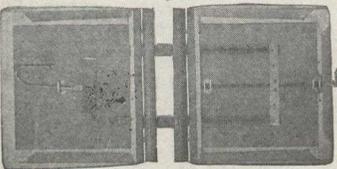


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saw no trace of anger, only a womanly, pitying tenderness, he lifted it to his lips and kissed it reverently. Then with a murmured, "God keep you always," he left her.

His first and last love affair was ended, and to him Agnes was from that moment a memory set apart from common things and enshrined.

He found Mr. Pridham walking up and down the library, as was his wont latterly, his hands clasped behind his back, his eyes bent on the ground.

"Ah! Hassall," he exclaimed, as the Vicar entered, "I hear we are to lose you for a bit. Bad news for the parish—that!"

"I think my successor will be a great acquisition," Hassall answered, "and I feel sure you will all like him. How is your son, Mr. Pridham?"

MR. PRIDHAM stopped, stared at him for a moment, and then said, "Hassall, I've never had the slightest sympathy with the idea of confession or any other Romish practices. But there are times when one feels that the dark thoughts in one's mind want airing—that one would be the better for an open, honest avowal to a friend whom one can trust. May I speak to you freely without fear of your breaking confidence. Can I trust you?"

Then Mr. Pridham sat down, leant his head on his hand, and carefully, methodically, went through the whole story as he knew it, sparing no details and suggesting neither theories nor excuses.

He related the incident of the finger-prints and wound up with, "Now, Hassall, tell me candidly—in your opinion is my son innocent or guilty?"

"Innocent," replied Hassall; "I feel the strongest conviction on that point. In crimes of this sort, I have noticed there is always a combination of pieces of circumstantial evidence against more than one person, pointing in each case to guilt. Yet when it is all sifted at the trial, any judge who knows his business puts aside the mass and fastens on one or two vital points. These settle the whole question. I do not think anyone has hit on these vital points yet. I shall think of you all in your terrible suspense and remember you in my prayers."

And John Hassall took his leave. Meanwhile, in the garden, Agnes retreating to the rosery, in its thickest laurel hedges, for a spell of quiet thought, found Theo, a basket in her hand, wandering from bush to bush, clipping the dead leaves and gathering here and there one of her favourite damask roses, to set in vases on her dressing-table. She was passionately fond of colour which represented to her part of the joy of life, and the grey blankness of these summer days, devoid of gladness, had grown almost unbearable to her.

For the county—a capricious, rural deity at all times, hard to please and easily offended—had turned a cold shoulder on the Pridhams since rumour had played with Laurie's name, and, after a formal call, followed by a card of enquiry, had withdrawn itself from all association with them.

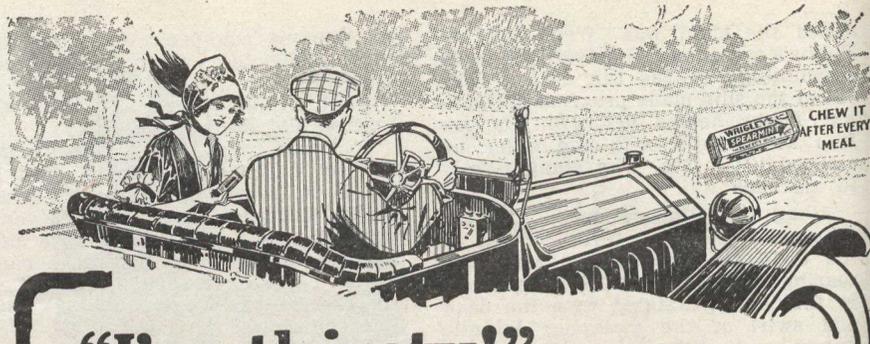
The absence of Tubby Mauleverer was looked upon as due, in some way, to the unfortunate happenings at Spinney Chase, and when Sallie followed her brother's example and left home, the gossip increased.

People were annoyed that two houses usually very hospitable were closed doors to society for the time being, and their displeasure showed itself in an avoidance of the feminine members of the Pridham family, on the few occasions when a walk or drive took them outside their garden gates, while Mr. Pridham himself, although not cut, was no longer sought out by the local magnates or deferred to on urban subjects, as of yore.

So the uneventful, spiritless days lagged on, and Theo, learning her lesson of life, kept herself from showing outwardly the chafing, restless disquietude of her girlish heart.

"Well?" she said, as Agnes came into view. "When is it to be?"

"When is what to be?" Agnes was



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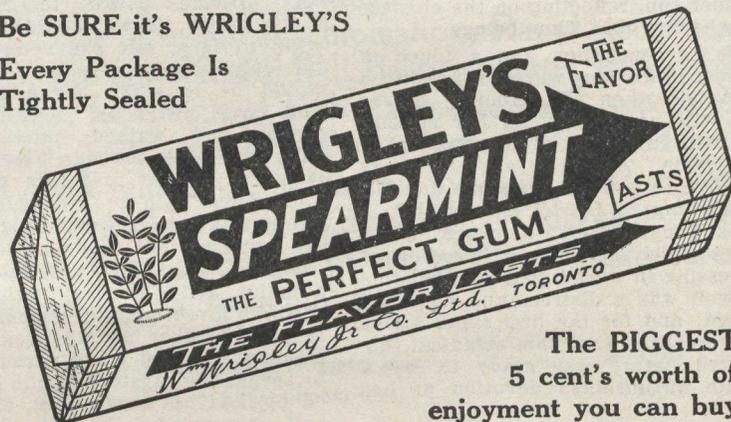
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