DAILY PAGE FOR ADVERTISER WOMAN READERS

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letters can be answered privately.]

Who Said Johnny Cake?

Dear Miss Grey,—Am coming to you for assistance. First, would like a good receipt for cornmeal or Johnny cake.

2. I am somewhat of an amateur painter. Could you give me any information regarding the penetrating wood stain we see advertised? Is one application sufficient, and would the natural grain of wood show through it?

Hoping to see this in print soon, and thanking you in advance, I remain,
MOLLY.

Ans.—1. Johnny cake: Use 1 egg, ¼ cup sugar, little salt, 1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon cream tartar, ½ teaspoon soda, 1 cup cornmeal, 1 cup white flour. Bake in a shallow pan in a quick oven.

2. Any of the hardwares handling the stain will show you samples of various woods and the effect of the stain on them. Full particulars as to the number of coats, etc., will be given as well.

In regard to your other queries, no doubt you would read the announcement which appeared in The Advertiser the other day.

Subjects For Debate.

Dear Miss Grey,—Would you kindly publish a few subjects for debate, where those taking part are all young ladies?

Could you tell me if Dickens' Bardell vs. Pickwick breach of promise trial is published in play form, and where I could buy it?

Thanking you in advance, I remain, an interested reader of your column.
MAGELE.

Ans.—1. How would these answer: "Resolved, that Dickens' heroines are more interesting than Scott's"; "That it pays the country woman to make and sell her own butter"; "That painting is a higher art than music"; "That war is a greater evil than liquor"; "That co-education is the best for young men and women"; "That a woman's share in home-making is the hardest."

2. I never heard that it was arranged in dialogue or play form. I should think that from the book you could get up a capital entertainment, writing out the lines for each character, with the proper cues.

Brother a Soldier.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am writing to ask you one thing, and that is something I would like to know very much. My brother is at the front, and I would like to know where to write to, so as I can send some Christmas gifts and letters to him. He is an Englishman; whereabouts in England would I write? Please answer soon. I will look for it in the paper. Good-bye. From L. H.

Ans.—You do not say if your brother is with the Canadian contingent or not. I presume, however, that he is, so you should address him, in care of his company, Canadian Contingent, Salisbury Plains, England. The letter will then be forwarded.

Perfuming the Hair.

Dear Miss Grey,—Will you be so kind as to answer a few troublesome questions for me?

1. How do you perfume the hair? Do you put the perfume in the water when you wash it, or just sprinkle it on? Is it injurious to the hair?

2. When a person is thanked for a present, what should they say?

I have received many helpful hints from your column, among them that one about massaging the hair. It certainly works fine, doesn't it? Wishing the Mail-Box every success, and hoping my queries will arrive in safety to the Queen of Query Land, I remain, yours truly,
OUR FLAG.

Ans.—1. Some wear a sachet of their favorite perfume, violet, rose, etc., inside the lining of their hat. This perfumes the hair nicely. Another way is to wear a sachet-lined cap—one of the dainty boudoir affairs—during sleeping hours.

2. Say whatever seems most suitable at the time. "I am glad you liked it," or something similar.

Glad you found the massaging helpful. I suppose the preparation you name is a cold cream. It will be best applied at night.

Three Recipes.

Dear Miss Grey,—This is the first time I have come to you for help; enjoy your Corner so much.

1. Would like a recipe for dark layer cake with fruit in it.

2. Also one to make dark drop cakes.

3. A good fruit salad with dressing for same.
SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—This recipe for "Prince of Wales" cake is a favorite with many housewives, as it keeps moist for a long time: 2 eggs, ¾ cup granulated sugar, ½ cup butter or shortening, ½ cup sour milk, 2 cups flour, pinch salt, 2 tablespoons blackstrap, lemon peel to taste, 1 cup chopped raisins, 1 large teaspoon soda dissolved in 2 tablespoons warm water. Bake in layers and ice.

2. The following recipe was sent by a reader. I can assure you as to its excellence:

Boston Cookies.—1 cup butter, 1½ cups brown sugar, 2 eggs well beaten, 1 teaspoon soda dissolved in 1½ tablespoons hot water, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 3¼ cups flour, 1 cup chopped walnuts, ½ cup currants, ½ cup raisins. Beat well and drop from teaspoon. Bake in rather hot oven.

3. Fruit Salad.—Use pineapple cut in small bits, sliced bananas, white grapes cut in half, walnut meats broken in four pieces; arrange on lettuce leaves and pour a little of this dressing over the salad. Mix four tablespoons sugar, one tablespoon flour, one teaspoon mustard, add ½ cup vinegar and ½ cup water to dry ingredients, and cook. It will be very thick. When ready to serve salad, add whipped cream to make it of the right consistency.

Gift For Soldier.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am coming to you again for help, and hope it will not be too much trouble to answer the following questions for me:

1. Will natural gas tarnish gold or silver?

2. What would be a suitable Christmas gift for a young man who is on military duty?

3. I would like name and address of a good cleaner of white kid gloves. I inclose stamped envelope for reply.
MISS B.

Ans.—1. Yes.

2. A pocket match box, a fountain pen, pair warm gloves, tooth brush case, strong pocket knife, with numerous blades.

3. The address you desire has been forwarded to you.

A Medley of Queries.

Dear Miss Grey,—A few more puzzling questions have come to me, and I am coming to you for help.

1. How long is it since the thirty-year war? What nations were engaged in it, and what was the cause of the war?

2. In what way is the King of England related to the Kaiser of Germany? Is Queen Mary a German?

3. By whom was slavery started in the United States? Was it introduced by the Germans?

4. Why do the colored people have separate churches to worship in? Are they not as good as white people if they are living good lives?

5. What is a necessary evil?

6. How many doctors are there in London?

Miss Grey, if anyone deserves a Christmas present, I think you do. I remain,
ONE OF THE QUIET PEOPLE.

Ans.—1. The thirty-years' war was fought in Germany 1618-1648. The causes in brief were these: By the treaty of Augsburg (1555) each of the German states was permitted to determine the nature of its national religion. All subjects were permitted to remove from states in which their religion was forbidden, to states in which it was officially sanctioned. But Protestantism continued in Catholic states, and Catholicity continued where it was prohibited. This resulted in turmoil and persecutions, one side against the other. In 1617, Protestant churches were closed in one or two places, and pulled down in others. Representatives of the Protestant church met in Prague, March 5, 1618, and petitioned the Emperor Matthias, who declared their meeting illegal. Protestant and Catholics alike, in all parts of South Germany then took up arms, and the strife which followed was not quelled until 1648, when by the treaty of Westphalia peace was declared.

2. First cousins. Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, Victoria, Princess Royal, married Frederick William of Prussia in 1858. Their son is the present Emperor of Germany. King George is, of course, the son of Edward VII., Queen Victoria's eldest son.

3. The first negro slaves sold to English colonists in the United States were brought by a Dutch vessel to Jamestown, Virginia, in 1619, but the English afterwards supplied the greater number, and continued the trade during the eighteenth century, despite increasing opposition on both sides the Atlantic.

4. Of course they are "as good," but there are race prejudices not easily overcome. Did it not strike you that they probably prefer to worship by themselves?

5. The term "necessary evil" is applied to something very disagreeable or painful, yet which must be borne. For instance, a student speaks of examinations as a "necessary evil." They are necessary to test the standing of the student, but are invariably very trying. Or again, an operation for appendicitis might be termed a "necessary evil," it may be "necessary" to save the patient's life, but is surely an "evil" to undergo.

6. Eighty physicians; 25 dentists.

Reads the Mail Box.

Dear Miss Grey,—I have just started to read your Mail Box the last few days, and I find it very interesting. Would miss it very much if I could not have it to read. Now for a few questions:

1. Could you please tell me what will remove blackheads from face?

2. What will keep hair from turning gray? It has just begun to turn. Something that will not injure the hair.

3. What will take ink stains from table linen?

4. What will remove superfluous hair from face or neck?

Hoping I have not bothered you too much, as this is my first letter to the Mail Box. Yours,
KITTY.

Ans.—I suppose, Kitty, since you are a new reader, I shall have to forgive you for asking queries which have already been answered so many times in this column; our readers must almost know them by heart.

1. For blackheads, about the only remedy is keep the face clean. Wash every night with warm water and soap, scrubbing with a rough cloth; in the morning dash cold water well over the face and neck. After washing and drying the skin at night, rub the parts affected with cold cream, then using a handkerchief as a pad to prevent bruising the skin, remove a few blackheads each night. If you persist in the nightly face-scrub, fresh blemishes should not appear.

2. Make a strong tea of dried sage leaves; pour off the clear liquid into a bottle, add one-eighth as much alcohol and a tablespoon of sulphur. Rub this into the scalp three nights a week.

3. Wet the spot, sprinkle with salts of lemon, leave for ten minutes, then rinse out well and dry in the sun. Some use lemon juice and salt in preference.

4. Nothing but the electric needle will do it permanently. The use of a peroxide preparation will bleach the hair and make it less noticeable.

Feodora's Fix.

Ans.—1. Friday; Sunday.

2. Distillation is an operation by which a liquid is converted into vapor by heat, then condensed by cold in a separate vessel, it returns to the liquid form purified. Ask at a drug store about it.

Hard to Clean.

Dear Miss Grey,—Am interested in your column, so am coming to you with a few questions

1. How can I clean a handpainted, white velvet piano drape?

2. I have a brown serge dress. It is made plain, and rather tight. Can you suggest a way to remodel to this year's fashion.
SUMMER PASTIMES.

Ans.—1. I dont' think it can be cleaned successfully. Rubbing with stale bread-crusts might help some. You could at least try it.

2. Why not get some plaid woolen material to harmonize with the brown, and make a tunic and girdle of it?

More Songs.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am sending an addressed envelope and stamp for the song, "The Ship That Never Returned." Can you send a couple of others—"Meet Rosie O'Grady" and "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me and They Will Know the Rest"? Hoping I am not bothering too much. I am, yours sincerely,
MRS. M.

Ans.—Will send the first song as soon as I can find time to copy it. Your other requests are referred.

Red Cross Column

Collected by the following ladies of Hyde Park:

Mrs. Durnford, Miss McKenzie, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. R. Keys, Mrs. Colville, Mrs. Herbert $69.50; Miss Sullie, $5.00; Mrs. Tilley, $1.00.

The knitting committee acknowledges the following:

Mrs. Darnell, Port Arthur, 2 scarfs, 2 pairs mitt wristlets; Mrs. A. A. Campbell, 4 pairs mitt wristlets; Mrs. Rickard, Muncey Reserve, 2 pairs socks, 3 pairs wristlets; Mrs. Fletcher, Thames Road Manse, 26 housewives, 1 scarf, 3 bed socks, 4 pairs socks, 3 caps, 9 pairs wristlets; Mrs. Spry, 1 pair socks, Mrs. H. G. Kennedy, 1 scarf; St. John's Ambulance, per Miss Davis and Miss Cheetham, 8 pairs wristlets, 1 scarf, 6 pairs socks, 1 pair bed socks; Victor Lloyd, 1 scarf; St. John's Ambulance, per Miss Davis, 8 pairs wristlets; Mrs. (Dr.) Rutledge, Lambeth, 18 scarfs, 2 bands, 32 pairs wristlets, 51 pairs socks; Byron, Mrs. Col. McEwen and Mrs. Sharp, 22 pairs socks, 8 pairs wristlets, 8 bands, 1 cap, 4 pairs bed socks, 12 scarfs; Mrs. Batsner, Cincinnati, Ohio, per Mrs. D. Thomas, South London, 12 pairs socks; Belmont, 8 pairs mitts, 3 scarfs, 1 belt, 18 pairs socks, 18 pairs pyjamas.

Home Relief League

The following donation has been received from the ladies of Byron: 6 quilts, 18 handkerchefs, 14 flannelette drawers, 7 flannelette nightdresses, 4 boys' shirts and a number of second-hand coats.

HOME RELIEF LEAGUE HAS HELPED 162 LONDON FAMILIES

London Women Also Form Branch of C.W.C.A. at Representative Meeting.

At a meeting of the Home Relief League held at Lady Beck's residence there was a large attendance. Some very interesting reports were given of the work that has been done. Mrs. Wismer reported that 45 families had been helped with clothing of various sorts; 33 of these were soldiers' families, being in need on account of the war. Altogether 162 families have been visited and reported on by the relief league committee. They have now additional lists of the wives and families of the second contingent, who will also be visited by this committee, on behalf of the Patriotic Association, and all those in need will be adequately provided for.

Mrs. Wismer and Mrs. Folger have been indefatigable workers on this committee, distributing clothing, and keeping an accurate account of the value of every article given out, and the work to which they have given so much time and thought has been very sincerely appreciated.

The Finances.

A detailed account of the finances was given by the treasurer, Miss Graydon, showing a small balance in hand, also showing the need of more funds if there are many more calls to be attended to. As this was a very representative meeting, members of the various chapters of the Daughters of the Empire, church societies, mothers' clubs, children's and Orphans' homes, etc. all being present. A motion was presented to form a branch of the Canadian War Contingent Association, whose headquarters are in London, England, where the Hon. George E. Perley is the president and Mr. J. G. Colmer, the honorary secretary. This branch is really an enlargement of the fund for field comforts, that was started at Hyman Hall over two weeks ago, to provide those extra comforts (or necessaries) for the soldiers, which are not given to them by the Government, and which do not come under the head of Red Cross supplies.

Scarves for Soldiers.

There are 1,100 men now in training at Wolseley Barracks, to be outfitted with scarves, cholera belts and wristlets before they leave. It is also the intention of the association to provide colored handkerchiefs, and a pair of hand-knitted socks as well, for each man, if possible.

We understand that instead of a third contingent, some 6,000 men will be sent monthly from Canada hereafter, and these comforts will need to be provided for them all. This association will in fact, be a clearing house for all the societies who are working for this same object; not so to prevent overlapping, of which there is little real danger, when one considers the amount of work to be done; but to insure that no individual is unprovided for. It will take the united efforts of all the workers here to achieve their adequate share for this district—and all the supplies of these things, that can be made, bought or collected over and above what are necessary to supply the men of our district every month, will be shipped direct to the headquarters in England where the members of the central committee are personally responsible for seeing that these supplies go direct to the Canadian contingents, in training, and on active service.

Mrs. C. R. Somerville and Mrs. W. E. Hodgins, were elected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, by the unanimous voice of the meeting, with power to choose their own committee, and add to its numbers whenever they see fit. Lady Beck, by a standing vote, was elected honorary president by acclamation. Mrs. Somerville then gave an account of the finished articles already on hand for supplying the men now in barracks before they leave:

1,166 cholera belts, 258 scarfs, 289 pairs wristlets; 363 pairs socks.

Balaclava caps are now supplied by the Government, though they are still wanted as Red Cross supplies.

Funds in hand from various donations, $176.

There is no fee for joining the War Contingent Association. All workers for the cause are members, and needless to say all members are workers. There is a little army of them—splendid ones ready to knit for this branch of patriotic supplies—even the children in the schools are knitting, knitting steadily, and knitting well. One teacher took fifty pounds of wool last week for her class and will return it "ready-to-wear." But we do need funds! Wool is almost the only expense in in connection with this branch of work, but the wool for 1,100 scarfs alone costs over three hundred dollars. We appeal to the public to help us, any donation, large or small, will be gratefully received by this committee or by Lady Beck, and acknowledged in these columns.

OLD SONGS AND POEMS

"Sarnia Reader" sends the song asked for by Alma B.

THE LITTLE GIRL THAT PLAYED UPON MY KNEE.

Many long years are past and gone
Since I left there, my own native land;
Since I left there the scenes of my childhood so dear,
O'er the dark blue seas to roam.

I left my aged father there,
And a mother that is dear to me;
I left a brother and sister at home,
And the little girl that played on my knee.

Does Jennie remember, or has she forgot,
Those hours of pleasure to me?
Does she sigh when she thinks of the many happy hours
When a little girl she played upon my knee?

I am homeward bound with a thrill of joy,
From wandering so far o'er the sea;
I soon shall see my own native land
And the little girl that played upon my knee.

What means this long, dark funeral train—
Sad faces they all seem to wear?
Yonder hearse bears the form of a maiden so fair;
'Twas the little girl that played upon my knee.

I am tired of life and I care not to live.
So dreary the world seems to me:
Go bury me now by the maiden of my heart,
'Twas the little girl that played upon my knee.

JOHNSTON & MURRAY

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING DOING IN THIS BUSY SHOE STORE.

Purchased Another Retail Shoe Store at 70 Cents on the Dollar

The news this week, which is of interest to our customers, is that we have just completed the purchase of the $20,110.00 stock of an Eastern retail shoe store at 70 cents on the dollar, and are now holding a sale of Shoes, Satin Pumps and Felts bought in this purchase. The best grades only were sold by the retailer, consequently we are offering bargains of a very high order.

What Do You Save?

30 Cents on Every Dollar's Worth.

407 pairs Women's Fall and Winter Shoes, worth $6.00 in the Eastern retail stock, and marked to go at

$4.20

Also 17 cases Brooklyn-Made Shoes for women, at

$4.90

WOMEN'S $5.00 BOOTS, AT $3.50
WOMEN'S $4.00 BOOTS, AT $2.80
WOMEN'S $3.50 BOOTS, AT $2.10
WOMEN'S $2.00 BOOTS, AT $1.40

402 pairs Women's Velvets, Satins, Suedes and Tans; sizes 2 to 4½; to go

$1.98

Satin Pumps For first comers, $5 Satin Pumps, no black or white in the lot at **$2.98** Per Pair

Women's Cushion Sole Shoes, **$1.98** and upwards.

7 cases Men's Leather-Lined Winter Boots, all sizes in tan; button or lace, $4.50 values to go at

$3.15

Strictly high-grade quality Boots for men. Bought in this Eastern retail stock at 70 cents on the dollar. Sale price

$3.45

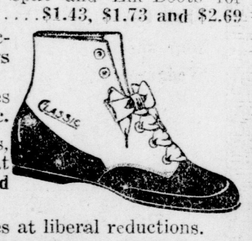
Men's Box Calf Boots, at $1.89
Men's Box Veal Boots, at $2.39 and $2.69.

Grain, Kip, Split and Elk Boots for men, at .....$1.43, $1.73 and $2.69

Infants' Moccasins, 3 pairs for 25c.

Infants' Shoes at 48c, 69c, 98c.

Girls' Shoes, sizes 11 to 2, at 93c, $1.23 and $1.69.



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Ladies' Combinations, Natural Wool, Penman's, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length, at ..... **$2.75 suit**

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Ladies' and Children's Cashmere Hose, No. 99, 1 x 1 rib, with plain, seamless cashmere feet. The rib being very fine this makes an ideal neat-fitting high-grade stocking.

Sizes 6, 6½ .....35c pair
Sizes 7, 7½ .....40c pair
Size 8 ..... 45c pair
Sizes 8½ to 10 .....50c pair

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Clearance of Suits and Coats in Our Old Store, 150 Dundas St.

Suits at $3.00, $5.00, $7.50, $9.00, $10.00 to $20.00.
Coats at $3.50, $5.00, $7.50, $9.00, $10.00 to $20.00.

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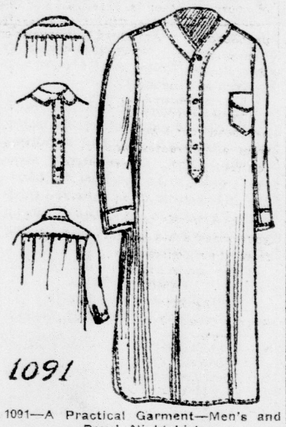

1091—A Practical Garment—Men's and Boys' Nightshirt.

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Measurement—Bust..... Waist.....

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Local Items

Y. W. C. T. U. TO MEET.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. will be held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24, at 8 o'clock, in the rooms, 432 Park avenue. All members urged to attend.

GRAND AVENUE MOTHERS' CLUB.

The Grand Avenue Mothers' Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24, Mr. Thomson will address the meeting, and an excellent program has been provided.

LIVER ILLS Are Cured by **HOOD'S PILLS** 25c.

A SPLENDID STORY OF WESTERN LIFE

LAHOMA

By John Breckenridge Ellis the Author of Fran.

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Annabel listened gravely, silently, her face all the paler for the sunlight flashing over it, for the mimic sun on the waves glancing up into her pensive eyes. Somehow the sunshine, the ripple of the water, seemed to form no part of her life, belong, rather, to Edgerton Compton rowing in solitude against the sky. Those naked trees, bare, brown hills and ledges of huge stones seemed her world-boundaries, kind to her, claiming her—— But there was California, and the splendid house to be built.

The Indian was listening now, but as he heard projected details glowingly presented, no change came in his grim deep-lined face. He simply knew it was not to be—let the fool plan! He found himself wondering dully why he no longer hated Gledware with that vindictive fury that gloats over the death-grip, lingers in fiendish leisure over the lifted scalp. He scarcely remembered the wrong done his daughter; it was almost as if he had banished the cause of his revenge, as if vengeance itself had become a simple stroke of destiny. Gledware had chosen his possession, and the Indian was Fate's answer.

"Beautiful one," he heard Gledware say, speaking in an altered tone, "all that is in the future; but see what I have brought you. This is for today. It's yours, dear—let me see it around your neck, with the sun full upon it."

Red Feather turned his head curiously. Gledware held outstretched a magnificent diamond necklace, which shot forth dazzling rays as it swung from his eager fingers.

Annabel uttered a smothered cry of delight as the iridescence filled her eyes. She looked across the water toward the pagoda-shaped club-house where her mother stood, faintly defined as a speck of white against the green wall-shingles of the piazza. It seemed that it needed this glance to steady her nerves. Edgerton was forgotten. She reached out her hand. And then, perplexed at the necklace being suddenly withdrawn, she looked up. She caught a glimpse of Gledware's face, and her blood turned cold.

That face was frozen in horror. At the turning of the boatman's head, he had instantly recognized under the huge-brimmed hat, the face of his enemy, as if brought back from the grave.

There was a moment's tense silence, filled with mystery for her, with indescribable agony for him, with simple waiting for the Indian. Annabel turned to discover the cause of Gledware's terror, but she saw no malice, no threat, in the boatman's eyes.

Gledware ceased breathing, then his form quivered with a sudden inrush of breath as of a man emerging from diving. His eyes rolled in his head as he turned about scanning the shore, glaring at Edgerton's distant boat. Why had he come unarmed- How could he have put faith in Red Kimball's assurances? He tortured his brain for some gleam of hope.

"This is all I have," he shrieked, as if the Indian's foot was already upon his neck. "This is all I have." He flung the necklace into the water. "It was a lie about the California ranch—it's a lie about all my property—I've got nothing, Annabel; I sold the last bit to get you the necklace, but I shouldn't have done that. Now it's gone. I have nothing!"

The Indian rose slowly. The oars slipped down and floated away in the flashing stream of the sun's rays.

Annabel, realizing that the Indian, despite his impassive countenance, threatened some horrible catastrophe, started up with a scream. Edgerton had already turned toward them, alarmed at sound of Gledware's terror. He bent to the oars, comprehending only that Annabel was in danger.

"Edgerton!" she shrieked blindly. "Edgerton! Edgerton! Edgerton!"

Gledware crouched at her feet, crying beseechingly. "I swear I have nothing—nothing! I sold everything—gave it away—left it—nothing in all the world! I'm willing to beg, to starve—I don't want to own anything—I only want to live—to live—— My God! to live!"

Red Feather did not utter a word. But with stealthy lightness and the litheness of a panther he stepped over the seat and moved toward Gledware.

Then Gledware, pushed to the last extremity, despairing of the interposition of some miraculous chance, was forced back upon himself. With the vision of an inherent coward he saw all chances against him; but with the desperation of a maddened soul, he threw himself upon the defensive.

Red Feather had not expected him to offer resistance. This show of clenched teeth and doubled fists suddenly enraged him, and the old lust of vengeance flamed in his eyes. Hat and disguising coat were cast aside. For a moment his form, rigid and erect, gleamed like a statue of copper cut in stern, relentless lines, and the single crimson feather in his raven locks matched, in gold, the silver brightness of his upraised blade.

The next moment his form shot forward, his arm gripped Gledware about the neck, despite furious resistance, and both men fell into the water.

The violent shock given to the boat sent Annabel to her knees. Clutching the side, she gazed with horrified eyes at the water in her wake. The men had disappeared, but in the glowing white path cut across the lake by the sun, appeared a dull red streak that thinned away to faint purple and dim pink. She watched the sinister discoloration with fascinated eyes. What was taking place beneath the smooth tide? Or was it all over? Had Red Feather found a rock to which he could cling while he drowned himself with his victim? Or had their bodies been caught in the tangled branches of a submerged forest tree? It was one of the mysteries of the Ozarks never to be solved.

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