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"We—we are all very anxious at Warrington to know whether a nephew of my adopted aunt's, who at present is away from home, is well. Mr. Fielding expressed an interest in him, and I came to ask if he could relieve our anxiety about him."

"She spoke thus freely because, at the first allusion to James, her hearer's manner had become suddenly so mysterious that it was evident she knew something about him. Mrs. Fielding nodded several times, with pursed-up lips, and then, in a loud whisper: "Sir J. O.?" Well, I think I can tell you all you want to know about him."

"Oh, can you?" he is safe," asked Geraldine, eagerly.

"Yes, he's safe enough, I believe, at present, but he's got nearly to the end of his tether by this time, and I should think he'd have to run for it again very soon."

"Run for it! Where is he, then?"

"Ah, I mustn't tell you that! At least, to tell you the truth, I don't know his address; but he was here last night."

"Here! James here?"

"Sh-sh, yes! I don't believe they think I know him as much as I do; but, if I could keep him here, I should like to. I'm bound to amuse myself the best way I can, you know. It's only natural, isn't it?"

"But they are enemies! They are not friends!"

"Oh, yes, they are! I know there was a row some time ago; but they've got over that, and I know there's a talk of J. O. going abroad again, if they get too close upon his track."

"Going abroad again, do you say?"

"Why, yes! Didn't you know he'd been abroad?"

"Yes, but not lately."

"Well, he's only been back a week, if you don't call that lately."

"Only a week! Where has he been, then?" asked Geraldine, trying hard to appear less deeply interested than she really felt.

"Oh, they've been all over the place—France, Spain, Italy; they've done a lot in nine weeks."

"Has Mr. Fielding been with him, then?"

"My husband!" said Mrs. Fielding, with a burst of laughter. "No; he would have been rather de trop, I should think."

Geraldine felt strangely agitated, while her breath came quickly, and a fluttering, choking sensation rose to her throat from her heart.

"How long has Sir James been married?" asked Geraldine, after a pause, speaking slowly, and controlling her voice with some difficulty.

"Married! He isn't married; at least—Oh, of course, if you like to put it like that, he was 'married' just after Sir Charles died! But it was being going on before then, you know," she added, mysteriously.

"Not married?" said Geraldine in a low voice.

"No. How can he marry her while Mr. Farquhar is alive to care?"

Geraldine rose, unable to bear more of such revelations, made, too, in a tone and manner that jarred upon her delicacy at every sentence. But she stood stupidly confused, absolutely unable to see or find her way to the door.

"What's the matter?" cried her active, chatty hostess, jumping up in alarm, and instantly effacing the bad impression she had just made by her pretty solicitude. "Oh, I see, it's my fault—I told you too suddenly! Never mind; sit down; let me get you a glass of water, yes, do! Didn't you know of it, then?" she added, after a pause, during which Geraldine had sat down again.

"No," said she, quietly. "We had not heard all the story."

Geraldine paid little heed to some reliable but vague comments which followed from her hostess, on the wickedness of men in general, and the impossibility of trusting them. Even now she resisted the conclusion that James, who had been so gentle, so sweet, so grateful for her kindness, who had sworn in the incoherent letter he had left for her that one of the motives of his sudden departure was the resolution to clear himself from the charge brought against him, could be the subject of this second story of guilt. Still clinging to her old belief that he was the victim of some con-

spiracy, of which Lindley Fielding was the promoter, she cast about quickly in her mind for some form of question which would be likely to lead to a clue. "You have seen James O'way, yourself?" she asked.

"Oh, yes, lots of times," Mrs. Fielding answered, surprised. "I tell you he was here last night."

"Do you like him?"

"Oh, yes! Jimmy's a nice fellow. He used to be rather glum and gloomy; but he's got over that, and is very jolly, he and I have great fun."

Geraldine listened with tightly-compressed lips. It was a convincingly like view to be taken of James by a woman of Mrs. Fielding's level of culture. A flush of shame at her own interest in this man rose to her cheeks, and for one moment she felt inclined to retreat, satisfied that he was unworthy of another thought of hers. But, when she rose to take leave, some subtle misgiving as to the trustworthiness of the evidence against him rose again in her loyal mind; and she asked abruptly:

"Do you know a man named Hammond?"

In an instant the manner of the giddy little woman underwent a complete change. The color left her cheeks, the smile died from her face, the chattering lips fell into silence, as she started up with round, staring eyes fixed upon her visitor with fear and suspicion.

"Harry!" she faltered at last, in an altered voice. "Do you come from him? What is he? What have you come to say?"

Geraldine was bewildered, unintelligible, and, indeed, pretended to be so. She stopped and stared at the other more calmly still. "Why, she's not pretending," she exclaimed at last, more puzzled. "Then why do you ask: Where do you come from? What do you mean? she continued to rise, rising higher and higher in impatient, amazed inquiry."

"Yes, of course I do," she said, in a whisper. "You know that, or you wouldn't ask. Now tell me quickly: what does he want—and is he any nearer?"

She was in such evident terror that Geraldine made haste to say:

"Don't be frightened. I tell you I know nothing about him; I have heard the name, and I want to know who he is."

"Well, don't ask me, then, and don't ask my husband, for he isn't likely to tell you much. In fact, I don't know anything about him, for it is a subject we all rather shy of."

"Who is he?"

"I—don't tell you. It's of no use to ask me."

"Well, why is everybody afraid of him? Is he some very wicked person?"

"—a new thought striking her—she some one connected with the police?"

"I don't know anything," answered the other, fidgeting about, and suddenly brightening, as a knock and a ring were heard.

Geraldine felt that her chance had escaped her. A minute later, Lindley, having already heard of her arrival from the servant, entered the room with an effusive smile of welcome.

"What happy chance has procured this most unexpected pleasure? I would scarcely believe the evidence of my own ears when the maid told me who was here," said he, having already discovered by the servant's expression in both women that a somewhat exciting interview had taken place.

"I am staying in London for a few days with my old governess, and, having learned your address, I thought I heard anything about Sir James O'way. You know you said you were going to help him, Mr. Fielding."

He glanced at his wife, saw by the guilty manner in which she avoided meeting his eyes that she had been prattling, and by the inquiring anxiety in the face of the other that nothing of serious importance had leaked out.

"I have heard from him," he admitted, cautiously.

"You have seen him?" said she, quickly.

He looked at his wife, whose pretty eyes implored him not to be angry with her for her indiscretion. Then he turned, with a smile:

"Some things you came to learn you have already learned. I see; now what is left for me to tell you?"

Under his bland manner it was not difficult in a man of so emotional a temperament as Mr. Fielding, to detect anxiety. Geraldine hesitated. He turned to his wife:

"Now, Natta, what have you told Miss Lindley? What is there left for me to tell?"

She looked at him pleadingly as she faltered out:

"I only said that I had seen him, Sir James, and—"

Her voice died away, and she hid her face in her hand, and her husband, with his hand on her shoulder, took up her speech reassuringly:

"Yes, yes, that is quite true, my dear; and what next?"

(To be continued.)

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"Oh, yes. They generally move him clear out of the house."

Whatever may be the cause of blanching, the hair may be restored to its original color by the use of that potent remedy, Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

Mrs. Snaggs—I wonder what brought on this cold snap, Mr. Snaggs—Don't you know?"

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Middlesex Teachers.

Fifty-Fourth Annual Gathering of the Last Middlesex Association.

The President's Address on the Influence of the Teachers in Molding the Pupil's Character—Inspector Dearness on the Books Teachers Should Read.

The county building yesterday morning contained as fine an audience as ever sat in the county chambers. The fairest of the teachers of Middlesex assembled and held the 54th annual meeting of the East Middlesex Teachers' Association. The attendance was large, 197 members answering the roll call. President W. J. Kennedy occupied the chair. The proceedings were opened with devotional exercises by Rev. J. Kennedy, after which Miss C. A. Jeffries, of London West, secretary of the association, submitted the minutes, which were adopted.

Business was proceeded with by the executive committee, which stated the reason for the absence of Provincial Inspector Tilly.

The president, W. J. Kennedy, expressed his pleasure at such a magnificent representation, and delivered his annual address, taking for his subject "The influence and responsibility of the teacher in molding the character of their pupils." Some writers, he said, regretted that the social standing of teachers was not equal to that of many other professions. Social standing was an important element inasmuch as it, in a fair measure, affords a fitness for his work. The time and opportunities of the teacher were limited. In his teaching work in the school, his example was by far the most important. Pupils should be taught to rely on themselves, and should be given responsibility. Development of character was a growth and not a formation, and this the speaker likened unto a plant. Parents often failed to direct that growth. In preparing his work, the teacher should realize his responsibility. History recorded that Seneca was responsible for the guilt and crimes of his pupil Nero. In his opinion the teacher was largely responsible for the pupils whom he had under his hand for seven or eight years.

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Western Ontario.

A Big Jam of Logs at Wallaceburg.

Big Roundup of Cattle in Kent County—A Brantford Lady's Wild Ride.

The Bishop of Huron is expected to visit Mitchell on May 25 for confirmation services.

Ernest Girardot, mayor of Sandwich, has sold his whole season's wine crop to Quebec firm.

Detective Charles Mahoney will not be able to leave his bed until the end of the week at the earliest.

Wm. Mulvaney, general storekeeper, of Port Huron, is offering to compromise at 40 cents on the dollar cash.

While playing football Wm. Clancy, a student of Wallaceburg high school, got his nose broken. The accident was caused by a collision.

Mrs. McDougall, housekeeper of the Crawford House, Windsor, died suddenly yesterday morning in her room. Heart disease was the cause.

Mr. George Cormack, the new head miller of the Tilsonburg flour mill, severed his connection with the Tilson Company on Saturday last.

The estate of the late Joseph Richardson, of Stratford, is valued at more than \$100,000. He was one of the landmarks of the Gore of Downie.

Miss Annie S. Harding, of Simcoe, leaves Brantford soon. Her friends will tender him a jubilee farewell concert in the Wickliffe hall, May 11.

The funeral took place Friday, May 11, at 10 o'clock, from the Trinity Church to Oakwood cemetery.

Walkerton assessment shows the total value of real property, \$56,710; of personal property, \$40,575; taxable income, \$14,575; non-resident property, \$4,975; total assessment, \$64,735.

About 30,000 worth of logs are in the jam at the railway bridge at Wallaceburg, blocking the river nearly from shore to shore, and to the bottom. More are on their way to break it.

The motion before the Mitchell council that the curfew bylaw receive a third reading was lost on a vote of 6 to 5. There was another motion to have the bell rung at 9 o'clock, but it was lost.

Miss A. Gilroy has just returned from Simcoe from the district of Ridgeway and Blenheim, where he has been buying cattle extensively, and now McKellar & Gilroy report having over 1,000 head ready for export.

W. W. Lyles, secretary of the Windsor Race Association, has issued orders that all farmers or others engaged with the track with a load of feed to sell will be taxed \$1.50 for single horse and \$2 for a span.

The Derham Agricultural Society are negotiating for the purchase of the Windsor Race Association grounds at Tilsonburg, to be used for fair grounds. They are asking the town to cooperate with them in the purchase.

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City Engineer Bell was in Vienna, Wednesday to start Mr. George Ponsford, contractor for the steel bridge to be erected across Otter Creek, to work. The ends of the bridge had to be cut away, so that the structure could be removed. When this was done, the bridge dropped into the creek. Fortunately no one was injured. As the bridge had to be torn down anyway, the loss is not of much account.

The Glencoe brethren for coming in the face of such wet and bad roads. The friends of ex-Mayor Mason, of Windsor, say that he will elect to be tried by jury instead of before the county judge. The offense charged is a serious one, the penalty being five years' imprisonment, but there does not seem to be any probability of his being convicted, as he had a color of right to remove the fixtures he had put up with his own money. He says that as soon as he is acquitted he and his friends will sue Oscar Fleming.

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