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"Have I startled you, my darling, by this confession?" Geoffrey went on. "Have you never suspected how I have been growing to love you day by day? At first, as I told you, I regarded you in a brotherly way. I was delighted with your beauty, I was proud of your intellect. I loved reverenced you for your goodness and gentleness to me, and your pa-tience with me as an ignorant, simpleminded boy; but, as I grew older, a deeper, more sacred love took possession of me, until I came to realize that my future would be a miserable blank unless I could win your heart's, best love. I do not forget that I am nameless, dear; that I am only a stray waif whom your father rescued from a hapless fate. I have nothing to offer you save my great love and an energy and resolution which will enable me to overcome every obstacle for your sake. Does your heart respond to my plea, my darling? Can you give me a deeper and holier love than that of a sister for a brother, and some day, when we are both through with our studies, when I can obtain a position worthy of your acceptance, become my cherished wife?"

He reached out, took the hands that lay clasped upon her lap, and drew her gently toward him.
She lifted her sweet face to him for one brief instant, and their glances met, soul answering soul.
"Geoffrey! you have fairly taken
my breath away," Gladys whispered,

'and yet—and—"
His clasp tightened about her hands. 'And yet'-Gladys-what?" breathed eagerly.
Her bright head drooped lower to

moment his arms were around her. He drew her head close to the wildly bounding heart and laid her head upon

"My own darling! that means that you love me even as I love you! Oh, Gladys, how I longed to hear this confession from your lips, and yet I never dared to betray the affection that has become a part of my very

'Haven't you, Geoff?" Gladys asked. a mischievous smile wreathing her red lips, which, however, he could

"No; for I felt that it would not be right to do so. I feared that Uncle August would feel that I had betrayed his confidence, and taken an unfair advantage of his kindness. Besides, it galled me to feel that I had nothing to offer you save my nameless self, without any definite expectations for

You imagine that you have been exceedingly circumspect, don't you, dear?" and now a pair of merry eyes were raised to meet his.

"Have I not? Have you suspected anything of this before, Gladys?" he asked, quickly, a vivid crimson suffusing his face.

"I shall have to confess that I have -in a measure," she replied. "When? What made you?" "Just before you went to college, and competence by my brains and when you told me that you were glad hands; but it will take time—" you had been cast adrift upon the "How much?"

"I remember—when I said but for that I should never have known you. It was very hard for me, then, not to tell you how well I loved you, but I believed I did not conceal it. Did

"No-o; still I was taken by sur-prise. I had never thought of lovng you in that way, or of you regarding me other than as a sister,' Gladys replied, gravely. "Then it set you thinking, and you nave been learning to love me since that time?" Geoffrey asked, fondly. 'Not exactly 'learning to love,' Geoff, but I began then to realize the fact

that I did love you," the young girl confessed, with brilliant cheeks. Geoffrey bent and kissed her red "Darling, I am glad I did not dare tell you then—I should have been very premature," he said, tenderly. "How does it happen that you have 'dared,' even now?" she asked, rogu-

"Because I confessed everything to Uncle August this morning, and he

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"Geoff! did papa say that," cried the young girl, growing crimson again.

"Yes; those very words. Uncle August is a kingly man, and his permission to speak to you has raised me from the depths of despair to the very heights of joy."

"Oh, Geoffrey, what an ardent figure of speech!" laughed the happy girl.

"Indeed, it is not a figure at all, you sweet, brown-eyed fay. I did not sleep a wink last night for wretchedness of mind."

"And all for nothing, Geoff."

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"It was the fear of losing you, my darling. When I saw you so admired in these very rooms last night, I said to myself, Someone else will win her before I have any right to speak; so, after lying awake all night, I desperately resolved to make a clean breast of everything to Uncle August. If he had told me he was unwilling to give you to me I should never have come to Brooklyn again."

have been happier at your coming, I have been lonely, and have drooped whenever you went from home, and I can understand now why it has been so," Gladys answered, dropping her head again upon her lover's breast. "My own darling! How wonderful it is that this priceless boon should be granted me to crown all the other good gifts that I have received," he said in a thrilling voice; then added.

"Surely the name that my father has bestowed upon you will do very well, will it not?"

"That was just what he also said, dear; but will the mystery that enshrouds me never make you uncomfortable or unbearers?" fortable or unhappy?" "No; I am well content with you

just as you are."
"But—have you never thought that there may be some story of wrong of shame, even—connected with my early life? If we should discover it to be so, some time in the future would you not regret having given yourself to me. Gladys, dear as you are to me, I could better face a sepatration now, than such a regret by and bye."

Her bright head drooped lower to hide the crimson in her cheeks, but there was no shrinking from him, as there must have been, had not her heart responded to his appeal.

"And yet, I know that you are far dearer to me than a brother could ever be," she confessed.

He dropped her hands, and the next age, and feel honored by it. Howlieve you will yet learn your parent-age, and feel honored by it. However, it will never change nor mar my love for you," Gladys replied with

> Geoffrey's face was luminous "This noble spirit is just what I yet, I confess, I am very sensitive over the mystery of my birth, and I should never have been fully satisfied without knowing just how you feel about it.
> Oh, my love, the future looks very bright before us, though the next two years will seem very long to me."

> "Why, Geoff! I thought study was a positive delight to you," Gladys returned, in surprise.
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> "And so it is, but it frets me to feel that, even after I get through college, it will perhaps be years before I can attain a position that will warrant me in asking Unclear August to give your in asking Uncle August to give you to me finally."
> "What kind of a position would sat

> isfy your conscientious scruples, Geof-frey?" Gladys osked, demurely.
> "I would not feel willing to take you from a home of affluence to one of poverty—you must never miss the luxuries to which you have been accustomed," he said, thoughtfully. "Do you expect to find the treasure of a Monte Cristo somewhere?" his companion asked, in the same tone as before. "Oh, no; I expect to provide a home

'Years, perhaps."

"How many?" "Five or six, maybe, if I am successful; more, if I am not; I shall start off to 'seek my fortune' just as soon as I can take my degrees."

"Meantime, what is to become of your humble servant?"
"You?—why, Gladys, you will have your home and your friends, the same as now." "And you will be out in the world comewhere, working for me?" said, sitting erect and turning her gaze full upon him.

"Of course; that is to doesn't it please you?"
"No. I am no hot-house plant, that "No. I am no hot-house plant, that requires a tempered atmosphere in order to thrive and grow. Do you think that I can afford to let you spend the best years of your life away from me, toiling to give me luxuries, while you deny yourself even the comforts and companionship of a home? My father and mother began life in an humble way, and built up their fortune together. I am of no finer clay than they or you; if I am not calculated to share your burdens as well as your pleasures, I am not worthy to be your wife at all." Gladys concluded, with an energy and decision that made Geoffrey regard her with surprise.

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"Why, Gladys, what would people think of me if I should ask you to marry me before I could provide you with a comfortable home?" he asked.

"I do not expect you will do that; but comfort and elegance are not necessarily one and the same. With the comfortable home provided, we will begin life together, and win our luxuries and elegance hand and hand; it is not a mutual love where one gives all and the other nothing."

"My darling, I had no idea there were such intensely practical ideas in this small head of yours," said Geoffrey, laughing, but with a very tender face.

"Had you not? Well, then, perhaps,

"Had you not? Well, then, perhaps I may astonish you again some time," she returned, laughing, too. "But," she added. "I think we are

"But." she added. "I think we are both rather premature in our plans, considering that we have two years more of school before us. Besides, it is time I was getting ready to go home with you, and we must not sit here talking any longer."

Later in the day the lovers returned to Brooklyn, where they were received with many smiles and significant glances, for both August Huntress and his good wife were greatly delighted by the prospect of a union between these two, upon whom all their fondest hopes had so long been centered.

To be Continued.

A celluloid mirror to announce

Before the Bar

Postponement of the Humiston Trial Till Next Court.

The Missing Girl Said to be in California.

Assises.

Chatham, Ont., Nov. 20.-At the Kent Fall Assizes yesterday, the Humiston murder case was, on request to give you to me I should never have come to Brooklyn again."

"Geoffrey," cried Gladys, clinging to him, "you would not have left us like that."

"I should, dear," he answered firmly: "I could not have remained in the ly: "I could not have remained in the lived. A coroner's jury pronounced the lived. A coroner's jury pronounced the lived. A coroner's jury pronounced the lived. The accused is Annie Humiston, of Zone township, whose alleged illegistimate infant was found buried in a garden on the farm where Annie and her elder sister Alice and a brother lived. A coroner's jury pronounced the lived. her elder sister Alice and a brother lived. A coroner's jury pronounced the case one of murder on the testimony of the medical men, who declared that I must never, by either word or look, reveal the love I bear you. But all that is past. Uncle August seems even happy in the prospect of our union. You love me—you are sure you love me well enough, Gladys, to become my wife, with no regret foranything?" he pleaded, bending to look searchingly into her eyes."

"Yes, I am sure, Geoffrey. I have never tried to analyze the affection which I have always cherished for you, but I know, now, that it has not been of that calm nature which a sister would feel for her brother. I have been lonely, and have drooped whenever you went from home, and I converted to the conversion of the case one of murder on the testimony of Chicago, a murderer escaped from Toledo jall, is supposed to be in hid ing in or near Chatham.

C. Reilley, after two weeks' deer hunting in the Muskoka district, returned home to Wallaceburg, bringing a fine large deer with him. The fever has somewhat abated in the case.

The Crown is in possession of information that is said to thoroughly reliable, that Alice Humiston, the missing girl, is now in Los Angeles, California. The men who assisted her to escape the country are known to the authorities. The girl's movements after leaving Bothwell have been lonely, and have drooped whenever you went from home, and

granted me to crown all the other good gifts that I have received," he said in a thrilling voice; then added, "But, Gladys, I must remind you as I have already reminded your father, that you will have to become the wife of a nameless man. Will that never trouble you"

"Surely the name that my father has bestowed upon you will do very well, will it not?"

"That was just what he also said, dear; but will the mystery that enshrouds me never make you uncomway an important letter from Detroit arrived, care of the Benton House. This letter, it was charged, Barry, believing it had to do with the deal, opened, read and destroyed, the discovery of its fate being made through Barry's own loquacity. Mr. Osler put in the plea that the letter was not a "post letter," within the meaning of the statute. After having passed from the possession of the department exceeds the cost estimated by the town from the possession of the department exceeds the cost estimated by the town by delivery in the usual way, that, committee. therefore, the prisoner could not properly be convicted, under the act, of s. B. Morris recently snipped from stealing. A verdict of acquittal was the largest shipment ever made in one

ored by it. How- Catharines. Richards, also colored. was deputy returning officer at the might have expected from you, Gladys; and so it was marked down. The yet, I confess, I am very sensitive over voter not being able to read or write, before Magistrate White at the police Branton being charged with person-ating and Richards with being an anniversary, in the opera house, was accessory before and after the fact. very enjoyable. The leading pieces on a numerously signed petition, praying fancy drills by girls were also much for a light sentence in view of all the circumstances. In sentencing the prisoners, his lordship gave as his opinion that while there was some mitigation of the deputy returning officer's of the deputy returning the deputy returning of the deputy returning of the deputy returning the deputy Branton, the voter. He sentenced the latter to three months, and dismissed Richards on suspended sentence.

THE CLACHAN CASE

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the death of Mrs. A. T. Stewart, who man. died under suspicious circumstances near Clachan on Oct. 9, and whose body was afterwards exhumed, will be ing what is known as the anchor wire ternoon by Coroner Bray. At the request of the jury the stomach and other organs were sent to Toronto for analysis. On receipt of these the Attorney-General's department asked for Stratford. Mr. R. M. Ballantyne is the avidence, which was sent. foul play, which at first had been suspected, the Toronto authorities thought it would not be advisable to go to the expense of a scientific analysis of the

organs.

The decision was communicated to Coroner Bray and Crown Attorney Douglas, and the jury will be asked to give a verdict on the evidence already before them. As no cause of death was discovered the verdict will be an open one. be an open one.

SHUT OFF.

Landslides and Flood Paralyze Travel in the Northwest.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 20.-This State and all others east of it, including part of Idaho, are shut off from the coast owing to the landslides and washing out of bridges on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroads. Both systems have abandoned all their trains, and are refusing to accept coast-bound passengers. Both roads are looking for lines to carry their sidetracked freight and passengers Last night was the coldest night Montana has experienced in November for years.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 20.—Never since the white men settled this section have the rivers been known to be so high. Wm. Davidson and Martin Fellstead, of North Yakima, went out on the Yakima River to rescue two companions. All four were carried away in the rushing waters. No eastern mail has arrived for three days,

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Pleasant Reunion of Veterane at eamington.

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Geo. Geddes, Charing Cross, who was accidentally shet by his son, will lose the sight of his right eye. The Wheatley gas well is in full swing, Already they have struck enough water to supply all the place.

S. B. Morris recently shipped from

was deputy returning officer at the ing, Nov. 25; Harrington, Thursday polling booth. Branton was announced evening, Nov. 26; meetings at 7:30 p.m. in his right name by the poll clerk, Albert Whalen, arrested in St. Thom-Taylor, also a colored man, but a as on Wednesday for robbing Mrs. scrutineer said his name was Stewart, Hampton of a gold and silver watch, took the usual oath and put in his court, pleaded guilty, and was given ballot. Subsequently the facts leak- six months in the Central Prison at ed out, and the arrests were made, Toronto.

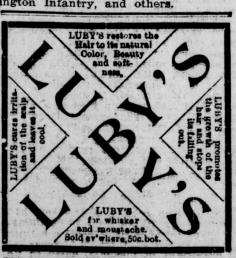
A very strong defense was put up, the programme were "The Sea Maidbut the jury found a verdict of guilty, en," by fifty ladies; "The Brownies," The judge later was asked to receive by a company of boys. A couple of

that while there was some mitigation of the deputy returning officer's offense, there was none in the case of generations of the family living. One of her sons is Mr. George Baird, an employe of the Ingersoll Packing Company. Word has been received from Balti-

more by Dr. Holmes, of Chatham, that Mr. M. Wilson, Q.C., with Mrs. Wil-son, had arrived, and were installed is a sufferer from tuberculosis of the kidneys, and will, when able, undergo of Foul Play.

Chatham, Nov. 20.—The inquest into are very anxious about the gentle-

resumed at Bothwell this (Friday) af- fence. All the rights of the patentee As the testimony of the witnesses who had been sworn did not point to the provisional board of directors, Mr. E. T. Dufton treasurer, who had been sworn did not point to and Mr. J. L. Bradshaw secretary. The reunion of the veterans of 1866, consisting of the old North Ridge Rifles, and the Leamington Infantry, who were out on duty at the tim of the Fenian invasion, took place in Leamington on Wednesday. Besides these there were several veterans of 1837 who were invited as honored guests of the men of 1866. There was a large turnout, nearly one hundred responding to the call. Mayor Capt. J. E. Johnson extended to them the freedom and hospitality of the town.
The veterans then, led by the Leamington band, marched through the principal streets, which were lined with the citizens. The line of march brought them to the Presbyterian Church, where the town had provided a sumptuous banquet for them. Dinner over, they again marched to the town hall, where patriotic addresses were made by Col. Wilkinson, Capt. Billings, an old veteran of 62 years, who was captain of the North Ridge Rifles during those stirring times; Major Fox, captain of the old Leam-ington Infantry, and others.



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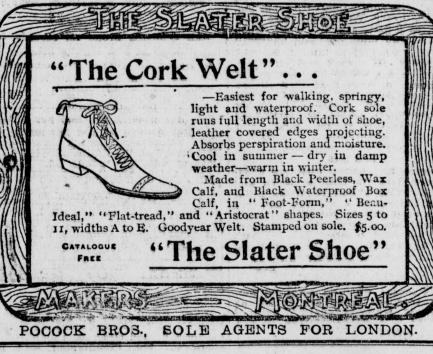


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