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RESERVE FUND

Balance at Credit 30th November, 1916.....	\$ 12,560,000.00
Premium on New Capital Stock issued to Quebec Bank Shareholders	911,700.00
Transferred from Profit and Loss Account.....	528,300.00
Balance at Credit 30th November, 1917.....	\$ 14,000,000.00

H. S. HOLT,
President.EDSON L. PEASE,
Managing Director.C. E. NEILL,
General Manager.

Montreal, 18th December, 1917.

had changed his mind about dying. His doctors had prophesied death in the near future, his friends had consoled with him over the prospect, and Uncle Jacob, as though to defy both them and the grim King of Terrors, had made up his mind to live. And when Uncle Jacob had made up his mind to a thing he usually carried it through.

"So Maurice must just settle down to be a poor man for the next twenty years or so!" cried Uncle Jacob jovially.

He darted a keenly-scrutinising glance at Leonora as he spoke. He had no intention of condemning Maurice to that poverty of which he spoke so lightly, but he had his reasons for not enlightening Leonora on that matter just then.

"But poverty is no barrier to love, they say, and need make no difference in you young people's arrangements. Love in a cottage, and all that's romantic—eh, Miss Leonora?"

"Mr. Tregarthen and I have made no arrangements," Leonora drew down her pretty lip stiffly. Wed with poverty, no, not she, she had had enough of poverty as it was.

And then the door opened, and Eileen came into the room—Eileen, with her green linen gown freshly washed and ironed, and walking meekly at Leonora's bidding.

For when Leonora had learnt that Uncle Jacob as well as his nephew was in the parlor, she had decreed at once that Eileen must come and entertain Uncle Jacob.

"You?" Eileen said. But it was not to Uncle Jacob she spoke, not for Uncle Jacob her blushes came thick and fast.

Tregarthen took the little hand in his.

"Yes, I, Cousin Eileen, if you will let me call you so. Ah, you did not know when I petitioned you for the loan of the screwdriver, that I had an ulterior object in view. The sight of my little cousin—though it was not until I had spoken to you that I even so much as guessed that you were my cousin—made me long for an introduction. The motor was not so bad as I made it out to be; in fact, to be truthful, the motor could have dispensed with the services of the screwdriver and the oil can altogether."

But it was not till later that Eileen had another question to put to this untrustworthy guardian of Uncle Jacob's motor car.

"Leonora was expecting you that day. It was for you the muffins and cream were bought. Why did you not go on to Leonora?"

"That," Uncle Jacob's nephew said, with an inscrutable smile, "you must ask me another day." There was a strange, new thrill in his voice. "But I think it was when I saw you hanging out the washing, little Cousin Eileen, that I changed my mind slightly—about Leonora."

But when that "other day" came little Cousin Eileen quite forgot to call Maurice Tregarthen to account for his non-appearance in Leonora's boudoir upon a certain never-to-be-forgotten day. Indeed, by that time she had quite forgiven his default with regard to Leonora. A woman will forgive much, very much, to the man who loves her.

No Duplicates Wanted

"Mary, why didn't you sound the dinner-gong?"

"Please, 'm, I couldn't find it."

"Why, there it is on the hall table!"

"Please, 'm, you said this morning that as the breakfast-gong."—The Sketch.

A Technical Term

"You do not speak to him?"

"No," replied the scholarly girl.

"When I passed him I gave him the geological survey."

"The geological survey?"

"Yes. What is commonly known as the stony stare."—Washington Star.

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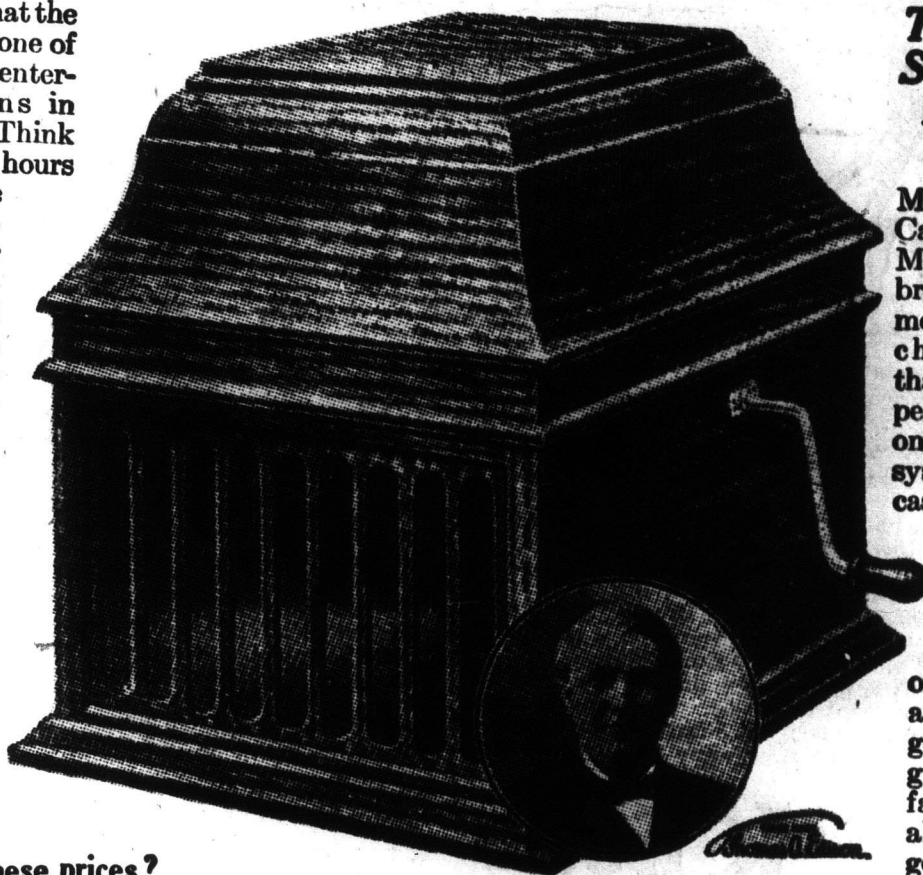
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