his head gravely-when she concluded.

Suddenly the door opened to admit a smart brown-haired young man, with a shining, expectant face. When the door was closed, and he beheld the lovers, the light died out of his eyes, and he dropped his hat as he started back. "Effic, that is, Miss Grant," he exclaimed, while Mackenzie bent his brows at the familiarity.

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"Mr. Douglas" I thought you were in London!" said Effie, amazed.
"I came down yesterday to ask you to

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"I didn't believe that there was any
truth in the Hallowe'en spell," cried Effie, with her arm in that of Mackenzie's.
"But there is, so I feel I can't go against
Fate. I must marry Hector."
"Only must," said the young officer,

a letter. "What is the matter, Euphemia?" "As for you." cried Miss Grant, turn-asked old Grant, surprised at her hag-ing towards Hammersley, "you."

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"You are too late," said the soldier, with a triumphant laugh. "Miss Grant will shortly be Mrs. Mackenzie, of Exshender."

"That's impossible," cried Robert Douglas, frowning.

"It is true," said Efie, the color returning in waves of pink to her face. "I decided to marry Hector to-day, after—after—"
"But you saw his face in the glass," stuttered Douglas, angrily.

Effic felt a thrill run through her, and she stiffeend at once. "And pray, Mr. Douglas, how do you know that I saw his"—she glanced at Hector—face?"
"I heard—that is, Hammersley told me—he was in the next room when you arranged with Mrs. Campbell to try the Hallowe'en spell. Hammersley wrote—he wrote." stammered Douglas, growing more and more confused, "that growing more and more confused, "that growing more and more confused, "that Effic explained as well as sho could stepped forward.

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Effore Hammersley could avoid the contact, he was picked up and thrown by the indignant efficer through the window and into the garden. As he limped away, with angry looks, and much bad language, Hector found his arm pinched by Effie's fingers.

"You should not have done that," she window not have done that," she window not have done that," she will alughing and half crying. "He won you me. as your wife. And, and—oh," she broke down laughing, for the humorous side of the comedy was beginning to strike her.

It struck Hector Mackenzie also, and the two laughed loud and long, until Mr. Grant, attracted by the noise of the broken window and the laughter, entered with a startled face.

"What is all their transfer through the contact, he was picked up and thrown by the indignant efficer through the contact, he was picked up and thrown by the indignant efficer through the contact, he was picked up and thrown by the indignant efficer through the contact, he was picked up and thrown by the indignant efficer through the contact, he was picked up and thrown by the indi

"What is all this; ritably. Effic explained as well as she could for hysterical laughter, and he gath-ered enough to guess what tricks the girl had been up to. His face grew

mia;"
"I saw—a saw." gasped Effe, still laughing, and, taking Hector's hand, good "this—this—ghost."
"Her husband," said Hector, broadly smiling, and the two ended the comedy in one another's arms.

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SPRINGHILL STRIKE OVER.

The Men Are Ready to Return to Work To-day.

Halifax; N. S., Oct. 28 .- The strike at Halifax; N. S., Oct. 28.—The strike at Springhill is really over at last. Events which have followed each other in startling rapidity, and which have brought about the above happy culmination, cluster around the visit of H. J. Logan, M. P., and Deputy Commissioner of Mines Donkin to Springhill on Saturday. The whole situation was thoroughly discussed. The men expressed their attitude by saying that if a new board could be secured to investigate the differences between themselves and the company they would return to work at once. Failing 'that, they would stand where they were. Several messages were exchanged with Ottawa, and a final one received from Acting Deputy Minister. al one received from Acting Deputy Min-ister of Labor Actand announced that another board could be established pro-viding the men returned to work and

riding the men returned to work and application were made in due form.

This reply, with other telegrams., was read at a joint meeting of two lodges this afternoon, and after short discussion by unanimous vote the men decided to return to work at once.

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Hotelkeeper Will Fix No Prices.

London, Oct. 28.—According to a publication devoted to the interests of hotelkeepers a novel scheme is to be tried by a boniface who, to quote his advertisements, possesses "a house of the first order—modern comforts, central heating exquisite Franch cocking

tral heating, exquisite French cooking superb view."

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The new scheme will have a one year

THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL FINE.

Company Will Pay the \$25,000 Assessed by Judge Riddell.

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Detroit, Oct. 28.—The Michigan Central Railway has decided to pay the \$25,000 fine imposed by Mr. Justice Riddell for the carelessness that caused the explosion of dynamite at Essex, Ont.

This statement was made by Mr. Henry Russell, counsel for the road.

"We pleaded guilty and we will pay the fine," he declared.

DEFINING THE BOUNDARY.

Canada Will Lose Strip Several Hundred

Miles Long.

Winnipeg, Oct. 28.—A little strip of land 600 feet wide and several hundred miles in length will be transferred from Canada to the United States in Alaska, as a result of the work done by a joint survey party in that country during the past summer.

SMITHVILLE

A spirited debate took place on Wed

Angered.

St. Catharines, Oct. 28.—The five-year-old daughter of Mrs. George Sager, of Toronto, hwo is bete visiting her sister, Mrs. James Merriman, is suftering from the bite of a dog, and the result of the child's injuries is not yet known.

The little girl was playing with a bull terrier, when the brute became angered at something and sprang at her, fastening his teeth in her upper lip and tearing it from beneath the nostrils to the end: A doctor cauterized the wound and in sequential nostrils to the end. A doctor cauter-ized the wound, and in sewing it up had to put in nine stitches. The child's face will be disfigured for life in any

STEALING COBALT ORE.

28.-Aamount of ore-stealing has been suspect ed for some time past, particularly at Nipissing mine. The offenders are called 'high graders.'' This morning Chief Caldbick searched the bunks of some men, and one Geroffsky, a Pole, was found with a large silver slab in 2s bunk. He was arrested, and the case will probably come up to-morrow.

KRUPPS TAKE ACTION.

Oct. 28 -According Matin's Berlin correspondent the Krupps are about to start an action against the United States for violation of their patent rights, making General Crozier, chief of ordnance, the defendant

severed from the body.

to ask the Government to i the coal situation in Toronto.





Mr. Charles Grassie, for many years a resident of this place, has sold his property and removed with his family to Welland to live.

A spirited debate took place on Wednesday evening last at the weekly meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society on the question: "Resolved, that tobacco is a greater evil than whiskey." Messrs, C. W. Fritshaw and Wm. Taylor, of Camp's school house, taking the affirmative, and Messrs, Flewellyn and Thad Snyder the negative. After a close contest the judges awarded it to the negative. Both teams did well.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Luke's Church have secured Master Wilfred Morison, the boy singer, Toronto, to give a concent here on Hallowe'en. Lovers of good must should not miss this, as it is said to be very fine. Master Morison will be assisted by local talent and a good programme is promised.

to it the section has no permission realised energy on farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homescad, the requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such a settler must give six months notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so. SINOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

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The lessee shall have a dredge do not a construct of the Minister of the finite of the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

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Large Silver Slabs Found in a Polander's

Bed.

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Rochester, Oct. 28.—Alex. Caruso, a Sicilian, 23 years aold, was struck down by an unknown assassin at Davis and Finey streets last night and died in a few minutes. Caruso's head was almost

The Toronto City Council has decided





Pet Bull Terrier Becomes Suddenly

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Assassinated on Street.



for hysical ered enough to guess girl had been up to. His face girl stern.

"That a child of mine should beliave like the witch of Endor!" he said severely, yet with a smile twinkling in his eyes. "You should be ashaned. What did you see in the glass, Euphomia?"

"A saw," gasped Effe. still boych the practice of Dr. Frank Comfort of Campden, and is moving his goods there this week.

GIRL BITTEN BY DOG.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST

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