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The Puzzling Pretty Widow

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met Mrs. Dale in the hall, there was little to tell of the experience of the hours of darkness. Perhaps the pretty widow looked a little paler than usual, but in every other respect she was the same airy, impulsive creature, now smiling now looking sad, as she had been before the dreadful visit of the lady whom irreverent Mabin called "the

It was not, indeed, until breakfast was over, and they had gone out into the garden to cut some flowers while the dew was on them, that either of the ladies made any reference to the events of the night.

Mrs. Dale, with one daintily-shod foot in a flower-bed, was stretching out her hands towards a bunch of sweet peas, when, without turning her head, she said:

"I am in great trouble about you,

"Are you? Why, Mrs. Dale?" "I don't quite know what to do with you. If I send you to Mrs. Bonnington, shall have to tell some shocking tarradiddle about the drains having to come up, or the roof having given way, and she will be sure to find me out and pry, and to give both of us what the old women call 'much unpleasantness,' and if I send you on to Geneva, I don't know whether they will be glad to see you when you arrive."

"And I'm sure they won't," said Mabin, heartily. "And there is one other objection to sending me anywhere, and that is that I won't go." Mrs. Dale dropped her sweet peas, and turned round. Her eyes were full of sudden tears.

'Nonsense, child," she said, but in a querulous tone, which betrayed her emotion, "nonsense. It was decided yesterday afternoon that you were to go. You know it was." "You decided that I was to go; I didn't. And—" instinctively she dropped her voice, "and something that happened last night-in the nightmade me decide not to go. There!"

"But, my dear—"
"No, Mrs. Dale, I am not going to be got round.' You've chosen to take me upon your shoulders, so now you must just keep me. Ha! ha! You must just keep me. Ha! ha! You didn't know I had so much determina-

But Mrs. Dale could scarcely speak. Now for the first time that morning Mabin realized that the scene of the night had really taken place, for the emotions aroused by this little bit of talk had brought back into Mrs. Dale's blue eyes a faint reproduction of the wild terror she had shown when she came to the girl's room. When she had secovered her voice, the lady in black, Pale, hoarse, shaken with her agitation, stammered out these words:

"My dear girl, it is beautiful of you to offer to stay. But I cannot let you. You ought never to have come. I was mad, wicked, to let you come; but my madness and my wickedness I must

How strange these words seemed in the broad daylight, Mabin thought. By the weak glimmer of the night-light, Mrs. Dale's wild looks and words had seemed fantastic, weird. But the broad sunlight seemed to give the nameless horror which hung about the poor little body in black a reality as vivid as it was painful. But with this feeling there came also into the heart of the young girl a great tenderness toward the suffering woman who was haunted by the shadow of her own past. So she smiled, and with a pretty, half-shy look in her eyes, said:

"You told me I saved you from going mad, se I mean to stay; and I mean to sleep in the same room with you, so that you shall not be frightened any more.

Mrs. Dale shook her head. "I can't let you do that," she said.
"I don't sleep very well, and sometimes I start up and cry out. I should "Then we will exchange rooms," said

By the look of joy and relief which flashed over Mrs. Dale's face at this suggestion, Mabin saw that she had "But-won't you be afraid?" asked

the widow, in a troubled voice.
"What! of a ghost, a vision, or of having bad dreams? No, not a bit." Mrs. Dale glanced gratefully at the

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young face, with its look of robust Philistine scorn of phantoms. "It is a temptation," she murmured; "for, after all, I know, I know that it was only a dream, a horrible dream, and there is no fear that the dream will come to you." "And if it did," retorted Mabin, stoutly, "it wouldn't frighten me. I'm too 'stodgy'; I have no imagination."

Mrs. Dale smiled sadly.
"You are right," she said. "If you did have the same dream it would have no terrors for you. Your conscience

'And my digestion good," added Mabin, lightly, as she picked up the allen flowers and put them in her bas-

There was no doubt that her refusal to go had taken a load of melancholy from the shoulders of her hostess, who sent the young girl out for a walk as soon as the gathering of the flowers was over, and charged her not to go far enough to tire her still weak ankle. Mabin, with a book and a sunshade, sauntered slowly down the hill to the nearest gap in the cliff, and went down the steep descent to the sands. This was no paradise of nursemaids and babies, but a solitary nook, beloved by quiet maiden ladies and sentimental couples. With rash disregard of the danger of sitting under a chalk cliff, Mabin found a seat on a rock worn smooth by the sea, opened her book, and began-not to read.

The circumstances in which she found herself were far too interesting for her Even when she went downstairs and with her open book on her lap and her to be able to give herself up to the eyes staring out at the sea, which was vividly blue in the strong sunshine, when she became suddenly conscious of a footstep she knew in her immediate neighborhood.

Although she affected not to be surprised when Rudolph appeared before her, she had known that he was aproaching, and her heart began to peat very fast. He looked down at her between the spikes of her sunshade, pretending to be afraid to speak to her. "Good morning," said she at last.
"I was wondering whether I dared ay the same thing."

"Yes. After your treatment of me last ght I felt nervous." "My treatment of you! What treat-

"Why were you so unkind? Or mustn't I ask you why?"
"You may ask, of course. But I can't give you any answer, because I didn't know that I was unkind." "I wish I could believe that."

Well, if you won't believe it, I have nothing to say." Rudolph was silent a few minutes. Then, with a burst of explosive energy, he made up his mind. "No!" he cried, so loudly that Mabin started, and threw himself down on the sand beside her, "I will not be daunted. I will enease myself in double snubproof armor plates, and I will try to teach her that to be dignified it is not say it--absolutely rude."

Mabin became crimson, and the tears started to her eyes. She had not meant to be rude, but undoubtedly her behavious had laid her open to this accessation.

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without meaning it," she said in a tone of such excessive humility and penitence that it was impossible to doubt her sincerity. "I am very sorry. But you shouldn't take any notice of what do or say. Nobody does at home. When I am more awkward and tiresome than usual they always say, 'Oh, it's only Mabin!' and then nobody

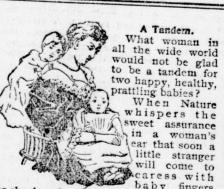
"Ah, well, I can't quite feel like that -that it's only Mabin. When one likes a person, and wants to be good friends, very good friends with that person just as one used to be when that person and oneself were little things in short frocks and knickerbockers, it is very disheartening to find that person so determined to be-er-to be-er-so reserved that when one sits beside that person, as I did last night, you know, she will only let one see so much of her right ear as to practically turn her back to one!

"I didn't!" "You did, though. And it is what you you doing again just now until the horror of hearing the truth made you turn round to fly at me! You did turn your back upon me last night, Miss Rose, and you hurt my feelings." "Indeed, you did not seem to be hurt.

You seemed to be enjoying yourself very much!" Well, so I was, in a way. But I should have enjoyed myself much more if you had been as nice as you were in the garden."

Mabin heaved a deep sigh. "It's no use expecting me to be nice," she said, in a voice of despair. "I can only manage it so very seldom." Well, could you hold out some signal, such as by wearing a particular ower, or color, or some especial knot of ribbon, to let me know when one may speak to you without being snub-

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baby fingers her cheek and neck, she makes the fondest preparations for its arrival. Everything that a woman's dainty taste can imagine is provided for the new-comer's wardrobe. Nothing is overlooked save one thing, and that one thing is the most important. Too many mothers forget that baby's strength and health, its ability to withstand the usual ailments of childhood, and its vigor and welfare, as a man or woman, are dependent upon her own health and physical condition during the period of prospective maternity. If, during that critical time, she is weak, sickly, nervous and despondshe is weak, sickly, nervous and despondent, because of troubles peculiar to her sex, these conditions are bound to have their influence upon her baby's health. Neglect of these conditions invariably means that baby will be weak, puny and provide. The Piercel's Prescription peevish. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an unfailing cure for all troubles of this nature, and it will reinforce a woman's bodily and nerve strength so that she can safely undergo the trials of maternity. It safely undergo the titals of maternity. It gives health, strength earlier of the covery elasticity and endurance to the covery elasticity and entropy of the covery elasticity and nervous hardihood to the child.

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Examinations

At the Ontario Agricultural College.

Names of the Students Who Pa. ed in All Subjects.

Guelph, April 22.-The results of the Easter examinations at the Ontario Agricultural College were as follows: Passed in all subjects: First year (ranked according to standing in general proficiency)-1, E.J. McMillan, New 5, J. A. Robertson, Blantyre, Grey, t.; 6, J. W. Crow, Ridgeville, Welland, Ont.; 7, C. R. Peters, Elmhurst, ter of an inch. N. S.; 8, L. A. Fawell, DeCewsville, Haldimand, Ont.; 9, E. Bowman, Bloomingdale, Waterloo, Ont.; 10, F. W. Goble, Woodstock, Oxford, Ont.; 11, A. H. Crerar, Molesworth, Perth, Ont.; 12, E. R. Lewis, Burford, Brant, Ont., and E. A. McCorvie, Oakwood, Victoria, Ont.; 14, H. H. Patterson, Jermyn, Peterboro, Ont.; 15, J. R. Hutchinson,

Escott, Leeds, Ont.; 16, G. H. Gorrell, Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, Ont.; 17, G. A. McIntyre, Renfrew, Renfrew county, Ont., and F. P. Turner, Bealton, Norfolk, Ont.; 19, D. J. McCarthy, Norwood, Peterboro, and D. McEwen, Lakeport, Northumberland, Ont.; 21, C. Kidd, Cookstown, Simcoe, Ont.; 22, P. Vanatter, Ballinafad, Wellington, Ont.; 23, A. J. Brokovski, Battleford, . W. T.; 24, J. A. Carleton, Avening, Simcoe, Ont.; 25, G. Hutton, Easton's Corners, Grenville, Ont.; 26, F. H. Robinson, Brampton, Peel, Ont.: 27, W. C. Semple, Tottenham, Simcoe, Ont.: 28, A. Goodchild, Craigleith, Grey, Ont.

29, J. F. Moffet, Jordan, Lincoln, Ont. J. J. C. Bowers, Berlin, Waterloo, Ont. R. Wilson, Fordwich, Huron, Ont. 31, R. Wilson, Fordwich, Huron, Ont., 32, J. R. McCrimmon, Vankleek Hill, Prescott, Ont.; 33, J. D. Campbell, Victoria Cross, P. E. I.; 34, J. Taylor, Todmorden, York, Ont.; 35, A. F. Eddy, Marksville, Algoma, Ont. Second year (ranked according to

standing in general proficiency)-1, J. H. Grisdale, Russell, Russell county, Ont.; 2, H. H. Hume, Marvelville, Russell, Ont.; 3, A. G. Hopkins, Highfield, York, Ont.; 4, W. J. Kennedy, Vernon, Russell, Ont.; 5. W. N. Hutt, Southend, Welland, Ont.; 6. W. J. Price, Marsville, Dufferin, Ont.; 7, W. E. Williams, Clandeboye, Middlesex, Ont.; 8, M. Raynor, Rose Hall, Prince Edward county, Ont.; 9, F. R. Marshall, Westbrook, Frontenac, Ont.; 10, A. J. Wagg, Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, Ont.; 11, F. R. Mallory, Frankford, Hastings, Ont.; 12, C. H. Harris, Rockwood, Wellingnecessary to be unkind—and—yes, I will | ton, Ont.; 13, J. M. Livingstone, Sarnia, Lambton, Ont.; 14, H. P. Westgate, Watford, Lambton, Ont.; 15, G. H. A. Ross, Martintown, Glengarry, Ont.; to blame for the accident. 22, A. H. Hawke, Winnipeg, Manitoba; 23, T. Jarvis, Guelph, Ont., and C. H. Snider, Attercliffe, Lincoln, Ont.; 25, G. R. Taylor, Harley, Brant, Ont.; 26. N. C. Scott, Kingston, Ont.; 27, E. S. Wilson, Dundas, Wentworth, Ont.: 28, W.

H. Harmell, Beeton, Simcoe, Ont.; 29, Erie while the wind was blowing a J. H. Hollis, Shelly Bay, Bermuda; 30, Sale. Since then nothing has been H. V. Zavitz, Coldstream, Middlesex, Seen or heard of them, although the Ont.; 31, G. Gethen, Grimsby, Went-

**** * WESTERN ONTARIO Newport; Phi ******

A Sunday school has been organized in the Gospel Hall, Griffin's Corners. Mr. Oliver Austin, of Lynn Valley, had a cow killed on Sunday night by lightning. While throwing down hay from a

loft Mr. Wm. Grant fell and fractured both bones in his ankle. The government will grant \$5,000 for the building of an armory at Windsor for the Essex Fusiliers, if the city will grant a site.

Mr. A. H. Woodbridge, government inspector of San Jose scale, has appointed Mr. J. W. McKay inspector for West Elgin. At a special meeting of the St. Thomas City Council the bylaw to grant \$36,000 to the board of education

to erect two schools was passed. Mr. H. H. Davis, of the Bank of Montreal, at Sarnia, has been transferred to the Stratford office. Mr. Davis' successor is Mr. G. A. G. Geddes, of Walkerville.

Mr. John Copeland, of Sarnia, has sold his farm, the well-known Copeland homestead, on con. 7, Sarnia township, to Mr. J. B. Freeman, of Tilsonburg, for \$4,000. St. Marys town council has dis-

charged both its constables-Adam Mitchell and Pat. Dunn. Frank Young and Dan. Ross, both of St. Marys, were appointed in their place. Mr. C. A. Chadwick, traveling agent of the Wrought Iron Steel Range Company, with headquarters at Beamsville, has returned home to Simcoe with four cracked ribs, caused by a

The following officers have been elected by the Wiarton Conservative Association: President, Dr. Fisher; vice-president, Thomas Gilpin; treasurer, S. A. Perry; secretary, D. G. Mil-

Mayor Girardot, of Sandwich, is accused of having acted illegally in having let a young American off with a fine of \$5 for carrying offensive weapons, but the council supports him in his

The Walkerton chair factory, which became insolvent a short time ago. was put up at auction Tuesday, but the sale was postponed until Monday next. The varnish, hardware and other stock were sold piecemeal. Brantford's latest public building,

Victoria school, was formally opened Wednesday, in the presence of a good-sized gathering. Hon. George W. Ross, minister of education, performed the ceremony. The new school cost some \$14,000. Beaumont Jarvis, of Toronto, was the architect. The building of the signal house and

southwest portion of the city of Philadelphia, and valued at \$300,000,000. Mr. J. I. Flatt, ex-M.P.P., was said to be one of the heirs. The story is a fake. Mr. John Balkwill, of Filion, Mich., died at the home of his brother George in Dutton on Monday morning. He was on his way home from Toronto and came by Dutton in order to spend a few days with his brother, when he suffered a relapse and passed away as stated. He was 34 years of age, and

is a sister of deceased. Peter Craig's carriage factory at Windsor was broken night, and a hammer, chisel, brace and other tools stolen. The burglars want-Haven, P. E. I.; 2, Wm. Linklater, safe in the malleable iron works, Walk-Stratford, Perth county, Ont.; 3, J. B. erville. They drilled a hole in the safe force. Brooklin, Ontario county, just above the lock, but failed to force Ont.; 4, C. E. M. Mortureux, Quebec, P. the door and went away without securing a cent. They missed the place they were drilling for by about a quar-

THE WRONG CHILD.

Romantic Story of the Recovery of a Girl From Indians Spoiled. Winnipeg, April 22.-The girl recently taken from Indians in South Dakota, and given to Turton, a rancher, at Moose Mountain, Assiniboia, who identified her as his daughter, lost several years ago, turns out to be the daughter of a squaw who died at Moosejaw in The child's father was a white man. Her Indian relatives are now taking steps to recover her, and would seem to have ample evidence to suc-

The Turtons brought the girl home from Dakota with much rejoicing, believing that Providence had restored to them their lost child, but most people who saw her believed she was of Indian extraction.

NEW WAY TO THE SEA. First Arrival at Depot Harbor From

Chicago. Parry Sound, April 22.—The steamer Roman arrived at Depot Harbor yesterday, being the initial arrival in connection with the new route from Chicago to the sea, organized by J. R. Booth. The steamer Briton also reached Depot Harbor, as did the schooner Boyce, the steamer Prentice and two consorts, all loaded with western grain. The vessels are being unloaded at the new million-bushel elevator, which is reported to be working nicely.

THE ROCHESTER DISASTER. Rochester, April 22.-While the westbound freight of empty cars, drawn by engine 206, was taking water at Fairport, a second westbound freight, in charge of Engineer Wadleigh, came H. Tozeland, Killarney, Manitoba; 19, C. Jarvis, Guelph, Ont.; 20, J. B. Anderson, St. Marys, Perth, Ont.; 21, D. Still at work. It is not known who is

PROBABLY DROWNED. Newport, Mich., April 22.-Three fishermen, in the employ of J. N. Dewey, of this place, are probably lost. On Tuesday they left their nets in Lake tng Messenger has been continuously searching for them. The names of the missing men are Lewis Dubrey, jun. married, Newport; John Tear, single, Newport; Philip Navarre, married, of



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