

# SISTERS THREE

(From Yesterday's Last Edition)  
Chapter XX.

Five days had passed since Allard had arrived at Clumbermere. Five days of peaceful companionship between her and her hostesses—yet not one word of response had Miss Willoughby vouchsafed to that sister of Allard's on the first evening of her stay—"General Kildare thinks that if Captain Willoughby had been living he might have been able to throw some light upon the mystery of that cheque."

But the girl knew when she spoke those words that they had made a deep impression—what kind of impression she could not determine. This woman, so reserved, so much older than herself, with a disposition autocratic yet kindly, straightforward yet deeply reserved, had always been something of an enigma to her, and at this moment was more of a riddle than ever.

For Miss Willoughby could not keep off the subject of Rockhaven and its inhabitants. During the days which followed Allard's arrival at Clumbermere the girl found herself talking more than she had talked during as many previous months. Miss Willoughby would know everything. Allard had to give her over and over again the account of her first visit to the old man keeping watch on his Sunrise Reef. She had to repeat again and yet again that couplet which the dying mother of Morwenna Gull had spoken to the bowed down father—

"Watch for the help that comes out of the east."

In the flush of the dawning day, again and again Allard was called upon to describe the magic of the lights of dawn over the sea, and as they shone upon that black, cruel reef, which at other hours was dark, forbidding, and robed in black shadow.

Allard spoke with all the simple eloquence which was the mark of the desolate old man—the fine soldier, one who had served his country well—bowed down beneath his weary load of woe. She sought to make Miss Willoughby understand all the pathos, the sorrow, the tragedy of the situation, and if she did not manage this by her words, at night-time, when she lifted her violin and set its strings sobbing, there was no doubt about the pictures which her improvisations called up.

Then Miss Willoughby would hear also all about the Lebretons—the dark-faced Gaston and his lonely life, the gentle, sad-eyed mother who led a life isolated more or less from her neighbors because of that tragic happening which seemed to stretch its shadow over so many lives. The harshness and the precipitate action of the elder Lebreton had won for him the distrust and aversion of the whole neighborhood, and though he had himself been taken away shortly after the conviction of his old friend's son, yet the place had not forgotten, nor did it seem able to forgive.

"Even our uncle, we think, did not care that we should be friendly with the Lebretons," Allard explained; "and Gipsy cannot endure the sound of their name. But Audrey has made a friend of Madame Lebreton. Gipsy thinks it rather horrid but we do not interfere with one another. I do not know; I have nothing to do with it at all. I do not like quarrels and ill-will, but one cannot forget what General Kildare has to suffer."

These words were spoken on the fifth evening of her stay. On the morning, guests were to arrive for a few nights, and after that Allard herself might be going home. She had only come for "ten days or a fortnight," and was feeling uncertain what Miss Willoughby really wished as to her stay. The mistress of Clumbermere had been strangely silent; she looked ill and sometimes almost did. To-night her face was

drawn and thin, while her eyes seemed to burn with inward fire. Suddenly Allard became aware of some electric tension in the atmosphere.

"Child, if I tell you a strange story to-night, will you listen to it as under a seal of secrecy?"

Allard laid down her violin and entered the window beside which Miss Willoughby was seated. The shaded lamp gave only a dim illumination to this part of the room and the moon had not risen yet.

The girl felt her heart begin to beat fast and tumultuously. What did Miss Willoughby mean by this seal of secrecy?

"Child, I do not know what has come to me to-night; but if I speak to you, if I tell you a thing which no human being except myself knows, will you give me your pledge that it shall never pass your lips unless by my leave?"

For a full minute Allard sat silent. She felt herself on the threshold of the mystery which was enwrapping so many lives; but if the clue was put into her hands and she was prohibited from making use of it, what end would it serve? Would she not be taking upon her shoulders a burden greater than she could bear?

But, oh, to know the truth! The burning curiosity of youth was fanning her with its hot breath, and some subtle inner apprehension of things not fully comprehended urged her on, for if Miss Willoughby to-night parted with her secret, surely that would be but the first step! The impulse which urged her to-night to make a confidant of Allard would not stop there. There would be no standing still when once the thin edge of the wedge had done its work. Some instinct told this much to Allard—intuition rather than experience of life. But conviction of its truth and reality was so strong in her heart that after a very brief interval she made reply—

"I shall repeat nothing of what you tell me unless you give me leave."

## Kelvin News

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram J. Andrews and son, George, and Archie Thompson, who have been spending a few weeks with relatives in the North-west, have returned to their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Buckborough of Little Lake, were calling on relatives here on Saturday.

Mrs. George Exley is quite ill at present. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. George Crabbe, who has been quite ill, is slowly recovering at the time of writing.

Mrs. Sprague of New Durham is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. George Crabbe.

Mrs. J. P. Cronk and Mrs. W. Hayner were calling on a number of their friends one day last week.

Mrs. Andrew Slaght, who has been ill for some time, is we are pleased to report, improving.

A number from this way attended the funeral on Sunday afternoon of the late Mrs. Charles McCombs of Scotland.

Mr. Howard Almas attended the Oshweken Fair on Thursday.

Mrs. John Andrews spent one day last week with Mrs. George Wood.

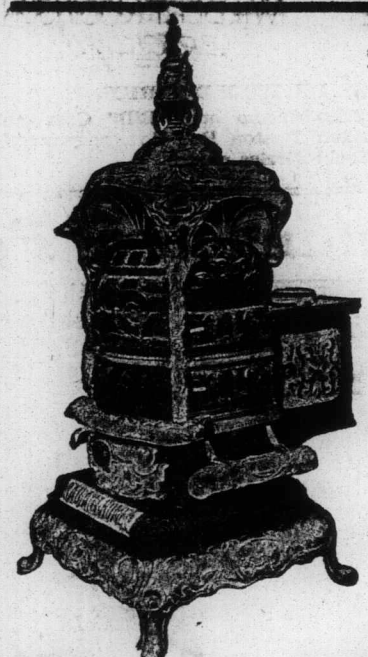
Mrs. Theodore Caldwell has been spending a few days in the Telephone City.

Mr. Galloway of Oakland was in this section on business one day last week.

The apple packers were in this locality last week packing apples.

Several of the farmers in this place have commenced digging their potatoes, of which, we understand, there is a very slim crop this season.

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### SCOTLAND

(From our own correspondent.)  
Mrs. Foulds of Toronto, is visiting here.

Mr. Eddy, who has been visiting Miss Eddy, has moved to Brantford. Mr. W. E. Hooker received news Sunday of his car which was stolen in Brantford.

Mr. Walter, Malcolm of Welland spent the holiday visiting relatives here.

A number from here took in the Burford Fair and also the Indian Fair last week.

The auction sale of Mr. J. Fulsom on Thursday last was well attended.

Mr. R. Vaughan spent the holiday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Taylor of Brantford have been visiting relatives in this vicinity.

We understand there are going to be apples shipped from the station the latter part of the week.

### MOUNT VERNON

(From our own correspondent.)

A meeting was held in the church last week to bring the young people together to organize a league. It was decided that Miss Mac Sturges and Miss Addie Norris would take the meeting next Thursday evening, Oct. 12th.

Rev. Mr. Cole announced on Sunday that Rev. Mr. Copeman of Waterford, would preach here next Sabbath, Oct. 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Marlett and little son, of Hamilton, spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Marlett.

A few from here attended the funeral of the late Mr. Sheppard at Mt. Pleasant on Sunday, Oct. 8th.

Mrs. J. Arrowsmith of Windsor, has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Servis Hunt, Burford and Mr. Edmond and Miss Lilian Harley of Harley, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. Barker.

Miss Elena O'Reilly spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Ruby Butler at Burford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Newstead and little son of Brantford, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Kett and children of Hagersville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sturges.

Mrs. Edwards of Onondaga, spent Sunday with Mrs. Simon Reid.

### LANGFORD

(From our own correspondent.)  
Rev. Mr. Phyllis had charge of the service on Sunday morning and gave a very instructive sermon.

Mrs. W. Chamberlain and daughter, Virginia, Rochester, N. Y., visited part of last week with their cousin, Mrs. A. B. Cornwell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Southam, Toronto, are spending over the holiday at Mr. W. O. Kendrick's.

Mrs. Rutherford, Walsh, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watson, Toronto, are spending the holiday with their sister, Mrs. H. Tyson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Hunter and family, spent Sunday at Caledonia.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Mattie and daughter, Hazel, and Master Harold and Miss Lillie Lampkin, Simcoe, spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. M. E. Vandergip.

Mr. M. and T. Spence were guests of their sister, Mrs. Kendrick on Sunday evening.

Several from here attended the Hamilton market on Saturday.

Mr. E. Mulligan spent Sunday afternoon in the city, calling on his sister, who is sick.

Several from here attended the Burford Fair.

### BURFORD

Miss Lillico, of Galt, is visiting her brother, Mr. John Lillico.

Mr. Dyson of Toronto spent the week-end with friends in the village.

Mrs. F. Small of Tillsonburg spent a few days last week with Miss Bertha Seales.

Mr. L. Thompson has accepted the position as organist of the Congregational Church, Paris. Miss P. Chiffot has been appointed organist at Trinity Church here.

Mr. and Mrs. McLennan and children spent the holidays at Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith visited in Toronto last week. Mr. J. Robertson is relieving agent at the station, while Mr. Meredith is on vacation.

Mrs. Miller, an old and respected resident north of the village, passed away in Hamilton on the 3rd inst. The funeral took place to the Congregational cemetery on the 7th. She leaves two sons, Silas and Isaac, living north of the village.

Bud McCracken of Glen Morris, was visiting friends here last week.

Miss F. Vandeck of Brantford, spent the week-end at the parental home.

Mrs. Wicks, of Brantford, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Marsay.

Mrs. E. Spackmann left on Monday for her new home in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lawrence of Hamilton, are visiting at their parental homes.

Word has been received of the death of a former resident, Dr. Harbottle, at his home in the Canadian Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Fydel of Toronto, are guests at the parsonage.

Miss Laura Rathbun is spending the holidays in Toronto.

Mrs. Whittington of Princeton is visiting Mrs. J. Elvidge.

The death occurred on Thursday, the 5th inst., of Mr. John Sheppard at Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Sheppard lived for a number of years on Maple Ave. South, moving from there to his sons Mr. E. Sheppard, just six months ago, after the death of his wife. The funeral took place on Sabbath, the 7th inst., at the residence of one son, Edward, and a daughter, Mrs. R. Davey, both of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Wm. Daniels of Richmond, has been visiting Mrs. Sharpe. Anniversary services will be held in the Baptist Church here on the

Sabbath, afternoon, 15th inst., at 3 p.m. Pastor Windus will be present and deliver the address. Special music is being prepared and a generous invitation is extended to all. An offering will be taken for denominational purposes.

The Burford Women's Institute is preparing a Xmas parcel for every Burford Township man enlisted and overseas, and ask the families to send their husbands or sons, address of Mrs. A. D. Muir, Secretary of Burford Branch within the next two weeks.

Mr. Ferne Hunt of Toronto, is home on his holidays.

### WOODBURY

(From our own correspondent.)

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kennedy of Tansley visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tune on Sunday last.

Mr. J. J. Force was home for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Victor of Sarnia were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Theall and Miss C. Wismer of Grimsby, and Miss Jessie Force of Hamilton were holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lowden of Brantford and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Lowden of Tansley were Thanksgiving visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lowden.

### HARRISBURG

(From our own correspondent.)  
Miss Daisy Huskin spending a few days at her mother's home in Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Read of Sarnia were calling on friends in the village on Saturday.

Miss Annie Mack is the guest of her mother in Hamilton through the holidays.

Mr. E. Butler of Brantford was the guest of his parents here over the holidays.

Mrs. James Mitchell is in Buffalo for a few days this week attending the funeral of a few days last week.

Mrs. F. C. Braithwaite and family spent the holiday at the home of her parents in Lynden.

Mrs. F. Gage of Bartonville was the guest of friends a few days last week.

Mr. Frank Saxson of St. Thomas was the guest of his parents here a few days last week.

Mr. Martin Mack of the G. T. R. Sarnia Tunnel, was the guest of his parents here a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dargie of Brantford spent the holiday with friends in the village.

### CANNING

(From our own correspondent.)  
Mrs. James Given and little daughter, left on Tuesday for Toronto to attend her sister, who is very sick. Her friends hope she may soon get well again.

A number from this village attended the Burford show on Wednesday, and returned highly pleased with their day's outing.

Mr. J. Given is having a cement floor put in his horse stable. Messrs. Halsted and Bailey are doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of Paris, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrewson on Thursday.

Mr. Alex. Given, 4th Concession, spent Friday at the home of his brother here.

Mrs. Buckborough is visiting her brother in the Telephone City.

Last Sunday was Rally Day in Etiona Sunday School and was well attended. The service was conducted by Mr. John Elms, Superintendent. The children rendered some solos very sweetly. The Rev. Mr. Volick pastor of the church, was present, and spoke a few kind and encouraging words to the children.

Mr. W. Elms Bible Class, teacher, gave a nice address on Love. He spoke of mother love; the sleepless caring for their children, in a touching manner, and of our soldier boys and their love of King and country, and of the Love of God, who gave his only Son to die for us, and how we should all love each other. His words were much appreciated. The church was nicely decorated with flags, flowers and leaves. After prayer by the pastor, the singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to close. All had a happy and profitable time together.

The thieves that broke into Mr. Earl Siblick's barn at Etiona on Thursday night and took two robes, some grain and a horse, were caught on Saturday morning, and are in Paris all awaiting their trial, which is to take place on Saturday at Paris before a judge.

Pte. Jack Dawson and his wife and relatives; Mr. George Balkwell and his sister, Mrs. Hersey, and Mrs. C. Shannon, all of Wolverton, called on Mrs. David Chesney on Wednesday, as the young soldier wished to bid her farewell before going overseas. Jack is a Wolverton boy and his boyhood, and says he was always a noble lad. The best wishes and prayers of a host of friends will go with him for a safe journey and a victorious return to his young wife, and his three little children. Mrs. Chesney presented the young soldier with a silver pencil and an attached chain.

Mr. John Elms, Governor's Road, saw the two men who broke into Mr. Siblick's barn, lying near his house, wrapped up in the robes they had stolen, sound asleep, on Saturday morning. He phoned to the police at Paris, who promptly responded to the call, and arrested the men.

## News From Terrace Hill

(From our own correspondent.)

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and their daughter, Violet, have left for their new home in West Toronto. Mr. Burgess having secured an important position in Toronto.

Mrs. Sottley of Grimsby and her daughter returned home after spending a fortnight at the rectory.

The annual meeting of the ladies' guild of St. James' church was held on Wednesday afternoon last at the home of Mrs. A. T. Pickles. There was a good attendance of members. The treasurer's report showed what a great help this organization had been to the church in the past year.

There is a substantial balance on hand to begin the new year with. Mrs. Pickles served a dainty lunch after the business was concluded.

The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. Wagg; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Reilly; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Wadman; secretary, Mrs. Pickles; Treasurer, Mrs. Muntz. It was decided to have a social evening in the Parish Hall before long.

## Music and Drama

"Everywoman," at the Grand. Additional interest attaches to the forthcoming production of the dramatic spectacle, "Everywoman," at the Grand Opera House, by Henry W. Savage, because of the great success the piece achieved at the Drury Lane Theatre, London, where it had a long run. Though that vast playhouse seats over four thousand people, it was packed to the rafters at every performance until the play had to give way to the annual Christmas pantomime, which, under the King's patent, is a fixture at this theatre.

The pit and gallery lines during the run of "Everywoman" are said to have been the longest ever known there. A pit line is a peculiar British institution. It is composed of members of the British public who desire to economize in the matter of theatre tickets, and who buy what is known in America as "rush" seats.

They take their places in line at the big successes and wait patiently, sometimes for hours, for the doors to open. The "Everywoman" lines began forming shortly before noon.

The "Line-ups" took with them their dinners or suppers, as the case might be, and stood there until half past seven, when the doors were opened and the procession advanced. The police kept the lines in order and there was no rushing or stampeding.

One sure way of detecting the successful plays in London is to take a look around the theatres in the afternoon and observe where the lines are beginning to form. The peculiar nature of "Everywoman" as a dramatic offering—that it sincerely attempts to teach a lesson while providing amusement—serves to endow it with interest for many who do not usually seek diversion within the walls of a playhouse.

The story of the play is of the adventures which befall a young and beautiful woman who sets out from her home in quest of love. The search leads her into strange experiences. A symphony orchestra and two carloads of scenery and electrical effects added to one of the largest companies ever toured, are impressive features of this big Savage production.

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