The Queen's Veil.

CHAPTER I.

"A lady to see Monsieur La Fort."

Monsieur La Fort, proprietor of a thriving lace manufactory on Rue St. Honore, Brussels, looked up from his desk of ebony inlaid with pearl, as the door to his luxurious office swung open, and the boy made the above announcement, and then stood aside for a young girl to pass in.

Monsieur saw, with a slight start of surprise, the loveliest face in the world—a face that flushed slightly as he bent his earnest, curious gaze upon it; and the least haughty uplifting of the small, shapely head, with its bright, waving brown hair, warned him that though the lady was both young and unattended, a circumstance which he did not fail to observe, she did not lack spirit or independence to carry her through an interview with him, or, indeed, with anyone, however imposing his appearance or surroundings might be.

The lace manufacturer's first expression had been one of annoyance at the interruption, for he had been busily engaged considering an important order; but his brow involuntarily relaxed as he met those brown eyes looking so gravely and calmly into his; as he marked the sweet mouth, around whose delicate lips, bright as a maple leaf after its first frost-kiss, there played the least tremulousness of anxiety; as he noted the white, graceful throat, with its knot of pale pink fastening the neat collar, and which lent a tinge of color to the round, smooth cheeks; the straight, slender figure in its closely fitting garments of dark cloth, and the small shapely hands, with their neatly fitting gloves, that matched her dress with characteristic French exactness.

The gallant Frenchman arose with alacrity from his velvet chair, and came forward with a bow such as only a Frenchman knows how to make.

"How can I serve mademoiselle?" he asked, politely.

"Monsieur has need of help in his lace factory—I seek employment," was the response, in clear, sweet tones, while the tint deepened upon the maiden's cheek, as she pointed to an advertisement in the paper which she carried in her hand.

"Mon Dieu! I was sure she was some aristocrat come to give an order," monsieur mentally ejaculated, while his sauve bearing underwent a sudden change.

The smile faded from his face, and though the look of admiration did not die out of his eyes, as they still rested on the girl's beautiful countenance, yet the pompous manner with which he received her application plainly indicated that there was a vast difference in his estimation between one suing for a favor and one giving an order for his expensive laces.

"Um! yes, we need help; but we wish only experienced help. Do you understand lace-making?" monsieur responded, with a doubtful glance at her daintily-gloved hands.

"I have made lace since childhood. Will monsieur examine some of my work?" and the girl extended her wrist, around which was gathered a ruffle of soft fine lace of a graceful, delicate pattern.

Monsieur La Fort reached out his white hand and took hers, ostensibly to examine the pretty trifle, but with a familiarity that brought the rich blood surging into the fair face before him.

She drew back from him with a haughty gesture.

"Perhaps monsieur can examine this more to his satisfaction," she said, drawing from one of her pockets a bewitching little handkerchief edged with Valenciennes.

The manufacturer's white teeth gleamed in a smile that was a trifle sinister at the act, but he took the dainty fabric and examined the edge critically.

It was very fine and a lovely pattern.

"Did you make this?" he asked in a tone of surprise, and bending a searching glance upon her.

"Yes, monsieur," was the brief and somewhat cold response.

"Where were you taught?"

"In my own home, monsieur."

"Ah, mademoiselle's mother, perhaps was a lace-maker, and you were taught up to it?" remarked the lace manufacturer.

Mademoiselle made no reply, and in her manner nor bearing was there ground for further questioning, as she stood awaiting his decision regarding her work.

Monsieur La Fort flushed at this rebuff, but his tone was a trifle more respectful as he continued: "Mademoiselle will please give me her name."

The young girl gravely drew forth a purse—a pretty and expensive article her observer thought, for one seeking employment—and taking a piece from it, placed it in his hand.

"Cards! Mon Dieu!" the manufacturer again mentally ejaculated, with arching eyebrows. "Our pretty applicant assumes the airs of les grandes dames."

But he read, written in a delicate flowing hand, the name, "Netina Florienz."

"A pretty name for a pretty maid," soliloquized monsieur, as his eyes traveled from that bit of pasteboard to the sweet face before him, and then back again, while he turned the question whether to engage her or not over in his mind.

Absently he turned the card over, and saw these words written on the back of it:

"Marie,—Pray let me come to you. I can now explain everything satisfactorily. Tina."

"Tina! Ah, that is sweeter yet!" he thought, and again his eyes sought the beautiful face opposite him.

He was startled at the change he saw there.

The young girl had grown suddenly white as a snowdrift, while her brown eyes were fixed with a frightened look upon the words he had just been reading.

"Pardon, monsieur," she said, in trembling tones, as she reached out her hand and took the card from him. "I was not aware that anything was written upon the card."

With one quick glance she took in the simple words, and heaved a sigh of relief as she saw the apparently insignificant sentence pencilled there.

But Monsier La Fort had made a note of her emotion; it told him that she had something to conceal.

"There is a mystery here," he thought; "this pretty one, with the manner of a queen, with her lovely face, her pure French and cultivated language, is not what she would appear. It is a puzzle that I must solve."

"You are Mademoiselle Florienz, then," he said, and referring with a look to her card again.

She bowed assent.

"Your residence?" he questioned.

"At present in Brussels."

Monsieur La Fort smiled at her reply. It told him nothing.

"Your lace is very fine, the threads are very evenly laid," he continued, after a moment's thought, and returning her handkerchief, which, he noticed, emitted a faint odor of heliotrope. "We need help, as I have said, but it must be experienced help. Will you come into the work room, and show me how well you can handle the bobbins? One of our women is absent, and I will test your ability at her pillow."

Mademoiselle Florienz bowed assent, while a little smile of amusement twinkled in her eyes and dimpled the corners of her mouth. She was conscious of her ability to perform, and there was no reluctance in her manner as he asked her to prove what she could do.

She drew off her gloves preparatory to accompanying the manufacturer to the work room, and that quick-sighted individual remarked that her hands were dainty as a queen's—white and soft, with no mark or stain of labor on them, while the finger tips were round and smooth and pink like the heart of a sea shell.

"At this moment the door opened again, and in darted a small, shriveled, queer-looking creature, like a gust of wind from some northern mountain.

She was old and wrinkled, sunburned and freckled, as if she was accustomed to being out in all kinds of wether, while she was clad in the plainest and oldest-fashioned garments imaginable.

She did not see Mademoiselle Florienz at first, but dashed up to Monsier La Fort, and said in shrill and rapid tones;

"Well, you told me not to come again for a week, but the work's done, and I cannot be idle; I must have more," and she unfolded several meters of coarse lace from a napkin as she spoke.

"Ah, madam, you will flood the market, if you work at this rate," monsieur responded, making a wry face as he examined her work.

"Who cares, so that the poor fools who like such trumpery get it, and I have my money for making it?" she answered, sharply, while her keen eyes watched him narrowly, as he measured off the lace meter by meter.

"But you will break me, madam, at this rate. I shall not have money enough to pay you," laughed her employer, who evidently enjoyed chaffing her.

"Never fear," she retorted, "there is no danger of 'breaking' a man who loves gold as you love it."

Monsieur colored at this shaft, but retaliated:

"Do not talk to me about loving gold? Why, Madame Beza, your own coffers must be overflowing by this time."

"How do you know" she demanded, harshly.

"Why, just think how much you earn, and I have never known of you spending a whole franc at one time during all the years that you have worked for me."

"Hush!" she said, authoritatively; then, glancing round, as if fearful someone might have heard, she discovered Tina, who had stood in the background, listening to the above dialogue, with a good deal of surprise and no small amount of interest.

"Who are you?" Madame Beza demanded sharply, as she ran her quick glance in an instant from the top of Tina's pretty brown head to the toe of her small boot.

"Only a poor girl, who is seeking employment, like yourself, madam," she replied, respectfully, while her eyes rested kindly upon the unattractive face confronting her.

Madame Beza's look softened; then she came closer, and peered curiously into the young girl's countenance.

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THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

Progress of the Six Day Bike Race in New York.

The Gans-McGovern "Go"—Shooting Tournament at Ailsa Craig.

WHEEL.

THE SIX-DAY RACE.

New York, Dec. 11.—There were nine starters in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden this morning at 8 o'clock, after a record-breaking 24 hours, in which one champion had been forced to quit, and a number of other riders had been raced off their wheels. The terrific pace set by the three leading teams was still maintained, and there was a crowd present all through the early morning hours cheering the riders. There were numerous changes among the leading teams early in the morning, and the fast clip set by each failed to make any special gain for any of them, except a few laps gained on the tail-enders, Muller and his partner. McFarland crossed the 600-mile mark at 4:40 this morning, being miles ahead of the record for that time. Twenty minutes later the team score, with that of two other leaders was 605 miles and 6 laps. This was 11 miles and 2 laps ahead of the record made by Miller and Waller in the Garden last year. A few minutes before 7 o'clock the men settled down to a 15-mile an hour pace, and lagged along at this for some time.

The riders began the forenoon hours with a wholesale fall. When the men and wheels had been sorted out of the mix-up it was found that Pierce, of the Canadian team, was badly cut about the legs, most of the riders were more or less bruised, and two of the wheels were wrecked. The referee decided to attach no blame for the accident, and the lost laps were restored to all the riders. The 650th mile was finished at 7:53 o'clock, Archie McEachern leading. The time is 27 minutes better than that made last year.

The score at 11 o'clock was as follows: Elkes and McFarland, Simar and Gougoultz, Pierce and McEachern, 715 miles 4 laps; Turville and Gimm, Waller and Stinson, 715 miles 1 lap; Babcock and Aaronson, 715 miles; Fisher and Frederick, 714 miles 9 laps; Kaiser and Ryser, 714 miles 6 laps; Muller and Aucoutrier, 702 miles 7 laps.

New York, Dec. 11.—With the 1,000 mark but a score of miles ahead of them, nine of the six-day bicycle riders in Madison Square Garden at midnight were keeping up the hurricane pace set for them at midnight on Sunday. This was the beginning of the 49th hour, or the third day of the contest, and Elkes and McFarland and Pierce and McEachern had ridden 966 miles and 3 laps, and were one lap to the front, an advantage which was secured through an accident to the French team, Gougoultz and Simar, early this afternoon. Score at midnight:

Elkes and McFarland, 966.3; Pierce and McEachern 966.3; Simar and Gougoultz, 966.2; Turville and Gimm, 966.1; Waller and Stinson, 966; Babcock and Aronson, 966; Fisher and Frederick, 965.8; Kaser and Ryser, 965.6; Muller and Aucoutrier, 947.9.

TRIGGER.

A very successful shooting match was held at Crumlin on Thursday. The winners were: E. D. Sloan, of Crumlin, 1; G. W. Handshaw, of Evelyn, 2; J. Struthers, of Crumlin, 3.

THE BRANTFORD TOURNAMENT.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 11.—The live pigeon and the blue rock tournament of the Pastime Gun Club opened today with a large attendance and an extra large number of entries. J. E. Thompson, of Woodstock; D. J. Lewis, Brantford; "Gen." Grant, Woodstock; Jas. Crooks and John Stroud, Hamilton; J. S. Fanning, New York, and M. J. Miller, Winnipeg, carried off the bulk of the money. Mrs. Dracey, of Galt, the crack lady shot, is shooting remarkably well. The tournament will be continued Wednesday and Thursday.

First event, 15 targets—W. McDuff, Dutton, 8; Mrs. Dracey, Galt, 8; R. J. Dracey, Galt, 11; C. J. Mitchell, Brantford, 10; F. Westbrook, Brantford, 10; H. T. Westbrook, Brantford, 7; E. Danskin, Brantford, 10; H. Bates, St. Thomas, 5; D. Lewis, Brantford, 9; M. J. Miller, Winnipeg, 6; A. Bixel, Brantford, 8; J. Quirk, Brantford, 7; S. Benwell, Brantford, 6; John Wallace, Brantford, 6; H. Fick, Simcoe, 11; Joe Mud, Galt, 8; J. E. Thompson, Woodstock, 12; J. S. Fanning, New York, 9; W. Frazman, Dunnville, 5; C. J. Montgomery, Brantford, 10; Gen. Grant, Woodstock, 11.

Second event, 15 targets—W. McDuff, Dutton, 9; R. J. Dracey, Galt, 5; C. J. Mitchell, 10; F. Westbrook, 12; H. T. Westbrook, 9; E. Danskin, 10; P. Bates, St. Thomas, 8; D. Lewis, Brantford, 7; M. J. Miller, Winnipeg, 8; A. Bixel, 9; J. Quirk, 4; George Benwell, 5; John Wallace, Brantford, 6; Joe Mud, 8; J. S. Thompson, Woodstock, 12; J. S. Fanning, New York, 11; C. Montgomery, Brantford, 14; Gen. Grant, 10; G. Fick, Simcoe, 5.

Third event, 7 live pigeons—W. McDuff, 6; H. Marlatt, Simcoe, 6; R. J. Dracey, 6; George Stroud, jun., Hamilton, 6; John Stroud, Hamilton, 6; C. J. Mitchell, Brantford, 4; F. Westbrook, 7; H. T. Westbrook, 6; C. Montgomery, Brantford, 7; H. Bates, St. Thomas, 6; J. E. Thompson, Woodstock, 7; George Benwell, Brantford, 6; Mrs. Dracey, Galt, 6; Ed. Mack, Simcoe, 5; W. Frazman, Dunnville, 5; J. Crooks, Hamilton, 7; W. E. By, Hamilton, 6; G. Fick, Simcoe, 6; Gen. Grant, Woodstock, 4; J. Fanning, New York, 5.

Fourth event, 15 targets—R. J. Dracey, Galt, 9; C. J. Mitchell, Brantford, 12; D. J. Lewis, Brantford, 14; H. Bates, St. Thomas, 10; J. Fanning, New York, 12; F. Westbrook, Brantford, 14; H. T. Westbrook, Brantford, 10; J. E. Thompson, Woodstock, 11; F. Horsman, Brantford, 10; C. Montgomery, Brantford, 12; George Stroud, Hamilton, 12; E. Danskin, Brantford, 11; Gen. Grant, Woodstock, 13; E. Mack, Simcoe, 9; Mrs. Dracey, Galt, 6; J. Crooks, Hamilton, 8; W. Ely, Hamilton, 10.

Fifth event, 20 targets—W. McDuff, Dutton, 13; C. J. Mitchell, Brantford, 15; F. Westbrook, Brantford, 15; H. T. Westbrook, Brantford, 7; C. Montgomery, Brantford, 17; J. E. Thompson, Woodstock, 19; F. Fanning, New York, 17; R. J. Dracey, Galt, 18; D. J. Lewis, Brantford, 18; A. Bixel, Brantford, 13; Gen. Grant, Woodstock, 14; W. Fick, Simcoe, 10.

Sixth event—Not finished.

Seventh event, 5 pairs, sniping — F. Westbrook, Brantford, 2; D. Lewis, Brantford, 3; C. J. Mitchell, Brantford, 6; J. Fanning, New York, 5; F. Fick, Simcoe, 1; Gen. Grant, Woodstock, 2; H. T. Westbrook, Brantford, 6; M. J. Miller, Winnipeg, 6; J. E. Thompson, Woodstock, 2; Danskin, Brantford, 4; H. Marlatt, Simcoe, 2.

AILSA CRAIG SHOOT.

The annual shoot of the Ailsa Craig Gun Club was held on Thursday last. The weather was perfect for the occasion, and many outside shooters were present. The scores were as follows:

Blue Rock, amateur match, 12 rocks—S. Pedlar, 0; M. McEwan, 7; D. A. McEwan, 5; G. Maguire, 7; Allen Brown, 3; G. Haskett, 6; H. Holmes, 0. In this match M. McEwan took first, Maguire second, Haskett third, D. A. McEwan fourth and Brown fifth.

Blue Rocks, first event, 15 rocks—Doc Cantelon, 6; M. C. Ketchum, 10; C. Hovey, 14; T. Stephenson, 8; F. Miller, 10; W. Charlton, 0; Dr. Kennedy, 10; A. Mahler, 14.

Blue Rock, second event, 15 rocks—M. C. Ketchum, 9; T. Stephenson, 3; Dr. Kennedy, 4; C. Hovey, 8; F. Miller, 10; A Mahler, 14; Doc. Cantelon, 9.

Blue Rock, third event, 15 rocks—M. C. Ketchum, 9; F. Miller, 9; Dr. Kennedy, 9; T. Stephenson, 3; C. Hovey, 10 A Mahler, 12; I. Bice, 11; Doc Cantelon, 7.

Live bird match, 15 birds—M. C. Ketchum, 8; Doc Cantelon, 11; F. Miller, 12; C. Hovey, 12; I. Bice, 12; J. C. Bowlon, 7; T. Stephenson, 14; B. Munro, 8; H. H. Weaver, 10; A. Mahler, 11; Dr. Kennedy, 11.

BASEBALL.

WILL HEAR PLAYERS' GRIEVANCES.

New York, Dec. 11.—It was announced by President Young this afternoon that a committee consisting of Messrs. Soden, Brush and Hart had been appointed by the National Baseball League to listen to the demands of the players' organization. This committee will meet the committee from the players' association tomorrow morning.

President Young announced later in the evening that the regular meeting of the league would not be called until tomorrow morning. "There are several matters that the magnates wish to talk over informally before going into executive session," said Mr. Young, "and it will be very late before the informal discussion ends. For that reason we decided not to call a regular meeting until tomorrow." It was said late tonight that the board of directors had taken up the charges of misconduct made by the Brooklyn club officially against McGraw and Robinson, of St. Louis. In a game at Washington Park, it is alleged, these two players assaulted Umpire Gaffney. The board, according to good authority, dismissed the Brooklyn club's complaint. In reference to the statement made by President Zimmer, of the players' association, that the players of the National, American and Eastern Leagues were pledged not to sign contracts for next year until the demands of the organization had been acceded to by the magnates, Frank Selee, the Boston manager, said: "That is not so. Several of my players have already signed, and I know that others will do so".

The Players' Protective Association will be given a hearing by the National League magnates now in session in this city. Tomorrow morning a committee, consisting of A. H. Soden, of Boston; Col. John I. Rogers, of Philadelphia, and John T. Brush, of Cincinnati, will meet the committee from the players' organization and listen to their demands. This concession on the part of the magnates came this afternoon after the members of the players' committee had made the announcement that they were going over to Philadelphia to confer with Ban Johnson and his American League associates. The decision of the magnates to confer caused a hasty change in plans as to the Philadelphia conference, and as a result it was declared off for the present at least.

Montreal, Dec. 11. — The Montreal baseball club held its annual meeting tonight. It was reported that last season had resulted in a loss. It was claimed that this was due to the arrangement of the schedule, and it was decided to ask that this year the proposed schedule should be submitted to the club at least ten days before adoption. The club was reported to be in a good position financially. The following officers were elected: President, J. F. Shearer, in place of George O'Neil, who declined re-election; vice-president, G. C. Nicholson; treasurer, W. C. Hagar; secretary, J. A. Clarke; directors, C. L. Dooley, Wm. Maddy, A. G. Robertson, T. J. Quirk and R. E. Boyd.

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SILER'S STATEMENT.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—George Siler, who is to referee the Gans-McGovern fight on Thursday, has the following statement in the Tribune: "Betting on the outcome of the Gans-McGovern contest, which takes place at Tattersall's on Thursday night, is at fever heat. The McGovernites are in the majority, and they are willing to wager all kinds of money at evens that Gans does not score a knockout, and $100 to $250 that Terry puts Gans away. A few bets were registered today that McGovern would not be on his feet at the end of the sixth round. According to the articles there cannot be a draw. There must be a winner and a loser, and, therefore, Gans can win only with a knockout or on a foul, while McGovern can win by staying the limit, with a knockout or on a foul."

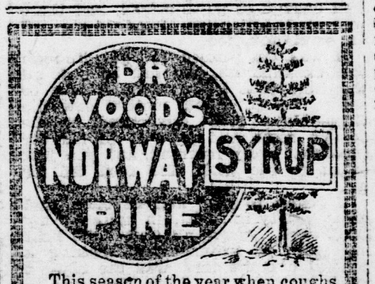
POSTPONED.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 11.—The fight between James Scanlon, of Pittsburg, and Dan Creedon, of St. Louis, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed until Friday night. Scanlon sprained his shoulder while exercising today.

FOOTBALL.

THE HOUGH CUP.

Goderich, Ont., Dec. 10.—The Hough cup which was presented to the Western Football Association in 1884, and which had been successfully held by the Seaforth Collegiate Institute for nine successive years, was captured by the Goderich Collegiate Institute football team on Saturday, after a series of hard-contested games this season on the Seaforth grounds. On the 1st instant, the decisive battle took place, resulting in a score of 1 to 0 in favor of Goderich, with 17 minutes still to play, the game being called on account of darkness. The game was finished today in 17 minutes of brilliant play, during which Seaforth, although having the advantage of a strong wind in their favor, were unable to score, and the result remained unchanged.



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GAVE UP HIS WIFE

That She Might Marry a Millionaire—Queer Domestic Episode in Michigan.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Dec. 12.—The marriage of Roger Morgan, president of the Hopper-Morgan Paper Company, and Sadie Pipps at noon yesterday, closed a domestic episode of long standing. Morgan is a son of President Morgan, of the National Paper Trust, and is worth millions.

One year ago he came to this city and formed an attachment for Mrs. Pipps, whose husband agreed to release her from marriage that she might become the millionaire's wife. Morgan paid Mrs. Phipps' fare to California and during her absence secured a divorce for her.

It is understood that the divorced husband will marry the daughter of a Chicago millionaire.

THE PASSION PLAY

New York Salvation Army Will Give It on Christmas Day and Feed the Poor.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Salvation Army will provide on Christmas Day a dinner for 25,000 poor persons in Madison Square Garden. In the morning 16,000 uncooked dinners will be distributed to poor families in 3,200 baskets. Each basket will contain provisions for five persons. In the evening 3,000 cooked dinners will be served at tables on the main floor of the garden.

After the dinner there will be an entertainment, when "The Passion Play" will be reproduced. Commander Booth Tucker will preside over the gathering.

HIS TIME HAD COME

So Thought a Quebec Man Until Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him of Bright's Disease.

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The Railways.

United States Consul Henry, at Quebec, reports to the state department the completion of the Great Northern Railway from Quebec to Parry Sound, on Lake Huron. The line opens up a new Canadian grain route, and the promoters of the road claim that it is the shortest and cheapest route now existing for transfer of grain from the great lakes to Europe.

Charlie Holmes has been appointed assistant G. T. R. agent at Tavistock. He is a son of Harry S. Holmes, G.T.R. agent at Acton, who got his early training in railroad duties at Clinton station. Harry is a son of the veteran Dan Holmes, formerly of Goderich, now living retired at Leamington, but for many years a well known G.T.R. conductor, who took the first passenger train into Goderich.

The Michigan Central officials have consented, after years of agitation, on the part of the town council, to change the name of the down town station at Niagara Falls from Clifton to Niagara Falls. What was called Niagara Falls station at the center will now be Victoria Park. The change will be made in a week or two.

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San Francisco, Dec. 12. — Mildred Webster, an heiress to a fortune, is to wed Edward Cooper, a bootblack, of Stockton, Cal., because he won her heart when she was as poor as he is. She lived in Stockton several years ago and became greatly interested in the Volunteers of America, in which Cooper was also an enthusiastic worker. Mildred was 12 and Cooper 17. They became lovers, and then Mildred promised to wait for Edward until he could make her his wife.

Soon after Mildred was taken to this city, and then to the east, by