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When questioned by the puzzled sheriff as to what procedure he should follow after the identification of the broken guitar, found by the footprints in the flower beds, the judge's widow had coldly replied, "Do your duty!" and the sheriff, with his deputy, set out for Stanley hall to apprehend Arthur Stanley 2d on suspicion of the murder of Dr. Henry Lee.

At their parting there had been one gift of Hagar's that Esther had since lovingly cherished. It was a pair of carrier pigeons.

"Take these, my dear daughter," Hagar had said. "If you are ever in trouble and need me send a message by the birds. Their homing place is our gypsy rendezvous in the Blue ridge. Even if I am not there when the message comes, some of our tribe will be. They will know where I am and fetch me the word."

So Esther, under the open espionage of Blair's mother, had taken one of the pigeons from its cage on the porch and had hastily written the message to send by this aerial carrier to Hagar. The message read briefly, "Come at once, dear mother; I need you." She simply signed it "Esther."

From her lattice window she released her feathered messenger. It flew swiftly to the west, straight as the arrow flies.

The sheriff and his deputy were not long in reaching Stanley hall. They alighted with a businesslike clatter, and the sheriff clumped up the steps and across the wide, hospitable portico and made the great iron knocker wake the echoes of the silent mansion. With an indicative gesture of his thumb he had sent his deputy to guard the rear.

Joe, the natty and worldly wise colored man servant of the until recently wild young master of Stanley hall, was wondering at the impudent urgency of the clamor that had aroused him as he reached the bottom of the staircase, when he stood stock still, shaken for once out of his usual superior airs and self possession, to behold his young master, wild eyed and disheveled, rush from the library and seize him, exclaiming as he did so: "Don't open that door! I have killed a man, and they are after me!"

With chattering teeth and shaking knees the erstwhile dandy darky clung for support in the weakness of his fright to the pedestal of the balustrade at the foot of the old colonial staircase.

Still the sheriff hammered at the door, crying stentoriously, "Open in the name of the law!" and still the frightened darky clung to the balustrade, divided in his terror between the awful authority of the law that he was disobeying and in fear of the fate this till now sophisticated servitor had felt for his young master.

One glance from the low French windows that looked from the library upon the grounds at the back of Stanley hall and Arthur was aware of the watchful deputy, with drawn pistol.

At this juncture the automobile agent from Richmond came with honking horn up the driveway with one of the first automobiles that had ever essayed the roads of Fairfax. With the agent, who proudly drove the red French racer, was an oily and grimy garage mechanic driving a low, old but powerful one seated garage handy car battered and scarred from much hard service, but still strong, speedy and dependable.

The sheriff hammered and kicked unavailingly at the stout, great white door as these "newfangled contraptions," as he called them, drove up to the portico steps. "I am the sheriff," he explained to the wondering automobile man. "I am after a man for murder, and I summon you to aid me." The taciturn garage mechanic brought a heavy iron jack from his battered old car, and he and the sheriff soon had the stout oak door shattering beneath the battering ram blows they dealt it with this heavy instrument of iron.

As the door gave way Arthur darted from the library, past the still quaking negro in the hallway and into the dining room. He passed through the dining room into the conservatory at its back that overlooked, as did the library, the grounds at the rear of Stanley hall. But here his way was blocked by iron and glass, there was no egress from the conseravtory save through the dining room.

As he turned to retrace his steps the sheriff, with the frightened automobile man at his back, appeared at the door of the conservatory with leveled revolver and demanded Arthur's surrender. Arthur's reply was to seize a heavy rustic chair and with one swinging, sweeping blow thrust aside the leveled revolver and then smash the heavy glass and the metal frames of the rear wall of the conservatory. He leaped unhurt through the aperture thus made and fled around the corner of the house, followed by a fusillade of shots from the sheriff and his deputy.

(To be continued.)

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

Horticultural Society Held Annual Session

A good attendance was present at the annual meeting of the Brantford Horticultural Society, which was held last evening at the Council chambers in the City Hall. Mr. E. E. C. Kilmer last year's president, occupied the chair and explained clearly the object of the society, which is, practically speaking, the beautifying of the homes, and as a result of this, the improvement of the landscape of the City of Brantford as a whole. He pointed out very clearly that the object of the association is not one of gain or money-making. The small sum of $1.00 is charged for membership, while the premium of bulbs, shrubs or whatever it may be supplied the member actually costs the society $1.06. This is the wholesale price and these goods if bought from the retail merchant, separately, by each individual, would cost not less than from two to three dollars; the reason the society can do this is because their current expenses are covered by the Government and Legislative grants.

The Society will furnish its members with anything in the nature of bulbs, seeds, flowers, etc., in fact anything that would tend to be a permanent improvement, but they will not supply cut flowers or anything of a perishable nature.

Mr. Kilmer also explained the various competitions held throughout the year and the good results which followed, and called upon the secretary, Mr. H. S. Tapscott to read the names of the members for last year, which list, containing some 250 names of residents, was adopted as read.

The secretary also read the financial report of the Society for 1914. Receipts amounted to $830.81, while the disbursements amounted to $669.05, leaving a balance on hand of $161.76.

This statement was adopted as read and the following officers were elected for this year, which commenced Nov. 4th: President, E. E. C. Kilmer; 1st Vice President, I. S. Armstrong; 2nd Vice President, Geo. Pimm; Secretary-Treasurer, H. S. Tapscott.

The Directors appointed were: F. Chalcraft, J. Thresher, R. Rowe, J. A. Holdsworth, T. Sleeth, J. J. Hurley, A. A. Lister, R. W. Brooks and J. Fraser.

Auditors, Mr. A. K. Bunnell and Mr. Fred Frank.

The society is affiliated with the provincial organization, and a committee of four, Messrs Kilmer, Tapscott, Thresher and Armstrong were appointed to represent the society at the provincial association meeting in Toronto.

The business part of the meeting concluded Mr. Kilmer introduced Mr Thresher, who needed no introduction to many of those present, having acted in the capacity of judge in the lawn and window competitions this summer. Mr. Thresher in a very capable manner outlined his experiences in judging the lawns, etc., and told how surprised he was at the improvement which had been made during the past 4 or 5 years, also explaining the method of judging. A total of 100 points are given, 25 for layout and appearance, 25 for neatness and order, 25 for the best collection of flowers, and 25 for the lawn. This shows how some person perhaps having a perfect arrangement of flowers, owing to some defect in the lawn, is prevented from obtaining first prize.

The speaker also outlined the positions of the classes, telling what ward they were in, and offering suggestions as to how some of them might be improved on. At the conclusion of his address, which was much appreciated, a number of the audience not quite so well informed as they felt they would like to be, gleaned much information by the asking of questions, to all of which Mr. Thresher was able to make satisfactory explanation.

Bulbs to the number of 10,000 or more were imported from Holland during the past year, and this year the president purposes to go further and import them to the number of 25,000. Any person wishing any of these should get their applications in as early as possible, so they will have an idea of how many will be needed.

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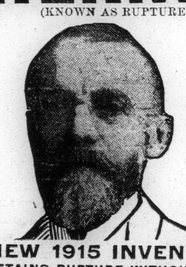

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