

# Mystery Explained.

## The Story of a Man Who Was His Own Footpad.

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The rainy season set in early at Victoria in the fall of 1886. The month of October was a very unpleasant period—rainfalls were heavy and frequent. The storm King rode upon the wings of mighty winds and swept over the town and raved about like a demon intent upon destroying everything in his path. The marks of his passing during the entire month were the glass ranging very low. On the night of the 28th of October a gay party was detained at a party in the drawing room of Captain Hamilton Moffett's residence on the James Bay side of the town. The party consisted of a newly married couple who had just returned from the Old Country. The wife, who was a young girl, was dressed in a becoming traveling dress, her sweet face glowing with the glow and happiness of health and her bright eyes gleamed like diamonds with the fire of expectation and hope. The party had been served in the unaccountable absence of an early hour and tea had been served in the afternoon. The young man, who had just returned from the purchase of railway tickets and had just returned from the purchase of his party partner on the coast, was sitting at the table. Before sitting down at the table the young man had seen a figure in the window and peered out into the dismal night. He saw a figure in the window and peered out into the dismal night. He saw a figure in the window and peered out into the dismal night.

# THE PARADISE OF THE LABORING MAN

BY REV. FRANCIS E. CLARK, D.D.

If laws can make a paradise for the working man, New Zealand is surely the most perfect example of such a paradise. It is a country where the laws which it would seem impossible for the most unscrupulous capitalist or the most unscrupulous corporation to break through.

Children are protected with special solicitude. A number of trades deemed necessary are forbidden them, like silvering mirrors, dipping lacquer machines, etc.

Women and children under sixteen are not employed for more than forty-eight hours a week, or at any time between six and twelve, or at eight in the morning, or for more than four hours and a half at a time with only a half hour interval for meals.

The workman's wages, too, are protected in no other manner. Any clause in a contract providing that the wages shall be paid in goods is null and void, and "an employer may not sue for the value of goods supplied to a workman at any shop or store belonging in any degree to him; nor may he sue for a claim for wages against him."

Wages must be paid at intervals of not more than one week, and boys under sixteen must be paid at intervals of eight days, and girls a minimum of \$14 a week.

Moreover, a weekly half-holiday is everywhere compulsory. Shops and factories must close at 1 o'clock on Saturdays unless the local authorities, upon the petition of the employers, may otherwise provide for the future.

Almost universal satisfaction is expressed with the working of this law; the business has not been reduced, as they at first feared, and a well-known authority on New Zealand affairs says:

"The Government, too, not only insures its people against death and disaster, but it takes charge of their savings for them, for with very few exceptions all the savings banks are controlled by the Post Office, and in the event of labor disputes every year

is settled by this court and on the part of the employer, and the whole of the matter is settled for the benefit of the workman, and the employer is not considered if the law is not followed.

In the early days of the law employment was slow to take advantage of it, but it is the choice of the people and is being actively and peacefully enforced.

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# Tinkering

## The Tariff

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of mirrors shall only pay ten per cent duty. The changes in duty on oil are important. The tariff on refined petroleum is set at 10 cents per gallon, while the duty on kerosene is 15 cents per gallon.

The Canadian consumers \$40,000,000. The duty on molasses will be abolished, but only when imported from countries which put a tariff on the sugar.

The following are added to the free list: glass, used for photographic purposes; plain basic paper, hazyta coated paper, and glass, used for photographic purposes.

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# SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

The New Weathering—Imaginary Disease—The Coal Tar Dyes—Grasshopper Plague—A Novel Microscope—Another Appendicitis Theory.

The discovery of carotolin and bromelin increases the number of known elements to about eighty, and of radio-active substances to about six.

The X-rays of the Blondet seem to give reactions that some persons can detect. It is an evil and it is proposed to deal with it. Ninety per cent of this dumping and not that of the other countries is too low.

The coal-tar colors on the market in 1894 numbered 454 distinct compounds. A new survey enumerates 680 products, of which 300 have been dropped from the list as obsolete.

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# Day's Doings At Ottawa

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From Our Own Correspondent.

As Ottawa, June 11—No confirmation has been received of the report of the appointment of Earl Grey as Governor-General.

Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Clarke, Wark and visited Alexandria today for a gathering of a number of patriots for the benefit of the new railway.

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# LAKE CARRIERS' TROUBLES.

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