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"Do you want them for the dinner table?" Mrs. George asked, in a casual sort of way. "Because, if you do, they won't go very far. Hadn't you better have another? And I'll throw you a few more in."

"I don't mind taking a few more," said Mrs. Warner, who nearly was in a fit at this off-hand kind of treatment. "But, really, it is very sad to see you come down to this. I am exceedingly sorry, but I don't see, in a great measure, you have brought it on your own."

"Three bunches for half a crown," put in Mrs. George, in her most persuasive accents. "Do—Lady!"

"Oh, of course, if you don't feel your very distressing position," began the other, in an austere voice.

"I do, I do," cried Mrs. George. "But what is the good of giving way? I have to face the worst and I dare not let myself feel anything. And then, I have many very kind friends—"

"I don't think you must quite reckon on them," replied Mrs. Warner, stiffly. "Not on me, for one, at least."

She was so virtuously indignant that the very feathers in her bonnet shook and modulated like the plumes of a peacock, as if they were the plumes of the peacock which was carrying her friend's friend, Mrs. George to the grave—as, indeed, they really were.

"All, will you have the three for half a crown?" said Mrs. George, once more. And then there was something like a scuffle behind them and a lovely young woman rushed up to Mrs. George, and, perfectly regardless of the place, the crowd, the flowers and everything else, caught her in her arms and kissed her.

"My dear, my dear," she cried, pitifully, "what is the meaning of all this? Have you and dear old George come to grief? What is it? Cannot we do something better for you than this? Oh, George, don't let me have all this. I got your card this morning, and simply tore up town as fast as ever I could. You had better go back with me till things get settled a little. Harry nearly had a fit when I showed him the card. Come, let your good women here take your stock—your stock," she repeated, pitifully—"away and do come back with me."

Mrs. George looked irresolute. "I couldn't go before 5 o'clock," she said, doubtfully. "Lady Henry, will you come back to me at 5? Then I'll tell you whether I can go down to Raddlesford with you or not."

"I will stay here all day with you," Lady Henry began, but Mrs. George stopped her. "No, no," she said, under her breath; "you will only defeat my purpose. Please go now—now."

There was no mistaking the earnestness of her tone, and with another wave of her hand Lady Henry Mount-Aiden left her. Mrs. George watched her go with eyes that had suddenly become dimmed. She turned round to Mrs. Verity, who was waiting her turn, and dashed away her tears as she asked her in a trembling voice what she would have.

"Who was that lady?" Mrs. Verity asked. She had caught half the magic words. "Lady Henry," and was filled with curiosity. "Not any one you would care to know," answered Mrs. George.

"Oh," said the other in a chill voice. "I thought—well, I'm sorry to see that you feel it so much," she said with a pointed glance at Mrs. George's streaming eyes.

"Don't you think you would feel it?" Mrs. George asked. "No doubt. But I could not imagine myself in any such position," the other replied haughtily. "At the same time, if such a misfortune did come upon me, I should prefer to hide my changed circumstances from my friends, not to flaunt them like this. Of course, I only speak for your own good."

By this time Mrs. George had recovered herself. "I've had a good deal of advice this morning," she said, coolly, "and it has all been perfectly disinterested, which is the best of it. Some of my friends have come to do me a good turn, for which I am very much obliged to them. I am also rapidly learning which of them are really sorry for my misfortune, and which are merely patronizing, and my friends no longer. Before the day is over, I shall know all that should be known to be either glad or sorry. Now will you choose your flowers and let me get on with my business?"

Eventually Mrs. Verity spent a couple of shillings, and went away, not quite knowing whether to be offended or not. "Upon my word, but she carries things with a high hand," she remarked to Mrs. Warner, as they walked away down the Row.

Everyone was talking about it and everyone they found had, like themselves, been invited to go back at 5 o'clock to hear how business had prospered.

"Such a cool piece of cheek," said one pert-nosed young lady, who was up to that time been assiduous in her attention to "dear Mrs. George."

"Oh, yes, I shall be quite curious to know how she gets on," she replied unblushingly. "At 5 o'clock, all those who were really curious to see the end of the day's doings went back to the corner of Apsley House, where Mrs. George, all smiles and apparent happiness, showed her empty baskets and declared that business had been simply splendid and that the takings had been far beyond what dared to expect.

"How much does it all come to, Mrs. Wood," she asked of her attendant. "Close on £200, mum," was the reply. "I shall not be here to-morrow," said Mrs. George. "But Mrs. Wood here will be well supplied with a thoroughly good stock, and I hope that you will all buy of her, for my sake. Now, all of you—good-by."

was driven away, smiling and cheerful to the last. "Without exception the most brazen exhibition I ever saw in my life," said Mrs. Verity, with sternest disapproval.

After a few days that portion of society which had called Mrs. George friend received another communication from her. This one was very different from the last, and ran thus:

Mrs. Greville,
At Home,
July 25, 10 o'clock.

It was, in short, just an ordinary invitation card to an evening party at three days' notice. A week had gone by since the al-fresco florist had been started, but though she had been several times to see how things were getting on, and had staid for a short time to help trade, yet the al-fresco business had dwindled down to next to nothing and in a way which was simple wonderful. The invitation was but a short one—a three days' notice, a very favorite length with Mrs. George, and one that hitherto had never kept her rooms empty.

On the evening of the 25th, however, but a sparse sprinkling of the old friends made their appearance, and Mrs. George eyed the scene with undisguised satisfaction. And a few days later a paragraph made its appearance simultaneously in several society journals.

"Quite a romantic little episode has taken place in town, to give a topic for conversation during the last days of the season. Many people will have missed the old woman who has sat for so many years by the railings at Hyde Park corner, and we are sure that all our readers will be sorry to hear that a few weeks ago she had the misfortune to fall on her way home, badly fracturing her leg. To prevent the loss of her accustomed place, a certain very wealthy lady, well-known in London, sent out a notification to her friends that she had set up as an al-fresco florist at this point, expecting that a great rush of customers would be found for the benefit of the poor old flower-woman. Unfortunately, many of the lady's friends mistook the import of the announcement, and imagined that she was seeking a means of livelihood for herself. The first day's takings were about £20, and a respectable person is now installed in charge of the stand, for the purpose of keeping it until its rightful possessor—by right of custom—is fit to take it again. The most curious part of the story is that the lady who thus literally put her shoulder to the wheel for a poor sister, came, not many months ago, into an exceedingly large fortune. She may be congratulated on having found such very plain proof of the value at which her friendship was held by those who had been most intimate with her. Moral: It is never safe for love to fly out of the window until one is quite sure that poverty really has stalked in at the door."

And this little episode the entertainments at the smart little house wherein Mrs. George's many friends had had such a good time so often were greatly changed; but as Lady Henry and a few others, in speaking of the absent faces, said; "One don't seem to miss them, somehow—except to be glad that they ain't there."

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WESTERN ONTARIO.

There is talk of a creamery being established in Goderich. Telephone connection is talked of between Cranbrook and Brussels.

The brick for the house of refuge is arriving in Clinton in carloads. The boats of the Beauty line are being fitted out for the season of navigation at Sarnia.

The total subscriptions so far by Berlin and Waterloo to their new hospital is \$12,202.84.

The McDougall property, Berlin, was sold by order of the master-in-Chancery on Friday for \$11,100, being at the rate of \$135 a foot.

A Ministerial Association has been formed in Listowel, with Rev. Dr. Wiloughby as president and Rev. R. Hopkin as secretary.

James Kelly, 7th line, Morris township, Huron county, has purchased the old Gosman farm on the 5th line. The price is said to have been \$4,200, the farm containing 100 acres.

The late James McWhirter, of Woodstock, carried an insurance on his life of over \$13,000—in the Royal Assurum, \$7,000 in the Canada Life, \$2,000 in the Canada Southern, and the balance in English companies.

W. B. Clark, a thriving business man of Sarnia for many years, has assigned to the sheriff. Mr. Clark's case is no doubt due to a large holding of unproductive real estate and unprofitable boating property, he having been one of the largest, if not the largest, ratepayers in Sarnia.

A vote by ballot was taken by the members of the Atwood, Perth county, Presbyterian Church last Sunday, and will be taken on the following Sunday, on the question of a change of pastor. There is a disposition among certain members for a change—how many will be revealed by the vote. In the course of a recent Sunday morning's discourse Mr. Henderson is said to have used strong Anglo-Saxon language in his denunciation of those who are conspiring against him, but who are professedly his friends.

MIDDLESEX.

On March 1 a rousing debate in connection with the C. O. T. was held in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, under the auspices of the Franchise Extension Society. The affirmative speakers were W. A. Clarke, Geo. E. Cawthorne and Jas. McRoberts, while Thos. Cooper, J.P., Thos. Poole and G. L. Griffith supported the negative. The judges were Alex. Douglas, J.P., A. P. McDougall and J. W. C. T. The vote was unanimously decided that the best arguments were adduced by the affirmative. There was a full house and much interest was manifested.

church was well filled. The next parade will be to the oyster supper, which is to be held at Mr. Blanchard's on Thursday, March 28.

GLENCOE.

("Advertiser Agent, John McNeil.") March 11.—Dr. Roome, M.F., was in town on Saturday.

Mr. Oliver Bouby, of the Dental College, Toronto, has arrived home. Miss Ada Thompson and Mr. J. H. Stevenson left on Saturday for Petrolia for the purpose of completing their course in Prof. Lewiston's Institute there.

Mr. Heath, of London, was the guest of Mr. H. W. Baker last week. Mr. Oliver Bouby, of London "D" School, spent Sunday at his home here. About 25 young people of the Methodist Church drove out to the residence of Mr. H. McCutcheon, Mosa, on Monday evening, where they enjoyed a very pleasant time.

The funeral of Mrs. J. Heman, late of Windsor, formerly of this town, took place here on Saturday last. Services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church by Rev. R. W. Ross, M.A., after which interment in Oakland Cemetery took place.

T. A. Gordon, of Elmira, Ont., has succeeded Mr. Chalmers in the Traders' Bank here on the latter's departure.

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