

A Fair Invalid

I said "Yes" and told her there was a way through the woods at the back of River House. She began to read. We had been there perhaps an hour when I heard a step behind me—a rapid footstep. I did not look round, for I felt sure it was a servant come to tell me my lawyer had arrived. Presently I lifted my head and saw Lord Wynton! Whether he saw me I cannot tell, but he had caught a glimpse of my companion, and the next moment he was on his knees at her feet. "Huldah!" he cried, in a voice that pained my heart. "Is it really you? Is it you whom I have searched the whole wide world to find? Speak to me!"

Her face had grown very pale—even her lips were colorless. She did not look at me; her dark eyes drooped, and she shrank back a little. "Speak one word, Huldah!" he cried.

Her lips were mute; her face seemed turned to stone. "I have nothing to say. Leave me in peace," she murmured.

"You have forgiven me?" he asked.

"Yes, as I pray Heaven to forgive me. I have no bitterness against you in my heart. I recall every word I have said to you. I pray Heaven to change my course into a blessing. Now go from me, and leave me in peace."

"I cannot," he said, hoarsely. "You have forgiven me; you are an angel of goodness. You judged me too harshly, though, Huldah. Will you hear me now?"

"No," she replied; "it would be useless. Pray leave me in peace."

He turned despairingly to me. "Mrs. Neville," he said, "you have been a good friend before, plead for me now." And then, seeing my startled face, he continued, "I should apologise—I have disturbed you. I told you that I should visit you when I returned to England. I reached your house this morning, and your servants told me you were here. They told me also you were with Miss Vane. I never dreamed of finding in her my lost love."

"There need be no mystery about my name, Mrs. Neville," put in Huldah. "I am called Huldah Vane Ashton."

"Oh! If I had known!" cried Lord Wynton. "If I had known but have guessed that I was under your roof, that it was to your sweet kindness I was indebted, if I had dreamed you were Miss Vane!"

"It would have made no difference," she said.

"You would have made all the difference in the world to me," he cried. "I have searched the world through to find you. You refuse to hear me now. You would have listened to me had you believed that I was dying. Mrs. Neville, ask me to listen to me."

His words seemed to soften her. "What will it look like?" she asked, gently, still without looking at him. "I have forgiven you, but you cannot alter the fact that when you were about to marry me, you had a wife living."

"I had, but I did not know it. I swear to you, Huldah, by my own great love for you, I did not know it."

She raised her eyes and looked at him. "You did not know it?"

"No, I thought that poor false woman was dead. Huldah, the earliest day of our love I told you that I had committed a folly in my youth, and I begged of you to let me tell you what it was."

"I remember," she said, gravely.

"That folly was my marriage," Mrs. Neville, plead for me, that I may tell her that story now."

"Listen, Huldah," I urged; "in honor you are bound to listen."

"I will," she said. "Tell me your story."

"It is a story I am ashamed to tell," began Lord Wynton. "Yet I did nothing that was dishonorable. I went to Paris when I was very young—not more than nineteen. I was entirely my own master, and one of a circle of young men who were not really wicked, but fast and foolish, priding ourselves on doing extravagant things. We frequented theatres and saloons. One unlucky day I was introduced to a young actress, Isabelle Dubois. You have seen her. She was pretty in those days, with a bright, sparkling charm of manner.

"A boy caught in the toils of a beautiful and accomplished actress, what chances had I? She fooled me to the top of my bent. She was years older than I was, but she considered me about everything. On one pretence or another she kept me constantly by her side. I was so easily duped it maddens me even now to remember it. I was a boy, king flattery, and enjoying the sensation my conquest had produced; she was a keen, shrewd, worldly woman, who had set her mind on marrying a nobleman. She began to affect a deep and passionate love for me. She was always telling me, indirectly, how much she had given up for my sake; and one evening she wept bitterly. She said that people were talking about us, and that we must part.

"When she talked about parting, all the boyish chivalry of my nature was aroused, and I offered to marry her. She feigned reluctance, and when she did consent, my desire to make her my wife increased. She played with me so skilfully and so cleverly that I began at last to believe that all the happiness of my life depended on my marrying her; and then when her feigned reluctance had done its work, we were married at the Church of St. Roch, in Paris. Ah! Huldah, if I could spare myself the shame of telling and you the pain of hearing the rest of my story!

"I was a boy—not twenty—vain, foolish and credulous, yet even I could not long be blind to the true character of the woman I had made my wife. She was a vain, worthless creature. When I found it out and reproached her, she laughed at me, and openly glared in having so cleverly duped me. When I could bear it no longer, I left her reproaching her for having ruined my life. "I dislike and despise you so much," she said, "that I will not proclaim the story of our marriage even to revenge myself on you; but I will have my revenge for all that. I swear to take the bitterest revenge on you that ever woman took on man yet!"

"Five years since I read in a French Journal that was sent to me an announcement of her death. Then, oh, Huldah! how I dread to speak of it! Elysium seemed to open to me, for I had met you and loved you. You know how I desired to tell you the story of my folly, but you would not listen to it. I should never have dared, never have presumed to address one word to you, Huldah, had I not felt certain of her death.

"Time passed on. The woman that I had made my wife waited with fell, cruel patience until she read the announcement of our forthcoming marriage, and then she came over to Eng-

NO FLOWERS, Although Cost to Separate School Board Would be Small.

The monthly meeting of the Separate School Board was held last night in St. Mary's Hall, the following gentlemen being present: Rev. Father Leyes, N. D. Sullivan, C. J. Bird, W. P. Keating, Geo. Southworth, Mr. Forster, T. J. Coughlin, Frank Burns, James Keating, Thos. C. Cochrane, P. Arland and Mr. Flaven. Mr. Coughlin presided, and Rev. Father Leyes acted as secretary. The business was considered and passed upon with the usual despatch. Accounts were passed aggregating \$85.81. The report of the Internal Management and the Finance Committees were adopted. Tenders were received for work at St. Vincent's and St. Patrick's Schools, and for the fence at St. Ann's. The tenders for the fence at St. Ann's were considered, and the others were left over. Those received for the fence were: J. M. White, 55 cents per foot; Mr. Cruickshank, 40 cents; Mr. Burrows, 43 cents per foot, and Mr. Markle, 40 cents for one quality of wood and 41 cents for another quality. They decided to accept the tender of Mr. Cruickshank. As the number of tenders for the other work were numerous, it was thought advisable to leave them for the consideration of the Internal Management Committee. It was decided to provide for the Sacred Heart School with an organ for a few months longer, when arrangements can be considered for the buying of one. The rent of the present one is \$2 per month, and the price to buy it would be \$85. The only business to come before the members was the advisability of providing St. Mary's School with a flower garden that would be cared for by the teachers and the children, assisted by the gardener. Although the only cost to the board would be the flowers themselves, it was decided that no action be taken as the other schools would not be granted. All the business being completed, the board adjourned.

POST-CARD CASES.

Judge Riddell Regrets That Graf Escaped So Lightly.

Toronto, May 4.—To allow Martin T. Graf to escape with less than two years' imprisonment, while a person convicted of administering poison with the intention of doing bodily harm may be confined for fourteen years, is an anomaly, according to Mr. Justice Riddell.

His Lordship was asked to annul the conviction of Graf on the ground that a reversal of the judgment "is not in the public interest." The case was adjourned to enable Col. Denison to retort the defect in his warrant to the governor of the jail. This having been done, Mr. Justice Riddell finds every body here in the neighborhood of "Post-Card" cases. The prisoner was convicted for offering for sale obscene post-cards and literature, and nothing more disgusting than the material seized by the police and now lodged with the officers of the court, can be imagined. With all their experience, the oldest police officers say that nothing more revolting was ever devised.

In concluding his judgment, Mr. Justice Riddell says: "There are two matters upon which, in refusing the application, I would express my regret. The first is the apparently complete provision for the costs of the Attorney-General or his representative. The second is that only two years' imprisonment can be inflicted for this heinous offence. One who administers poisons, so as to inflict upon another grievous bodily harm, is liable to twelve years' imprisonment; one who administers mental and moral poison, and thereby inflicts grievous harm upon the mind and soul, even if this is not possible, indeed, probably accompanied by bodily harm, as well, is let off with two years'—rather a reversal of the judgment. "But not them which kill the body, but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body."

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Brussels Room Rugs, size 3 x 2 1/2 yards. Extra value, worth \$12.50. Price for Wednesday \$11.00.

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Brussels Room Rugs, size 3 x 3 yards. Heavy quality, choice designs. Worth \$17.50. Price for Wednesday \$14.00.

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Brussels Carpets, heavy grade. Borders to match. Splendid colorings. Worth \$1.15. Price for Wednesday \$2 1/2c.

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HOTELS HIT.

The Losses Caused by Toronto License Reduction.

HOW LOSS IS DIVIDED:
41 hotel keepers \$325,000
Breweries \$250,000
Former licensees 125,000

Total loss \$700,000

BREWERS AND WHOLESALERS:
Cograve \$45,000
O'Keefe \$45,000
Reinhardt \$45,000
Dopinion \$45,000
Comptel \$45,000
G. J. Foy \$45,000

Such is the estimated loss which the cutting off of the 41 hotels entails on "the trade" in this city, says the Star.

The figures show that there is a loss of about one million dollars, and a lower estimate would be, in all probability, one million and a quarter.

Of this amount the principal burden falls upon the hotel men themselves, who, with the exception of half a dozen, are almost penniless to-day. These six, as the saying is, "are pretty well fixed," and while the loss to them is no small item, still they are by no means in the same position as the other thirty-five.

Next to the hotel men the breweries are most heavily hit. An approximate valuation of their loss is in the neighborhood of \$250,000, which is borne largely by six breweries and one dealer. None of the breweries have as yet figured out how much they stand to lose, so accurate figures are impossible to give. One interested is of the opinion, however, that Cogrove's, O'Keefe's, Reinhardt's, the Dominion and the Copland Brewing Companies will suffer about the same loss, probably \$45,000 each, while the Korman Brewing Company and George J. Foy will lose about equal amounts, about \$125,000 each.

The public buy "Salada" not alone for its superior flavor and drawing qualities, but because they know it to be absolutely cleanly and healthful, prepared and put up by machinery without the contamination of human handling.

Price of Wire Nails.
Pittsburg, Pa., May 3.—The price of wire products was reduced to-day officially. Wire and nails were the only two finished steel products that were not cut last February. The present reduction on wire nails is \$7 per ton, on plain wire 88 and on barbed wire \$10. Wire nails are reduced from \$1.95 to \$1.80 per keg; plain wire nails from \$1.80 to \$1.40 per hundred pounds; galvanized wire from \$2.40 to \$1.90 per hundred pounds; pointed wire from \$2 to \$1.60.

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CARNEGIE HEROES.

Twenty-Three Persons Rewarded For Deeds of Bravery.

Pittsburg, May 3.—The Carnegie hero commission at its quarterly meeting to-day made awards to 23 persons in different parts of the country for deeds of heroism considered since the last meeting. The awards consist of 16 bronze and 7 seven silver medals, \$14,000 in cash and annuities amounting to \$125 a month.

The commission also appropriated \$10,000 to the relief fund for relatives of the 17 victims of the two mine explosions at the Lick branch mine of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company at Switchback, Va., on Dec. 29, 1908, and Jan. 12, 1909.

ZION TABERNACLE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

At a meeting of Zion Tabernacle Epworth League, held last night, the following officers were elected:
President—Miss Hazel Fleck.
Christian Endeavor Vice-President—Mr. John Maas.
Missionary Vice-President—Miss Grace Kerr.
Literary Vice-President—Miss Olive Dent.
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To test butter, take a clean piece of white paper, smear a little of the butter on it, roll up the paper, and set it on fire. If the butter be pure the small ring will be rather pleasant, but distinctly talloxy if the butter be made up wholly or in part of animal fat.

SAILORS PRAYED

Instead of Trying to Save Ship in Storm.

Fort William, Ont., May 3.—Capt. Logan of the Hutchison, an American boat with coal, arrived to-day after a hard struggle across the lakes.

He left the Soo Thursday morning with a crew of five Italians and two Galicians. In the storm on the lake, the foreigners refused to work, and occupied themselves with their beads. The engineer was endeavoring to keep steam up himself by firing, as well as attending to the engines, but felt himself succumbing to the unequal struggle.

Logan headed the boat into the storm, but a great wave coming aboard sank the deck nearly two inches, causing the hatches to spring out.

The Hutchison was within ten miles of the Aurora when that boat sank.

Niagara Swimmer Dead.

Detroit, May 3.—Capt. Carlisle D. Graham, aged 38, who achieved fame by making the perilous trip through the Niagara rapids five times, died here to-day from a cold. Capt. Graham went through the rapids in a barrel four times and once he swam the distance.

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Naval Defence Conference.

London, May 3.—In the House of Commons to-day Premier Asquith announced that the Government had taken steps to ascertain the views of the Governments of the colonies regarding the holding of an imperial conference on the questions of naval defence at an early date. It was suggested that it be held during the coming summer.

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