

# Love and Crime

"I'm sure you do, my lady!" Dr. Williams murmurs again, quite sadly. He feels so much for her, he tells himself—a beautiful, high-bred creature like her, reared like a hothouse blossom all her life, just newly married, with her title and her coronet and her splendor all about her; naturally she feels the horror of this sudden death very terribly! And, alas! he will have to increase the mischiefs and the horrors tenfold to the lovely young countess! "The death being so sudden, my lady," he begins falteringly, "there will have to be an inquiry of some sort."

"An inquiry! What sort of inquiry?" she asks, with an innocent, childlike, troubled look, that Dr. Williams says afterward, goes to his heart. "I will tell you exactly how it happened, doctor, as far as I can remember correctly in my dreadful fright and confusion!"

"I am grieved to be obliged to trouble your ladyship, but there is no help for it," Dr. Williams said, in most respectful earnestness. "I understand, from the servant, that your ladyship was with the poor gentleman when—"

"Yes, oh, yes," she says, with a sort of gasping sigh, and a convulsive shudder shakes her from head to foot; her very limbs quiver perceptibly beneath the thin silken folds of her dress. "I had ordered afternoon tea to be brought in, and he was just in the act of drinking some when he rose up suddenly, and he felt his hand to his throat, saying he felt choking, and I ran to get him some water, and, just as I put it to his lips, he gave a sort of groan and fell!"

Her ladyship presses her hand over her eyes in a sort of spasmodic horror at the remembrance of the scene.

"And the table? How did he pull that over—does your ladyship remember?" Dr. Williams asks, softly, feeling for her so much.

"He caught at it to save himself from falling, I suppose, and it went over with him, and all the tea service," she answers faintly. "What could it have been, doctor? A fit, or apoplexy or heart disease?"

"Does your ladyship know if he was in good health?" the doctor asks, reluctantly.

"I really am not sure," she replies. "He seemed ill—looked ill. I cannot tell more than that. He looked to be in bad health."

"And in low spirits? Fairly low spirits?"

"Then looking up with that innocent, frightened glance, which goes to Dr. Williams' heart, she leans nearer to him, so that he can feel the soft warmth of her breath, and inhale the delicate perfume of her clothes, and lays one white, jeweled hand on his arm.

"What was your man, doctor?" she says, in a soft whisper.

"I mean, my lady," Dr. Williams falters, "that I can't give the authorities a certificate of the cause of death until I ascertain the cause."

"And how will you ascertain?" she asks, breathlessly, "please tell me all. What do you suspect as the cause?"

"There will have to be an autopsy, a post-mortem examination of the body," Dr. Williams says, evasively. "I need not go into details with your ladyship. Perhaps, if I could see his ladyship for a few minutes, it would be as well. I can arrange matters with him, the business details, and so forth, my lady."

"But you can go into business details with me!" she says, sharply, and harshly, in a sort of repressed anger.

"I am going through this, but I have my breast heaving beneath its half-transparent lace. I am not a child, I can hear what you have to tell, Dr. Williams. I have a right to know all the details of this awfully sudden death of my friend, Mr. Blamire!"

"Certainly, my lady," Dr. Williams says, submissively, trying to evade the magnetic light of the splendid, lustrous eyes burning on him, the potency of her presence, of her touch, of her clasping hand on his arm, of the delicate, flower-like perfume from those shimmering silks, and the radiant face that robed the slender, beautiful form. "I only hesitated, fearing to distress you, Lady Cardonnel," he says, soothingly, thinking at the moment how happy and fortunate a man he would be if fate gave him beautiful, high-bred, amiable ladies like this lovely lady Cardonnel in the list of his patients. "But the truth is the appearance accompanying this very sudden death is so strange that—"

"Strange—how strange? Oh, doctor, pray speak plainly to me!" Lady Cardonnel pleads, in pathetic entreaty. "You are trying, very kindly, to break some bad news to me, but it would be kinder to speak out at once, and let me know the worst, the very worst!" she repeats, with a hysterical, suppressed cry.

"I beseech you to be calm, my lady," Dr. Williams says, earnestly. "The very worst is that there are symptoms that Mr. Blamire died from the effects of poison!"

"Poison!" repeats my lady, with another cry of horror, and clinging to Dr. Williams with both hands. "How could he have taken poison? He looked to me as if he had been seized with some attack of heart disease."

"It might have been heart disease," Dr. Williams says. "But there was every symptom present of poisoning by prussic acid, my lady, even to the amount of bitter almonds from his mouth. What is the matter, Lady Cardonnel?"

He rises in dismay from the chair, beside the low crimson velvet easy-chair, for Lady Cardonnel has flung up her white arms, where the diamonds gleam in circlets of light, and clasps in her arms above her head with a most tragic gesture of despair.

"Oh, what have I done?" she cries, wildly. "Oh, what have I done? It was I who gave him the essence of almonds in the tea to flavor it. I often flavor my own tea with almonds, and I gave him some to taste it, just half a cup of tea, and he said he did not care for it. Only a few drops on a lump of sugar, and I was drinking some flavored tea, the same, myself. Oh, doctor, what has killed him. Oh, what have I done? What have I done?"

"My dear Lady Cardonnel! Pray be calm. Pray be reasonable!" the doctor urges, trembling at the terrible excitement of this beautiful, impulsive creature. "Enough to kill her or turn her brain!" as he tells himself in dire distress.

In fact, he begins to think very little of the dead man and the mystery of his death, in comparison with this beautiful living woman, and the terrible dan-

ger of her health of body and mind, resulting from this wretched mystery. He assures her that if it has only been a mistake, upon her part, she need not distress herself. He further volunteers to see that the affair is settled in such a way that she shall not be put to any inconvenience, and after several very pleasant interviews, the matter ends with the doctor's announcement that heart disease has been the cause of death.

The legal authorities are satisfied, and every form has been complied with, and everything done that ought to be done; and the Englishman who died that awfully sudden death—from heart disease of long standing—is buried, and his effects sent home to England.

A letter comes at last from the English mail, and is handed to Roderic one hot, sunny morning, when he and Sir Roger are hard at work writing the articles on the Tasmanian woods, which they have been preparing during a four weeks' stay in Tasmania.

(To be continued.)

**CHILDREN'S NIGHT.**

**Simcoe Street Sunday School Anniversary Entertainment.**

Simcoe Street Methodist Church was crowded last night with the friends of the school, the occasion being the children's anniversary entertainment. The programme was: Instrumental duet, Edna Kirkpatrick and Marjorie Roddam; chorus, boys of primary class; piano solo, Pearl Cornell; chorus, girls of primary class; exercise, Miss Scott's class; drill, by boys; tableaux, Miss Kirkpatrick's class; cantata, "Happy Family of Father Time."

The numbers were much enjoyed, and especially precise was the performance of Miss Maggie Geddes, who drilled the chorus and made the cantata a success. The Secretary's report showed that there were 311 on the roll of the school, made up as follows: Officers 5, lady teachers 14, gentlemen teachers 5, girls 103, boys 55, primary class 60, intermediate 35, ladies' Bible class 15, men's Bible class 19. Average attendance 218. During the year two scholars had been removed by death, Etha Gay and Mona Mines.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$473.93 and expenses \$453.43. The amount contributed for missions was \$127.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Superintendent, Will W. Main; Assistants, Wellington Thompson and Robert Broadbent; Secretaries, Harry White and Wm. Johnson; Librarian, W. W. Main, jun.; Treasurer, Alex. Main; Pianist, Ethel Robertson; Choir Leader, Geo. Siddall.

**Headaches and Neuralgia from Cold.**  
LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine, the world wide Cold and Grip remedy requires care. Call for full name. Look for signature E. W. Grove, 25c.

**WAREHOUSE WON.**

**Interesting Bowling Match at Brunswick Alleys.**

A bowling battle will take place at the Brunswick alleys Thursday night, when the heavy and light weight foremen of the International Harvester Co. come together for three strings. The fats have won all the baseball matches this fall, so the leans are determined to take a fall out of them at tenpins. The teams will be:

Fats — McAllister, Dodds, Biggert, Linklater, Burkeley.  
Leans — Munger, Gleason, Cook, Smith, Johnson.

**WAREHOUSE TEAM WON.**

There was a bowling match at the Brunswick alleys last night between teams from the office staff and warehouse hands of Wood, Vallance & Co. It was won by the warehouse team by 98 pins. The score:

Office—					
Anderson	147	127	168	442	
F. Palmer	105	129	84	309	
F. Palmer	113	113	131	357	
Taylor	129	98	117	344	
Vallance	94	95	105	294	
Worth	156	135	111	402	2,148

**Warehouse—**

Acheron	133	108	121	362	
Brown	183	118	119	400	
Cunningham	89	127	127	343	
Cook	115	117	150	382	
James	102	101	142	345	
Ryan	137	146	131	414	2,246

**Christmas Presents in Ebony.**

Just received at Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north, a large importation of Loonen's celebrated ebony goods, including hair, cloth, bonnet, velvet and military brushes, also shaving, tooth and pompadour brushes; also ebony mirrors, manicure sets, and cases. Most complete stock of fine ebony goods. Lowest prices.

**Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph.**

On account of the Provincial Winter Fair the Grand Trunk Railway system will issue return tickets at single first class fare from all stations in Ontario, Kingston and west to Guelph, Ont. Good going December 7th to December 13th; valid for return until Monday, December 16th, 1907. Full information may be obtained from any Grand Trunk ticket agent.

**The Workingman's**

Staple store. Cardigan jackets, underwear, waterproof reefers, leather coats, mits, gloves, socks, etc., at staple prices. Our \$1.25 and \$2 shoes are the best value in the trade. M. Kennedy, 240 James street north.

**CASTORIA.**  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of  
*Dr. J. C. Williams*

**Pharmacy College Council.**

Toronto, Dec. 4.—At the semi-annual meeting of the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy yesterday Registrar W. R. Graham presented his report, which showed receipts of \$13,002.93, and disbursements of \$7,354.85. The assets over all liabilities amounted to \$66,210.34. The present class consists of 38 students. The junior examinations of the college are now in progress.

The government will hand over to Saskatchewan the coal areas at Eagle Lake

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1907



# Decided Reductions ON MANY Christmas Lines

Remember, only 17 more shopping days. Do your buying early—it is important to you that you should attend to your want list early, and it is important that you should shop early in the day. This splendid Thursday list contains many bargains in pretty gift articles that shrewd buyers cannot afford to miss. Read the items and come early for them.

**Clearing Sale of Winter Millinery**

Trimmed Wide Sailor Felt Hats, in assorted colors and black, with wide, soft silk bows across front, regularly \$4.50, clearing sale price . . . . . 98c

Ladies' Trimmed Hats, in felt, chenille, silk, plush, etc., assorted colors and styles, regularly \$4.00, for . . . . . \$1.25

Felt Hats in assorted colors, large and small styles, with trimmings of flowers, wings, pompons, etc., regular price \$5.00, for . . . . . \$1.49

Black Velvet Covered Hats, also a few in colors, no two exactly alike, trimmed with wings, eoque plumes and fancy mousses, regularly \$6.50, for . . . . . \$1.98

Large Felt Flop Hats, in pale blue, old rose, brown and navy, etc., trimmed with wings, flowers, foliage, berries, etc., regularly \$8.00, for . . . . . \$4.00

Paris and New York Pattern Hats and Bonnets for \$5.00 and \$8.00, regularly \$18.00.

**Xmas Novelties in Neckwear and Belts**

**Fancy Elastic Belts \$1.39 in Fancy Box**

Black Silk Elastic Belts, two inches wide, in plain or steel studded, with handsome cut steel and gilt buckles, come in white, grey, sky, pink, black, regularly \$2.00, for . . . . . \$1.39

**Leather Belts 50c, 75c, \$1, \$2**

Fine Kid Leather Belts, in tans, browns, greys, greens, navies, cardinals, blacks and whites, with dainty gilt and steel buckles, put up in fancy boxes . . . . . 50, 75c, \$1.00 to \$2.00

**Dainty Neckwear in Fancy Boxes 25c, 50c, 75c, 98c to \$3**

All the latest novelties in Ladies' Collars, in chiffon and lace, daintily trimmed with silk, applique, Val. lace, velvet, ribbon, beads and buckles, with or without jabots, put up in fancy boxes, . . . . . 25, 50, 75, 98c to \$3.00

**Crepe de Chine Scarfs \$1.98 in Fancy Picture Box**

Silk Crepe de Chine Scarfs, 2 1/2 yards long, with homestead ends, come in pink, sky, Nile, helio, white, cream, put up in fancy boxes, regularly \$2.50, for \$1.98

**Chiffon Veils \$1.50 to \$2.50 in Fancy Box**

Heavy Chiffon Automobile Veils, in browns, navies, greys, whites, skies, blacks, 2 to 2 1/2 yards long, with hemstitched ends, put up in fancy box . . . \$1.50 to \$2.50

**300 Yards Ivory and Cream Louisine Silk 29c**

To-morrow we will clear the entire balance of our special purchase of Ivory and Cream Louisine Silk. This Silk is light in weight, but strong in texture; pretty for evening wear and worth 50c yard, on sale to-morrow for . . . . . 29c

**Xmas Ribbon Sale**

**Baby Ribbons 4 yards for 5c 4 yards for 10c**

Another shipment of Baby Ribbons, in all colors, also pretty holly reds, come in silk and satin, single and double faced, put up in bunches, regular 3 and 4c yard, 4 yards for 5c; 4 yards for 10c

**Satin Duchess Ribbons 3 yds. for 10c 3 yds. 19c 3 yds. 29c**

No. 5, 9, 16 Satin Duchess Ribbons in skies, pinks, cardinals, greens, helios, Niles, yellows, holly reds, etc., suitable for tying baskets, regular 5, 10, 15c yard, special sale 3 yards for 10c; 3 yards for . . . . . 19c

**Dresden Ribbons 6c yard**

Dainty Dresden Ribbons 1/2, 3/4, 1 inch wide, in delicate colorings, with contrasting edges, regular 10c and 12 1/2c yard, special sale . . . . . 6c yard

**Dresden Ribbons 19c, 25c, 39c, 49c, 69c yard**

3 to 6 inch Dresden Ribbons, in pinks, skies, Nile, helios, purple, floral designs, on white grounds, greatly in demand for opera bags, fancy work bags, etc., range from 35c to \$1.25 yard, special sale 19, 25, 39, 49, and . . . . . 69c yd.

**Two Grand Specials For Thursday THIRD FLOOR**

**\$1 Waists for 49c**  
Waists made of superior quality wrapperette, in dainty Persian patterns, in all sizes, worth regular \$1.00, Thursday only . . . 49c

**\$1-50 Fascinators for 49c**  
Fascinators, made of ice wool, in assorted patterns and sizes, worth regular \$1.50, to clear Thursday for . . . . . 49c

**Another Sale of Ladies' Umbrellas**

**Fine Umbrellas, Worth Regularly \$1.25, Sale Price, Each . . . 79c**

Another day in the Parasol Section. Just your opportunity to buy at little cost a nice gift Umbrella, guaranteed silk and wool tops, the Paragon frame, patent runners, pretty handles, on sale to-morrow at each 79c

**December Savings in Housefurnishings**

**Window Shades Worth 65c for 48c**

Hand Made Opaque Shades, best quality, mounted on Hartsborn rollers, which are the strongest and most reliable, size 37 inches x 72 inches, colors, red, green or cream, regularly 65c, Thursday, special . . . . . 48c

**White Opaque Shades With Irish Point Insertion at 68c**

Pure White Opaque Shades, 37 inches wide by 72 inches long, mounted on durable roller, trimmed with white Irish Point insertion, complete with brackets, nails and tassel or ring, regular value 85c, Thursday, special . . . . . 68c

**Flannelette Blankets Regular \$1.50 for \$1.15**

Large Double Bed Size Flannelette Blankets, finished with blue or pink border, heavy weight, regular value \$1.50, Thursday, special . . . \$1.15

**Wool Blankets \$5.00 for \$4.18**

"McKay's Special" All-wool Blankets, blue and pink borders, large size, for double bed, a blanket that we guarantee, regular price \$5, Thursday, special . . . . . \$4.18

If you wish to make a Christmas presentation to a friend, be sure and look over our list of useful articles in the Housefurnishing Department.

**3 Days' Sale of Carpets and Rugs**

**Tapestry Carpets 65c**

900 yards Tapestry Carpet, beautiful rich colorings, heavy quality, worth 82 1/2c, made and laid for . . . . . 65c

**Brussels Carpets 67 1/2c**

500 yards of Brussels Carpet, in green, crimson and fawn colorings, worth \$1, made and laid for: . . . . . 67 1/2c

**All-Wool Carpets 79c**

600 yards All Wool 2-Ply Carpet, extra heavy quality, splendid colorings, worth \$1, made and laid for . . . . . 79c

**Union Carpets 42c**

700 yards Union Carpet, fine quality, very saleable patterns and colorings, worth 55c, made and laid for . . . . . 42c

**Brussels Rugs \$19.50**

Special line Large Size Brussels Rugs, sizes 4 1/2 x 4, 4 x 4, and 3 3/4 x 3 3/4, rich colorings, worth \$24 and \$26, your choice for . . . . . \$19.50

**Tapestry Rugs \$19.75**

Special line Large Size Tapestry Rugs, sizes 4 1/2 x 4, 4 x 4, and 3 3/4 x 3 3/4, rich effects, worth \$24 to 6, your choice for . . . . . \$19.75

**Wool Rugs \$9.75**

Special sale Large Size Wool Rugs, size 5 x 4 yards, 4 1/2 x 4 yards, worth \$11.50 to \$12.50, fine colorings, your choice for \$9.75

**Turkish Rugs \$7.50**

Special sale Turkish Rugs, sizes 10.6 x 7.6, 9.10 x 6.9 and 9.0 x 6.0, splendid effects, worth \$9 to \$12.50, your choice . . . . . \$7.50

**Christmas Linens Reduced**

Magnificent showing of Irish and Japanese Hand Drawn and Hand Embroidered Linens; nothing more acceptable than a linen piece for your gift.

**Tray Cloths and Centres**

Hand Drawn Tray Cloths and Centres, beautiful designs, 50c to . . . . . \$2.00

**Lunch Cloths**

Irish and Japanese Hand Drawn and Hand Embroidered Lunch Cloths, 30x30, 36x36, 45 and 34 inch . . . . . \$1.50 to \$15

**Table Napkins**

Pure Linen Napkins, 7/8 and 3/4 size, choice range of patterns, . . . . . \$1.50 to \$15

**Table Cloths**

Snow White Damask Cloths, bordered all around, new plain centres and double border designs . . . . . \$2. to \$15

**65c Cream Panamas and Serges To-morrow for 47c**

To-morrow we place on sale just at the wanted time, two splendid washing materials, and our best regular selling lines. On sale to-morrow at a great saving for you. Regular value 65c, special for to-morrow at 47c

**Half Price Sale Fine Costume Lengths**

To-morrow will be your last chance to secure a stylish Costume Length, comprising Scotch Tweeds, Vicunas, Cheviots, Worsted and Broadcloths, all this season's newest designs, in shadow checks and stripes and plaid effects, in lengths of 7 and 8 yards. On sale to-morrow at HALF PRICE.

**SPECIAL BARGAINS IN MEN'S FURNISHINGS**

Men's Wool Gloves, grey, black, green, brown, regular 75c, on sale . . . . . 49c

Men's Colored Mufflers, regular \$1.25, while they last 69c; a beautiful Christmas gift.

Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, plain and initials, 3 in box . . . . . 50c

Men's Smoking Jackets are one of our leading bargains, the finest Jackets ever shown in Hamilton for the money.

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