

THE DOLL LADY.

BY EDNA KENTON.

(Continued.)

"More than I can spare," that gentleman had growled. "It's not worth a stick. Half a column, maybe, if you can get it spicy enough."

So she had begun to write, pulling herself up short twice, and then giving herself free rein, until, when she had finished, it was a column story. She had taken it over to Rawson herself. "It's a good deal longer than you ordered," she had told him calmly, "but it's good stuff. I wish you could read it yourself before you let the copy desk maul it up."

"All right," Rawson had answered. "Put it there, and I'll send it out."

Therefore, this next morning, she opened the paper almost nervously at the dramatic page. There it was, her complete story, in the dramatic column, a double column at that, signed with her name, and with a characteristic "Probe" headline: "George's Cold Feet—Side-Lights of Ibsen!" Only no much did she perceive just now, for almost immediately the men in the office began to wander over with appreciative remarks. Even Rawson stopped in his morning hurry to say: "Glad you let me see that first; it all went in."

The sporting editor offered to let her write up the next vital event in the sporting world, purely in the best interests of the paper, and not because he had any doubts but she would throw him down as she had "swatted" Vincent at his own game. He offered to bet any sum that Vincent alone would see no merit in the story.

When she was left to herself at last, Miss Caton read the story over twice, once critically, once appreciatively. Her own sane judgment told her it was a good story, an interesting one, and full of meat. Then she turned disgustedly to her pile of mail and the hated task of making up the "Woman's Page" for the next day.

She was not yet through with her letters when an interruption came. An office-boy brought a message from Mr. Marvin, new owner of "The Probe." Mr. Marvin would like to speak to Miss Caton at her earliest convenience.

She got up with a little thrill of anticipation. This summons, her first one from the great man, taken in connection with the fact that her name was blazoned on the dramatic page of every copy of the first edition, meant something. Her mind fled first, of course, to fawns. But the story was good—that she would stand by it was good. She went out into the hall, past the brute McKinnock's office, with the words "Managing Editor" displayed on its door, and on down into the ante-room of Mr. Marvin's offices. There she found her way at last, and, standing singly smooth, for without announcement the private secretary waved her into the presence.

As she entered, she cast a practiced eye about for indications. True enough, on Mr. Marvin's desk lay a copy of the first edition of "The Probe," open at the dramatic page.

"I should have said more about the Nora," she mused regretfully. "He

probably knows her and intended a bigger write-up for her. But it's good."

"Please be seated, Miss Caton," suavely remarked Mr. Marvin as she read this rather remarkable criticism of yours on yesterday's Ibsen performance. I shall not say it has not been full of interest, but you have certainly made Miss Coulter merely a feeder to the Doll Lady. I believe you call her?"

So her prognostications of evil had proved true. But Winifred Caton had long since learned the lesson of standing by what appeared over her name.

"Had you been in my place yesterday, Mr. Marvin," she said, "you would have understood why the Doll Lady dominated 'A Doll's House'—made the latter, in fact, at all endurable. Miss Coulter is ambitious and has talent, but she has been ill-advised. Frankly, the afternoon was Ibsen and the audience. The players were virtually eliminated from the affair."

"Doubtless," smiled Mr. Marvin. "had I occupied your place yesterday I should have been taken up with the Doll Lady to the exclusion of 'A Doll's House'—not being fond of Ibsen, Miss Caton, or his sort. And the moral you point here is a good one, poignantly sharpened, that certain types of femininity can hardly digest Ibsen and the like, however adorable and charming those types may otherwise be. It is a cleverly written story, Miss Caton, and one that I appreciate to the last word—notwithstanding the headline man has made the deceived George take precedence of the playwright himself. Will you take this card of mine, Miss Caton, and kindly glance at it?"

Miss Caton obediently took the card and looked casually at it; then she gasped in hysterical dismay. She looked at her chief, then she stared at those glaring headlines, then she stared at the card. It read:

Mr. George Marvin

"The Doll Lady faithfully tried to follow your excellent advice, and succeeded up to one o'clock this morning," remarked Mr. George Marvin, in the silence which fell. "Then she could ensure the strain no longer, and confessed her scarlet sins." His eyes grew suddenly soft and tender. I need not tell you in detail, Miss Caton, what those sins are. One of the greatest of them was the fact of confession to a stranger on an impulse. But considering it was an Ibsen madhouse, and he had forgiven her. He further requested her, he forebore from command—but he requested that she give up certain ethical researches—in short, that she cut out Ibsen and any like him. To which request she most dutifully yielded."

Winifred Caton sat in hideous silence, her eyes on those dreadful headlines.

"I can only say—" she began.

"Therefore," broke in her chief, "in consideration of the Doll's Lady's dreadful sufferings over those scarlet sins of hers, those sufferings must not be increased. I must add this, that she is vitally interested in her husband's work, and faithfully reads her

husband's paper every evening, and that he really does tell her the truth too consistently to make it possible for him to keep this night's special publication from her. Therefore—" the chief's blue pencil lingered regretfully above the story, and then slashed through it. "The story is killed."

He glanced up at her. "This is the only reason," he said cheerfully, "that your criticism will not appear in any later edition. It was due to the cleverness of the story that the cause for its killing be explained to the writer."

"We live and learn," said the clever Miss Caton, trivially. "I imagined I had George's measure to a fraction."

Her chief laughed a little. Then his eyes softened again.

"There are certain women," he said, "who by very force of their perfect faith in goodness and charity and purity and love compel a partial living to their own white standards. This is all, Miss Caton, unless you can give me the name of some woman of ability and judgment fitted to take your work. We shall need you on the live part of the paper."

"I know just the woman," she said, quickly. "May I send her to you? He needs the work. And for myself—"

"Then this is all, Miss Caton," and he rose, smiling and bowed her back to the local room.

Christmas Concert

Last evening the following programme was carried out at a Christmas Sunday school concert held in Zion Methodist church. Doxology; prayer and short address by the pastor, Rev. James Crisp; address of welcome, Miss Caton; Scripture recitation, Edith Lindsay; chorus by the school, "The Air Was Filled With the Echoes; recitation, Telling the Story, Louisa Daley; trio, "There's a Song in the Air, Miss Wilson, Mrs. and Mr. Powers; recitation, How I Wish I Knew, Ida Carpenter, solo, There Came a Little Child to Earth, Maie Patchell; trio, Mamma Dear, Alice Young, Grace and Margarette McHugh; recitation, The Star, Florence Gillen; solo and chorus, Beautiful Star, Annie Logan; recitation, If I Were You, Guy Lindsay; quintette, I Would be a Sunbeam; recitation, The Little Soldier, George Purdy; recitation and solo, Lily Heans; Maie Patchell, Kathleen Potts, soloist Grace Young; chorus, The Wise Men; recitation, Charlie Carpenter; recitation, Muriel Purdy; solo, Miss Evelyn Huey; clock song, Gladys Carr; Edith Heans and Vera Starkey; solo and chorus, While the Shepherds, soloist Nan Powers; recitation, The Forgiven-not, Alice Young; solo, Puck Away the Frowns, Harry Heans; recitation, A Letter to Santa Claus, Alice Daley; trio, Christmas Tapers, Arnold Young, Roy Logan and Alfred Heans; closing chorus, Joy, Joy, national anthem.

NEW LIGHTING PLANT.

CENTRAL BLISSVILLE, N. B., Jan. 5.—James Hunter, electrician, of St. John, was here this week and installed a lighting plant in Smith Bros. mill. A 100 light dynamo driven by a Leonard engine is now in operation lighting the mill and yard, also the workmen's houses. The mill started running on New Year's day and will be in operation full time all winter.

ROTHESAY MAY HAVE LIGHTING PLANT

Improvements in Pleasant Suburb Steadily Going on—School Matters of Interest.

(Special Correspondence of The Sun.)

ROTHESAY, N. B., Jan. 5.—This village evidently does not intend to be lagging in the march of improvement. There is talk now of introducing gas and furnishing light to every household who wants it. To do this it will be necessary to form a company and erect a building and tank for the storing of the gas. An acetylene plant is talked of. It would not be a difficult job to put down the main pipe, which would be about a mile in length, and some residences are piped for gas already. Mr. Heaton of Hampton was here a few days ago looking into the matter and interesting some residents in his proposition.

The ratepayers of the school district in the village will be asked at their next meeting to carry out the recommendation of Inspector Steeves to enlarge their school house so that there will be plenty of room for the rapidly growing school and employ two teachers. Public opinion is in favor of the plan and the trustees will not doubt be prepared with plans and estimates of the cost of the alterations which roughly will amount to \$1,000.

Mr. Grosdun of Wolfville preached in the Baptist Church Thursday night to a large congregation and spent Friday and Saturday visiting old friends in the parish.

Robert Kirkpatrick has rejoined his brother Alfred in Sussex.

Mr. Lawson of St. John was the guest of Oscar Saunders over Sunday.

Mrs. E. S. Carter and her son and daughter, George and Joyce, returned from a visit to Fredericton Thursday.

A hundred or more adults and children gathered in St. Paul's Sunday school room Friday night for the children's Christmas tree and treat.

There were many gifts and plenty of confectionery and a real live Santa Claus in the person of Mr. West, C. E., to add to the merriment. The programme was suited to the occasion, which was voted a most enjoyable one.

David Goldie, after a struggle with pneumonia, is able to be around again.

There is quite a search after good hay. The price is \$14 a ton in the barns. John Taylor is disposing of twenty tons at this figure.

COLONY AGAINST EMPIRE.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The result of a ride match at the end of November between picked teams of India and Australia has been announced by mail. Each team fired simultaneously at home and exchanged scores. The Australians made 771 points and India totaled 735.

SOMETHING ABOUT REGIMENTAL DEPOT AT FREDERICTON, N.B.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 7.—It lacks but two years today of a quarter of a century since the regimental depot in this city was opened, it being twenty-three years ago since recruiting at the Fredericton depot commenced. On the 1st day of December, 1883, the Royal Canadian Regiment, as it is now known, was gazetted, and what was then known as a company infantry school corps was stationed in this city. The corps now stationed here is No. 8 Co. Royal Canadian Regiment and the depot is known as No. 3 regimental depot. During the past year this company was moved here from St. John, P. Q. In 1906 a new armory was opened. On January 10th, 1884, Quarter Master Sergeant Walter, now stationed at Halifax, enlisted. It is understood that this month he will take his discharge at Halifax and remove here to live on a farm near Springhill on his well earned pension.

The annual general meeting of the Fredericton Boom Company will be held in this city tomorrow afternoon.

A. H. F. Randolph, the president, this morning said that the company had not come to any arrangement as yet with the lumbermen relative to their taking over the business and plant.

TENNYSON SMITH'S YARMOUTH CAMPAIGN HAVING GOOD EFFECT

(By Tennyson Smith.)

YARMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 7.—Tennyson Smith's temperance crusade in Yarmouth has stirred the city. The Boston Marine Hall is packed nightly, and on Sunday the aisles and platform were crowded and hundreds turned from the doors unable to secure standing room, and 134 persons, principally young men, signed the pledge.

There has been such a run on the tickets for the trial of alcohol that the committee today endeavored to secure a larger building, but were unable to do so. It is expected the campaign will have a powerful influence upon the municipal elections in February and on the enforcement of the Scott Act.

LECTURES IN PRISONS.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—It is announced that the executives of the local Young Men's Christian Association will be granted permission by the Home Office to subject to the prison governors' and chaplains' views to deliver non-religious lectures on moral subjects to a special class of prisoners after their day's work.

PROPOSE NEW FUNDY STEAMSHIP LINE

Mackenzie and Mann Will Establish Service in Competition with D.A.R.—Port Wade N. S. Terminus.

C. W. Spencer, general manager of the Mackenzie and Mann transportation system, accompanied by Dr. R. F. Preston of Carleton Place, arrived in the city yesterday from Boston on his private car. Mr. Spencer spent the afternoon in visiting the West Side, and left for Montreal last evening. When interviewed by a Sun reporter about the object of his trip to the city Mr. Spencer proved rather reticent, saying that as the plans which he had under consideration were not matured he would prefer to say nothing about them. He said it was the intention of the Halifax and Southwestern Railway, which is part of the Mackenzie and Mann system, to establish a steamship service between Port Wade—or as it is sometimes called, Victoria Beach, opposite Digby, and St. John. When asked if the company would establish this as a private enterprise, or would they ask the aid of St. John merchants, he said they might consult some of the leading merchants about the matter.

He said there was a great deal of traffic in Southern Nova Scotia, and he expects the Halifax and Southwestern Railway will carry much of it, and that the trade with New Brunswick—generally St. John—warrants the establishing of the proposed line. This would be in opposition to the D. A. R. steamship service.

When asked if there was a possibility of the Canada Northern Railway extending to this city he remarked that the railway was still some distance away, but such a proposition might be under consideration.

In regard to his trip to the West Side, Mr. Spencer said he had gone over there to visit some old friends and to speak of any business matters which may have been discussed.

PICTURES FOR CANADIAN NATIONAL ART GALLERY

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—Two valuable pictures have been purchased for the Canadian National Art Gallery by Hon. Sydney Fisher, acting Minister of Public Works. One is a Gainsborough, a portrait of an Ethiopian. The other is an Althambra picture by Fleming, one of the leading French painters of the modern school.

Advertising without system is like trying to manage an army without discipline.—Printers' Ink.

CANADIANS WELL TO THE FRONT

Representatives in the Massachusetts Legislature

Two Are Natives of St. John, One of Chatham, One of Kings County—Minister Dead.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—Natives of Canada are well represented in the Massachusetts legislature of 1907, which began its deliberations at the state house today. Among the senators and representatives are two natives of St. John, one of Chatham, one of Kings county, N. B., and one Nova Scotian and a former resident of Prince Edward Island. There are also three French-Canadians who were born in Quebec province. The natives of the Maritime Provinces are: Senator Fred J. Macleod, Cambridge, Prince Edward Island; Representatives Henry S. Clark, Boston, and Oscar N. Ewing, Ipswich, both natives of St. John; John M. McDonald, Boston, Chatham, N. B.; Edwin T. McKnight, Boston, Marr Corner, Kings Co., N. B.; William Waugh, Somerville, Waugh River, S. N. B.

Mrs. Zeru Grace Bishop of this city is a petitioner in the Suffolk county superior court for a divorce from William L. Bishop of Shelburne, N. S. The Bishops were married at Centerville, N. S., in 1881. Cruel treatment is alleged.

Rev. Joseph H. Mansfield, a prominent Methodist minister, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. His wife was Miss Pamela S. Murray, formerly a teacher at Mt. Allison University, Sackville.

FIRST KAFFIR NURSE.

CAPETOWN, Jan. 7.—Cecilia Makwane, a Kaffir woman, has been appointed nurse at Buterworth Hospital, Cape Colony, after a three years' course of training at the Lovedale Native Institute. She is the first colored woman in South Africa to hold such an appointment.

INQUEST THREE YEARS AFTER.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—An inquest was held yesterday at the Westminster coroner's court on Sidney Smith Ameer, formerly a seaman in the Royal Navy, who was injured in an accident on January 2, 1904, and who has lived since then with a broken back. Death was directly due to the injuries.

The value of advertising is universally conceded.—Col. Albert A. Pope, founder of the American Bicycle Industries.

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It's Brief and Won't Take Long to Read -- But It Will Pay You To Read It Carefully!

In the first place, as you undoubtedly know, our great clothing business—the greatest by far in the Maritime Provinces—has come to us because Our Clothes have always been satisfactory, and our prices always lower than those of any other store. Our prices have been and are lower because we are manufacturers. By making the clothes ourselves, we save the middleman's profit; and that's why we can and do sell for less than others. Now for the point in question: Our business year closes January 31st next, and we desire to have our stock at as low a point as possible at that time, so beginning Saturday, January 12th, we purpose starting a Grand Stock Reduction Sale. This gives you a chance to buy the most stylish and satisfactory clothes that can be made at close to half what you ordinarily have to pay for them anywhere else. Enough said—now read the prices, and then come here as early as you can on Saturday and make your selections.

Men's Overcoats, Ulsters and Reefers.

Regular \$6 00 Overcoats Reduced to	\$3 85
Regular 8 00 Overcoats Reduced to	5 90
Regular 10 00 Overcoats Reduced to	6 85
Regular 12 00 Overcoats Reduced to	8 75
Regular 15 00 Overcoats Reduced to	10 00
Regular 8 00 Ulsters Reduced to	5 75
Regular 3 75 Reefers Reduced to	2 85

Men's Suits

Men's \$ 6 00 Tweed Suits Reduced to	\$4 50
Men's 8 00 Tweed Suits Reduced to	5 75
Men's 15 00 Tweed Suits Reduced to	10 69
Men's 18 00 Tweed Suits Reduced to	12 69
Men's 20 00 Tweed Suits Reduced to	13 50
Men's 10 00 Serge Suits Reduced to	6 85
Men's 12 00 Cheviot Suits Reduced to	8 75
Men's 15 00 Cheviot Suits Reduced to	12 00

Reduction Sale Prices On Men's Furnishings

Sharp reductions throughout the entire Men's Furnishings Section. We'll let the prices talk.

Underwear

Piece Lined Underwear, regular price 60c, per garment . . . SALE PRICE 37c
Heavy Ribbed All Wool Underwear, regular price \$1 per garment . . . SALE PRICE 60c
Lamb's Wool Underwear, regular price 65c . . . SALE PRICE 37c
Pure Scotch Wool Underwear, regular price \$1.65 . . . SALE PRICE \$1.13

Top Shirts

Men's Top Shirts in knit and flannel Regular price 60c . . . SALE PRICE 39c
Regular price 55c . . . SALE PRICE 36c
Regular price 50c . . . SALE PRICE 32c

Cardigan Jackets.

Regular price \$1.25 . . . SALE PRICE 79c
Regular price \$2.00 . . . SALE PRICE \$1.39
Regular price \$3.00 . . . SALE PRICE \$1.98

Sweaters

50c. for the \$1.25 kind; 75c for the \$1.50 kind; \$1.19 for the \$1.50 kind

Hosiery

Heavy Ribbed All Wool Socks, regular price 50c . . . SALE PRICE 36c
Heavy Ribbed All Wool Socks, regular price 40c . . . SALE PRICE 27c

Mitts

Heavy Wool Knit Mitts 12c for the 30c kind; 27c for the 40c kind.
Bronko and Horseshoe Mitts, lined, 60c kind for 37c, 85c kind for 50c.

Suspenders

85c kind for 19c; 50c kind for 29c; 75c kind for 37c.

Neckwear

80c kind for 19c; 50c kind for 29c; 75c kind for 37c.

Umbrellas

Self-Opener Umbrellas, regular price \$1.25 . . . SALE PRICE 79c

Boys' Sailor Suits

Ages 3 to 10 years.

Regular \$1 25 Sailor Suits Reduced to	98c
Regular 2 30 Sailor Suits Reduced to	\$1 80
Regular 4 50 Sailor Suits Reduced to	3 55

Boys' Norfolk Suits

Ages 6 to 15 years.

Regular \$2 50 Norfolk Suits Reduced to	\$1 89
Regular 3 50 Norfolk Suits Reduced to	2 75
Regular 4 50 Norfolk Suits Reduced to	3 55

Boys' Three Piece Suits

Ages 12 to 17 years

Regular \$3 50 Three Piece Suits Reduced to	\$2 65
Regular 4 50 Three Piece Suits Reduced to	3 55
Regular 6 75 Three Piece Suits Reduced to	5 40

Boys' Reefers and Overcoats

Regular \$2 50 Reefers Reduced to \$1 90 |

Regular 5 50 Reefers Reduced to 4 25 |

Regular 3 75 Overcoats Reduced to 2 95 |

Regular 15 00 Overcoats Reduced to 11 00 |

Special Offering in Blanket Coats

Our Boys' Pure All Wool Blanket Coats at \$4 50 Regular are the equal of any \$5 00 Blanket Coat in St. John. During this sale we have marked them at \$4 00 to clear and will give free with every sale a Wool Set—consisting of Toque, Sash and Mitts.

All Boys' Furnishings at Generous Reductions

During This Sale You May Expect to Clothe Two Boys or Two Men for the Same Price Usually Paid for One.
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