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#### Vera's **Love Affair**

"I fear so. But not even the knowl-"I fear so. But not even the knowl-edge that he has been able to keep back for wanting to marry Vera against her the last month's wages of that admirable Durdan has been sufficient to console him. Durdan was an excellent gardener, and how is he to be replaced

under treble his wages?" "How, indeed?" says Mr. Peyton dreamily, who was sunk into a most untimely reverie, and is apparently shamefully inattentive to the harrowing tale the younger Miss Dysart is

"You must understand that his pre-cious dahlias have just come to that ite to their future welfare. Their beauty will be marred if a second Durdan does not instantly present him- a Solomon. Griselda seems so struck

self."
"Dahlias! Water!" murmurs Peyton, so absently now that Griselda casts a sharp glance at him.
"I do believe

do believe you are dozing," she explicable, but that Mr. Peyton's next says, "regularly going to sleep. Have you forgotten where you are, and that upraised. not a single instant's unconsciousness may precipitate you into space?" She is evidently bent on regarding his pres- with her." ent position as perilous in the extreme. "And besides," resentfully, "if that," says Griselda taking fire at his you are sleepy I wish you would go home and do if there it is not for." It is the most natural this post result is the most natural this post natu

First you, then the gardener-then-

"No, first you," carefully.
"True—and the third?" 'Poor Vera. Poor darling, of course,

"Far worse; he wants to marry her to his son, whether she will, or no!" "To his son!" with every mark of extraordinary surprise. "By Jove, what lines for him!"

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"The laws of the land forbid more than one wife at a time, and Dysart, to my knowledge is as good as engaged to a girl in the north!"

The game, which decided the district than one wife at a time, and Dysart, to my knowledge is as good as engaged to a girl in the north!" "For him?"—indignantly—"for her,

you mean!"
"No, I don't. I mean for him. What an old rascal that father of his must

Just what I think. I'm glad there is one subject under the sun on which When evils are most free? Oh, then we can agree. The idea of his wanting to marry her to a man of whom we know nothing except that he is his son! "Do you mean Seaton Dysart?" asks To mask thy monstrous visage? A weighty recommendation, truly!" Peyton, as if finding difficulty in mak-

Why, whom else should I mean " "Not Seaton. Why, he is one of the best fellows going. If she marries him I sha'n't pity her. But she won't."

"You know him?"

now I never connected our seaton Dysart with your cousin."

"Our Seaton! Pray, how is it that you have so appropriated him?"

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"Why, do you mean to say you don't like Dysart?"

"Marry Vera!" It is Mr. Peyton who has grown thoughtful now, and more than that, astonished. "Just so." nodding her shapely head. "So mean of him. I call it, when he knows she can't bear him. All simply to please his father, lest he should cut him off with a dozen useless pennies."
"That isn't like Dysart," says Mr.
Peyton decidedly. "He's not that sort
of fellow a bit. If he did want to marry your sister, it would be, in my opinion because he was in love with her." This startling suggestion he throws out with an air that would not have disgraced

"But he isn't," he says calmly, "He

"Poor Vera. Poor darling, of course, she is bound to come in for her share. Griselda eagerly. She leans forward—bords, Toronto, was at last accepted by H. Kemp; coverpoint, H. Dillabow; both clubs. However, the game was forwards, O. Deacon, E. Gill, J. Cockdowith her?"

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CHAPTER XXVII.

O conspiracy Sham'st thou to show thy dangerou

Where wilt thou find a cavern dark 3 to 2. In the second half the Listowels none, conspiracy, Hide it in smiles and affability.

her. "You know him?"
"Very well, indeed."
"I think you might have said so before," says Griselda, distinctly offended."
"So I should," says he; "but somehaw I never connected our Seaton Dyshaw I never connected

Grace's, my sister, Lady Riverdale, you learn that now?"

"Oh!" She seems so struck by this "You know very well. Your interest "Oh!" She seems so struck by this revelation that she is silent for a mo- in this fellow Dysart is evidently deep-

er than you wish it to appear."

"Is that how you call him now? Why, only a moment since you alluded to him in the highest terms as your dearest friend. This fellow Dysart."

Dear me, what has he done since?"

"Never mind what he has done, though to be paying his addresses to three women all at the same time seems to me to be about as low a thing as I ever heard of any fellow. It is what you have done. Have you told him of your walks in the wood with meof—"

"This is the second time you have accused me of being in love with my cousin" interrupts Griselda with suspicious calmness. "Now, why?"

"Have I no reason to doubt you? Do you think I'm blind? The moment I said he was engaged to another girl you grew flery red, and—"

"I did not get flery red, I really wish you would choose your language better," says Griselda, now growing hot within her. "Is that all? Is that your accusation?"

[To be Continued.]

#### A STAR SHOT BY JIM BURNETT SAVED THISTLES FROM DEFEAT

In the eyes of the members of the Thistle Curling Club, Jim Burnett was the hero of the hour at the north end rink yesterday afternoon, for it was by a splendid shot by him that the club was saved from being put out of the race for the Western Ontario Colts' League trophy.

The Thistles were pitted against Ingersoll, two rinks a side, one rink beby John Purdom. When the latter completed the play for his rink, he was pleted the play for his rink, he was play six shots to the good, and when the Burnett rink was through, with the skip it was six stones down. One shot only was necessary to keep the Londoners in the match, and that was a dead draw. Burnett was equal to the occasion, for with the last stone he succeeded in placing it exactly on ment or two. Then, "Well, I can't say I congratulate Lady Riverdale on her friendship with him," the says with a friendship with him," the says with a the Thistles had won the match. The members of the club swarmed on welled until they were hoarse,

and congratulated Burnett. Griselda grows thoughtful.

"There is something—something that puzzles me," she says, looking at him hill, Ingersoll, Stratford, the Londons and the Thistles were representative as one "perplex'd in the exearnestly, as one "perplex'd in the ex-treme." "When I see him, when I am ed, and the draw was as follows: Stratwith him, I feel led away into a fancy ford vs. London, Thistles vs. Ingerthat I do like him, but afterwards, when he is gone, of course, I rememford did not have much difficulty in putting the Londons out of the contest, winning by 13 shots. The first of the Stratford rinks was altogether too much for the home players, making a score of 29 to 16, but in the second rink the Londoners did much better, tieing their opponents. St. Marys had an easy victory over Parkhill, a coincidence be ing that, as in the London-Stratford match, the first rink should have a heavy lead, while the second one should be tied. The Thistle-Ingersoll match, as already stated, was the most excit-ing of the afternoon, and was won only

Colt's League Series—
Thistles in the Finals.

Stratford. The Thistles won, Burnett's rink having a lead of five shots, and the Purdom rink a lead of eight shots. Stratford and the Thistles are playing off this morning for the trophy, which has been in the possession of Stratford

Yesterday's scores were as follows: Stratford. London. W. R. Hobkirk, A. Tune. Smith, A. Carirck, sk..16 McVean, Wilcox, McAlpine W. Couse, skip.16 E. Barbour, Preston, Davis,
Burnett, skip....11
McNee,
Tillmann,

P. Meyers.
A. Sumner,
M. J. Tait,
W. A. Edgar, sk...15 Parkhill. St. Marys. D. N. McLeod, J. Russell, O. Griffin, W. H. Tovell. Mitchell, skip... S Grieves, J. Hyland, A. Dickson, Magladery, . Stewart, skip. .. 15 H. Ellis, ski

SEMI-FINALS. St. Marys. Thistles. C. Stewart, skip...12 J. Burnett, skip...17 A. Mennie, skip...13 J. Purdom, skip...21 Majority for Thistles, 13.

FOR THE DONLEY MEDAL. The play for the Donley medal will take place at the Thistle Club rink' on Thursday between the Thistles and GAME WITH STRATFORD.

Four rinks of the Stratford Curling Club are coming tonight to play a friendly game with the Thistles at the latter's rink. The rinks will be different from those which have figured in the Colts' League matches. DETROIT GOT BUTTONS.

Detroit, Feb. 9.—Detroit curlers went over to Windsor last hight in quest of on the last shot of the skip.

On the last shot of the skip.

Over to Windsor last hight in quest of the presidents' buttons, and were sucplayed, leaving the Thistles and St. cessful, Skip Dodd's men winning by a Marys to fight it out for the final with score of 12 to 8.

#### THE DISTRICT GOES TO LISTOWEL.

The Horton-Listowel game in the Young; coverpoint, Evans; left wing, junior O. H. A. series, played at the Carrothers; center, Abram; rover, isn't the least bit in the world in love Jubilee Rink last night, was won by Listowel by a score of 6 to 4. The game was one of the fastest of

the season, and was witnessed by a home and do it there; it is not very interesting talking to people who don't world that she should not care for him, accompanied the visiting team from even know when one is here or not."

"I was only thinking. I assure you I was never more wide awake in my life," protests Peyton eagerly. "Well, go on again. This is grievance No. 2. With alacrity that savors of servility, "one must see that. There is, howright in the Jubfee Rink between the Listowel. Some delay was occasioned, owing to a dispute over the referee, the Horton management claiming an agreement had been made with the Listowel management to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between the McCormick and Westman teams, owing to a dispute over the referee, the Horton management claiming an agreement had been made with the Listowel management to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between the McCormick and Westman teams, owing to a dispute over the referee, the Horton management claiming an agreement had been made with the Listowel management to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between the McCormick and Westman teams, owing to a dispute over the referee, the Horton management claiming an agreement had been made with the Listowel management to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between to have a dispute over the referee, the Horton management claiming an agreement had been made with the Listowel management to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between to have a dispute over the referee, the Listowel management to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between to have a dispute over the referee, the Listowel management to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between the McCormicks to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between to have a dispute over the referee, the Listowel management to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between the McCormicks to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between the McCormicks to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between the McCormicks to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between the McCormicks to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between the McCormicks to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink between the McCormicks to have a Lonright in the Jubfee Rink ever, a trifling obstacle in the way of falling in love with her."

on the other hand, insisting on a non-"Is there? Really? What?" demands resident. Mr. Ed. Giroux, of the Marl-

the fence. Listowel had a decided advantage over the Hortons in the matter of weight, but the locals put up a splendid game. Very little combination marked the first half the checking has marked the first half, the checking being very close. The play was decided-ly to the advantage of the Hortons for a while, the score at one stage being 3 to 1 in their favor, and at half time were strong and fresh, scoring four goals to one for the Hortons, leaving the score at full time 6 to 4 in favor

of Listowel. The teams and officials Meyers; coverpoint, Bruce; left wing, Taylor; center, Hacking; rover, Brook;

THREE FAST ONES.

which Whit Lancaster has offered for

the senior city championship. They are Bert Thomas, Whit Thomas and

Listowel, F. Hacking. Umpires-A. Gaul and J. Tenhune.

Referee-Ed Giroux, Toronto. MCCORMICKS DEFEAT WESTMANS. A fast game of Mckey was played last night in the Jubice Rink between rover, J. McHugh; forwards, H. Roderies, A. Black and K. Casselman. McCormicks-Goal, R. W. Dodd; point,

AILSA CRAIG WINS TWO. On Friday night last Ailsa Craig defeated Forest in a one-sided game of hockey by the score of 18-1, and the

ARE NOT COMING. The Waterloos, of the Senior League, will not come here on Friday for their Instead of this game which had been arranged for, three City League games will be put on.

MEAFORD TOOK DISTRICT. Meaford, Ont., Feb. 9.—The fastest game of the season was played here tonight to decide the district champlonship of group 7, in the junior O. H. A., and ended 4 to 0, in favor of

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Montreal, Feb. 8.—The Canaddan skating championship races were held at the Victoria rink here tonight, and resulted in good, fast contests. The leading events were carried off by F. J. Robson, of Toronto. Following were the results of the championship events:

22 yards, championship of Canada, final heat—F. J. Robson, W. E. Y. M. C. A., Toronto, 1; Frank Pullen, Montreal, T. A. C. C., 2; Ernie Aird, Montreal, T. A. S. C., 3; L. C. Piper, W. E. Y. M. C. A., Toronto, 4. Time, 28 seconds.

seconds.

Half-mile, championship of Canada—F.
J. Robson, 1; Frank Pullen, 2; Gordon
Finlayson, T. A. S. C., Montreal, 3; L.
C. Piper, 4. Time, 1:39%.
One mile, championship of Canada—F.
J. Robson, 1; Z. P. St. Marie, Montreal,
2; J. A. Aird. Montreal, 3; Frank Pullen,
4. Time, 3:15.
Half-mile, backwards, championship of
Canada—Ernie Aird, 1; Maurice Pelletier,
Montignard, 2; A. Bulmer, N. E. H. C.,
3; T. Martineau, N. E. H. C., 4. Time,
1:50%.

Three miles, championship of Canada—Z. P. St. Marie, 1; Fred J. Robson, 2; J. A. Aird, 3. Time, 11:54.

FOUGHT DOG AND DIED. Philadelphia, Feb. 8. — A boxing match with his dog, a great Dahe, which he had taught to stand up and fight in human fashion, has resulted in the death of Henry A. Thorne, of

ing himself from blows aimed at him by Thorne, who wore boxing gloves in Three Londoners want the gold medal by Thorne the bouts.

the bouts.

Dixie had learned to use his paws with much ability, and as there was much strength behind the blows aimed by the animal, Thorne was compelled to do a great deal of dodging. In the fatal bout Thorne landed on the dog's head and neck more frequently, than, usual, and one of the blows was a stinger.

Maddehed by pain and aggravated, possibly by the fact that he had failed to reach his adversary with his paws, the beast plunged forward and hurled its heavy body against his hu-

hurled its heavy body against his hu-man antagonist, sending the latter to the ground. The dog landed with such force as to crush several of Thorne's ribs, broken bits of which punctured the lungs, which injuries resulted in death. TO BANQUET MIKE.

Mike Ward are going to tender him had produced the famous performer a handsome sum. a banquet on Friday evening next at

THE TURF.

Walter B. Jennings will finish the winter at the head of the list of winning owners at San Francisco. Already his horses have won \$25,000 in

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WHERE CHANCE FIGURED. Chance figures most extensively in St. Thomas, Feb. 9.-Dr. H. H. Evethe careers of the owners of great Paddy D., which has a mark of 2:17, Sarnia, Ont., Feb. 9. - Friends of race horses. Because her fourth dam to Charles Mabee, of Tillsonburg, for

and Australian sire Musket, W. S. GREATEST TROTTING SIRES. Barnes gave \$250 for a filly by Inspec- To date thirteen stallions have tor B. at a winter sale in 1900. It after- sired 100 or more standard performers, ward cost W. C. Whitney \$35,000 to the list being as 1000000, 2:18¼, 169; Red get this filly in his stable, when she became turf-famous as Endurance by Right. The owner of John Cooper, 143; Pilot Medium, 121; Simmons, 2:28, 143; Pilot Medium, 121; Simm he was forced to keep proved one of the turf stars of his day. C. Cornehl-

stakes and purses, and no other has a campaigner captured during his career | While thirteen stallions have sired 100 are credited with 100 or more standard trotters, as follows: Electioneer, 158; Onward, 135; Nutwood, 133;; Red Wilkes, 121; Alcantara, 103; Wilton,

> phonic, 9 to 2; Russel Garth, 12 to 1; Katie Powers, 10 to 1; Compass, 11 to 10; Diaphonous, 11 to 5.

Irwin, of Toronto, has the following players signed for 1904: Catchers, Toft, The youngster he tried to trade for was never heard from, but the colt he was forced to keep proved one of the turf stars of his day C Cornell. Allerton, 17 years, is the youngest the California League.



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