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CHAPTER XXX.

"I am rested now, and I think I will make a start."

Margery walked to the little window and looked out. The wind was raging just as fiercely as ever, and the rain was beating furiously against the panes.

"Let me give you some tea, my lady," urged Mrs. David. "I'll have it ready in an instant."

Margery shook her head.

"No thank you, Mrs. David; I must be gone. I will——"

A sharp knock came at the door, and for some strange reason she moved round so that nothing could be seen but her back, draped in the hood and cloak, while Mrs. David bustled to the door.

"It is you, sir! Come in and welcome! He's sleeping sound now, sir. Ah, Heaven give you happiness, as you have given it to me to-day!"

A curious sensation stole over Margery's heart—a sensation that brought a vague touch of joy. The next moment the joy increased, for a voice spoke the tones of which recalled all the golden dream of her early love.

It was Stuart, her lover! Her hands clasped together, were clasped against her throbbing heart, her lips murmured his name silently; but still she stood motionless; and Stuart's eye went from the unknown woman in the hood and cloak to the child.

"He's all right now, Mrs. David; there is no fever. You will have him as jolly as ever in a day or two."

"Oh, thank you, sir! And you yourself, sir—you ain't got no harm?"

"Not a bit," laughed Stuart, cheerily. "Sea water does not hurt me; I am used to it. I have been in a gale of two at sea, you know. It is rough weather, though, to-day, Mrs. David."

"That it is, sir. Here's her ladyship, sir, quite done up by the wind. She's honored me with resting a while."

Stuart stared. How blind he had been! How could he have overlooked that slender figure? His heart burned within his breast, he could hardly restrain his joy. And Margery? In a moment her doubts, her sad misgivings vanished; she knew that her love lived again in all its strength and sweetness. It had been clouded, not overcome. She moved from the window and put out her hand.

"I know this gentleman, Mrs. David," she said, steadily, though her limbs were trembling. "He is my cousin."

"Your ladyship's cousin?" exclaimed the woman, in surprise. "Oh, sir, that brings you closer to my heart! I've told my lady all about it."

"How brave you were!" murmured Margery, as she drew her hand from Stuart's firm clasp.

"Brave! I did nothing. But, come cousin—you ought to be going. Shall I see you home? Will you let me?"

"If you please."

Margery bent and kissed the child softly, then put out her hand to Mrs. David.

"I will come to-morrow and see how he is. Don't forget to send to-night."

"I will not, thank you again and again, my lady!"

Margery smiled, and walked to the door The small, homely room seemed suddenly illumined by a strange, mysterious light, golden and strong as the sun." Stuart drew the door after them then put out his hand without a word, and Margery placed her own in his.

He led her from the cottage to a sheltered spot, and then stood looking down at her with eyes that shone like stars in the passion of his love.

"Margery," he said, quietly, "I have come to you. Have you no word of hope for me?"

She stood silent for an instant, then raised her love-lit eyes to his.

"One word," she whispered—"stay!"

"My darling, my own, my own forever, it has come at last!"

[THE END.]

LORD MORDEN'S DAUGHTER

— OR —

THE TRAGEDY OF THE CEDARS.

CHAPTER II.

The young man had forgotten that he was bareheaded until Miss Dora ran to the carriage with a hat belonging to her grandfather, and when he took it from her, murmuring his thanks, the touch of her soft fingers sent an electric shock through his whole being.

Then he door closed, and he heard the bolt shot from within.

This appeared to satisfy Esther, for she touched the pony sharply with the whip when assured that her young mistress was safe indoors.

The little animal had plenty of life and fire in it, and sped along the dark uneven road at a pace that Locksley would have deemed unsafe at any other time.

"Take me to the doctor who usually attends the family," was all that he said to the housekeeper, and within twenty minutes he was in the local practitioner's surgery, explaining the nature of Captain Deene's injuries. He satisfied the doctor that he was not a mere dabbler in the healing art, and invited that gentleman to visit Captain Deene the next day.

It was a relief to the Deal doctor that his presence was not necessary in the conduct of an operation, for there are few men who profess surgery who know anything about it, only as a theoretical science.

"I have my diploma from Guy's," exclaimed Locksley. "I have traveled to the Soudan in the capacity of army surgeon, and have come to you to borrow a case of instruments. I can assure you that your patient shall not suffer in my hands."

"I am sure of that, Mr. Locksley," the doctor said.

In a very short time the young surgeon had rejoined Esther, and was being driven rapidly back to Captain Deene's cottage.

"It is a pity the man was away," he observed. "I do not like the idea of leaving Miss Deene alone so far from help."

"There is nothing to hurt her," frowned Esther. "It is the master you should be thinking about."

Locksley did not reply, but he could not help feeling anxious until he saw Dora's graceful figure in the doorway of the cottage, lamp in hand. She had been listening for the return of the carriage, and had opened he door the moment the wheels had crunched through the drive.

Locksley sprang out, his instruments under his arm, saying

"We are here, safe and sound, Miss Deene. Your grandfather has not moved?"

"No."

"I will go to him at once; and will you please ask your housekeeper to attend me? I want warm water and a few other things."

"Esther will be busy with the pony for some time," replied Dora. "Shall I not do as well? I promise to obey all orders."

She smiled faintly, and again that throb of exquisite rapture pulsed through his every vein.

He bowed, for he dared not trust himself to speak, and ran lightly upstairs to the injured man's room.

In a moment he became the cool and collected surgeon, as with bared arms he set about the task before him.

Stiff and sore as his hands were, the movements of his deft and skillful fingers were as light as those of a woman. The leg was set and the fractured skull dressed, and then Locksley sat down with a sigh of satisfaction.

He had worked as much for the approval of Miss Deene as for the welfare of her grandfather.

"I must not leave him," he told her, "until he has slept off the effects of my sedative, and that will not be for some hours You and the housekeeper may retire with the satisfaction that he is in no danger."

Dora was glad to hear this, and suddenly remembered that the young doctor must be hungry as well as tired.

"Yes," he said, "I should like a little supper, but prefer to have it where I can watch my patient. If he wakes suddenly he may try to jump out of bed, and that would never do."

Miss Deene went away, and in a little while Esther brought up some cold meat and bread, and a bottle of ale.

She set down the tray with a grunt, looked critically at her master, scowled at Locksley, and walked out of the room.

"A queer servant and a queer master," thought the young man, as he hungrily attacked the food. "I wonder what mystery hangs about the place? and why I should bring a curse to so isolated a spot? By Jove! his words were prophetic, though he brought all the trouble upon himself by his inhumanity."

He glanced at the sleeping man, and his heart softened. The face was full of lines of care and suffering.

Then he thought of the beautiful girl who called the old seaman grandfather, and his heart quickened, while he murmured:

"I feel that she is my fate, and I thank Heaven for the chance that has thrown me in her path, terrible though it seemed at one time, serious as the consequences have been to this strange old man."

Just then there was a gentle tap at the door, and Miss Deene entered the room softly, and almost timidly.

"I have come to thank you," she said, "and to kiss grandpa good-night, Mr.—Mr.——"

"Locksley, Edmund Locksley," the young surgeon said, quickly "You must not thank me, Miss Deene. You must not thank the one who has caused all the trouble."

"Oh, I am sure that you are not to blame," she replied, with a hot blush. "You have a manner—I mean you are a gentleman, and grandpa is so strange!"

A groan came from the injured man, and Locksley saw that they were being watched.

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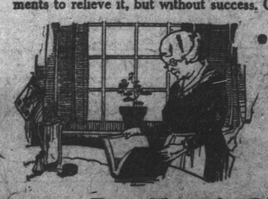

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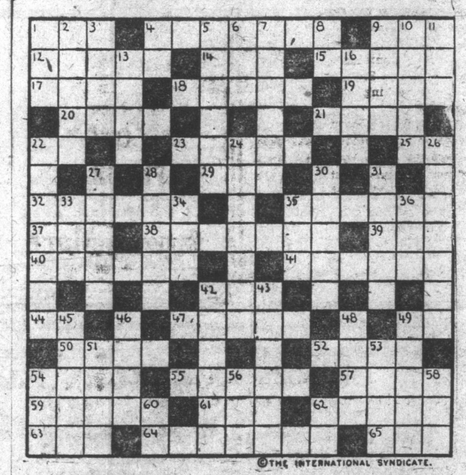

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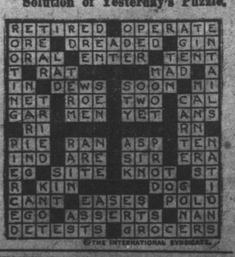
HORIZONTAL

1—An Asiatic bovine ruminant
4—Proud
9—A sheep's cry
12—To one side
14—Man's name (abbr.)
15—To make correction in a document
17—An island of the Cyclades group, Greece
18—Abide
19—Girl's name
20—In addition
21—Silent
22—Preposition
23—A decree
25—First two letters of Greek word used as an emblem of Christ
29—A skilled military aviator
32—Kind of drum used in Africa and oriental countries.
35—To bring forward for consideration
37—Japanese sash
38—Island made famous by St. Patrick
39—Track made by wheel in mud
40—Horses that move with a certain step
41—Rank, station
42—Single
44—Musical note
47—The present day
49—Any year after time of Christ (abbr.)
50—Underdone
52—Lump of earth
54—Japanese drink made from rice
55—Foolish conduct
57—Product of mental activity
59—To serve scantily
61—Scotch spelling of "go"
62—Circular island inclosing a lagoon
63—A protuberance
64—Secret, hidden
65—A corded fabric

VERTICAL

1—A kind of sweet potato
2—Relating to one of the continents
3—Execute
4—Personal pronoun
5—British protectorate in E. Africa
6—A country of Europe (abbr.)
7—A Roman lyric poet (65-8 B. C.)
8—Personal pronoun (old form)
9—Curved
10—To add
11—Girl's name
13—Quantity of medicine prescribed
16—To beat, pound
22—An eight-armed terror of the sea
24—An inhabited island touching the Arctic circle
26—To feign
27—A hooded cape formerly worn by monks
28—A city of Egypt
30—A name given to various snakes
31—Pungent sauce used on rice and meats
33—An Arab's sleeveless haircloth garment
34—Title of married women (abbr.)
35—Conjunction
36—A hint, suggestion
42—Study or science of eggs
43—The young of one of the birds of prey
45—Wrathful
46—A tiny much-loved bird
48—To fly lightly
49—Girl's name
51—Related
53—Scent
54—Point of compass (abbr.)
56—One circuit around a race track
58—Mountain range of Central Europe
60—A large cask (abbr.)
62—Prefix, form of "ad"

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle.



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The Liquor Act in Effect

(Canadian Press), March.—Eight years of Prohibition was replaced a month ago by a system of legalized sale under government control in those sections of Newfoundland in which the people desired it and a recent check-up among the authorities indicate that the change has brought no disastrous results nor has there been any apparent increase in the consumption of liquor. The drastic nature of the punishment meted out to offenders under the new act are believed to have acted as a deterrent and violations so far have all been restricted to first offences. On one conviction the offender is placed on a "blacklist" and on his next conviction he is liable to a fine of from $200.00 to $1,000.00 or a sentence of three to six months. Fifty names have already been placed on the blacklist and only one has appeared the second time.

Prohibition came into force with little opposition by a plebiscite held in 1916. Appealed to to agree to the prohibition of liquor as a war measure the people responded with the same readiness that characterized the enlistment of Newfoundland men for overseas service. Those who objected to the measure, regardless of how much they spoke against it, refrained in large numbers from casting their vote.

The war over a reaction set in and while Newfoundland people for the most part are not heavy drinkers, the very nature of their existence demanding that they maintain clearness of head and eye and full possession of their faculties, there were many violations of the Prohibition Act until finally it was being openly flouted.

When the Monroe Party appealed to the electorate in the Spring of 1924, one of the promises made was that in the event of being elected, the Prohibition Act would be repealed and the principle of an alternative measure enacted. In the session which followed, the Alcoholic Liquors Act was placed on the Statute Books in spite of strong protest on the part of the "drys."

Last November when the Prime Minister and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries had to submit themselves to their constituents for re-election, the Opposition played largely upon the Prohibition issue, and the champions of the prohibitive measure backed them strongly. The two Ministers were returned with greater majorities than those secured in the general elections, and on February 3 of this year the liquor shops were opened in St. John's.

In most particulars the new system is practically the same as that in operation in Quebec Province. All control is vested in a Board of Control consisting of a chairman, appointed during good behaviour, and two members appointed at pleasure. In the city of St. John's there are two distributing centres where any adult may buy a bottle a day. Licenses are granted grocery stores, hotels and restaurants to sell wines and beers on trains and boats, under control. A branch liquor store may be opened in any district in which a majority of the people vote for its establishment.

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Boer and Empire

"STAND TOGETHER OR HANG SEPARATELY."

Mr. C. J. Pienaar, the South African Commissioner for Commerce on the Continent, made a remarkable speech, according to Reuter, at a banquet given in his honour by the Rotterdam Chamber of Commerce. In a eulogy of the British Empire he said it was difficult for anyone who had not grown up in the atmosphere of the gradual growth of the Imperial Constitution to appreciate it. It was not the work of a year or a few years; it was a thing that had grown as gradually and as imperceptibly as a tree. The sowing and the germination of the seed was also as unobtrusive and as imperceptible. We who had seen its growth during all its stages did not feel surprised when he saw its culmination in the fully-grown tree standing before us. The Imperial relationship was a thing unique in the history of the world. The position could best be described as an hereditary bond, partnership or confederation of free nations; or, better still, a "British Imperial League of Nations," each one enjoying absolute freedom of action. Alluding to the perils of such a free convention in time of war, he added: Of course, such power should be exercised with the greatest caution; but their instincts not only of self-preservation, but of justice, sentiment, and loyalty to one another would always guide each one of them to do just the right thing at the right moment. We know instuitively that we must stand together or otherwise each may hang separately. So free and elatsic, and yet so strong, are the bands which hold us together that one can possibly conceive of a progressive development at some future date to such an extent that any other country would be able to join our league without feeling any loss of dignity or national independence. This speech is the more remarkable as Mr. Pienaar is a close friend of General Herzog, the South African Premier.

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