### **MARGUERITE'S SECRET**

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The "inclinations" of Ralph Houston

fidence.

"There, you may look upon this as the sanction of your addresses; for, of course, I suppose there will be no difficulty raised by Mrs. Helmstedt," said Colonel Houston, as he placed the letter in the hands of his son.

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"What is all that about!" inquired Nellie, who did not happen to be au fait to these transactions.

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"The formality is a bore, you mean. Well, I know you think so, and yet it must be borne"
Mr. Houston arose to leave.
"Will you not wait to see Margaret?"
"I think not now, Mrs. Helmstedt, for if she wear the sweet, pale face she wore just now, I should have some trouble to keep my gromise. Good morning, madam."

The "inclinations' of Ralph Houston were highly approved by his father, who sat down the same day and wrote to Capt. Helmstedt, asking the hand of Margaret in betrothal to his son, stating that a mere betto his son, stating that a mere betto his son, stating that a mere betto had to his son, stating that a mere betto had to have a staffy the young people for some years. A weary fortnight passed before there could arrive any answer to this letter. At last, hencever, it came. Cappain Helmstedt, with the stately politeness of his nature, acknowledged the compliment paid to his daughter; expressed the highest consideration for the suitor and his family; did not as a general thing approve of early betrothals or long engagements; thought this, however, to be an exceptional case; and concluded by referring the matter exclusively to the maiden's mother, in whose excellent judgment and maternal affection he expressed the highest confidence. Stevenson, by the gallant Croghan! Do read it," said Mrs. Helmstedt, passing

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"And here I am yet!" impatiently exclaimed Ralph, as he took the paper and sat down to assure himself of the contents. But frequently in the course of his perusal, he glanced over the edge of the sheet at Margaret, who sat absorbed in the letter she was reading—now smiling, now looking grave, and anon with "Yes, it was a brilliant action, and eyes swimming in tears.

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Lieutenant Croghan is a true hero," he said, as he finished the perusal and laid the paper aside. But his eyes were fixed on the maiden. Mrs. Helmstedt noticed this and said:

this and said:
"Margaret has a pleasant letter from Franky." Palph visibly changed color.
"Read it, my child."
"You read it, Mr. Houston; dear Franky!" exclaimed the girl, half smiling, half weeping, as she gave the letter to Ralph. Mr. Houston felt that he must peruse it. It was a frank, gav ed. ter to Ralph. Mr. Houston felt that he must peruse it. It was a frank, gay, affectionate letter, written as freely as a boy might write to his sister, yet much more warmly than any boy would be apt to write. Mr. Houston could gather nothing definite from its contents. It certainly was not the letter of a young, diffident, uncertain lover, but it might mean either an intimate, youthful 'friendship or an understood betrothal. Upon the whole, Ralph felt disheartened; but he resolved to see farther before resigning his hopes. He arose to take his leave, and declining the friendly invitation of Mrs. Helmstedt, that he should spend the night on the isle, defait to these transactions.
Colonel Houston explained.

"And Margaret will engage herself to you, Ralph, who are ten or twelve years older than she is? And Mrs. Helmstedt will sanction that engageemnt? Well, well, well, well, well, well, well, well is the matter?" asked Colonel Houston.

"This world! this world! I did not think that Margaret was so light and fickle, or that her father was so—governed by worldly motives."

"Pray tell me what you mean?" asked Ralph Houston, uneasily.

"Why, the whole county knew Margaret and my Franky were like a pair of young turtle doves. Everybody remarked it, and said they were born for each other! Shame on you, Ralph Houston, to offer to supplant your younger brother in his absence; and shame on that wanton girl and her worldly mother to allow you to do it!"

"Nellie, come, come, this will not do," said Colonel Houston.

"But I know what it means," Nellie continued impetuously "they have ould spend the night on the isle, de

parted.,

The next morning Ralph had some conversation with his father, the result of which was the consent of Colonel Houston that he should depart, as a volunteer to serve under General Browne.

The same day Mr. Houston went over to the island to apprise his friends there of £½ intended departure. Mrs. Helmstedt was not surprised or displaced.

was not surprised or displeased but on the contrary, cordially ap-proved his resolution. But Marproved his resolution. But Margaret, no adept at concealment, betrayed
so much deep and keen distress, that
Mr. Houston's lately entertained ideas
of an attachment between herself and
Frank were all shaken. And he determined, ere the day should be over, to
satisfy himself upon that point. In the
course of his visit he contrived to say,
saide to Mrs. Helmstedt:
"Pray, grant me a confidential interview of a few moments."
"Margaret, my child, go down to the
quarters and see if Uncle Ben is any better
to-day, and if he wants anything from
the house; and if he does, have it got
and sent to him. One of our gardeners
is ill, Mr. Houston. Now, how can I
serve you?" she asked, when her daughter had left the room.

"Mrs. Helmstedt, what I have to say
relates to the fair creature who has just
left us. You will place confidence in me
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left us. You will place confidence in me when I assure you that, with the exception of those few impulsive words uttered the other morning and afterward repeated to you. I have never said anything to your young daughter of the subject that lies nearest my heart; because, in fact, it is an affair belonging to the future, and I do not wish to be premature."

"You were quite right, Ralph. It is time enough three or four years hence for any one to think of addressing Margaret."

"Assuredly. But yet, as I deeply appreciate and devotedly love this young maiden, it behooves me to have some security that I am not freighting with my whole life's happiness some untenable bark in which it may go to the bottom."

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"Why old man! what is the matter?"

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"In a word, I have gathered from the conversation of my fair stepmother, and from other corroborating circumstances, that there exists a sort of Paul and Virginia affection between my younger brother Frank and Margaret Helmstedt." "Permit me to assure you that testimony and circumstances have deceived you. It is not so. Of Frank I cannot speak advisedly; but, as far as her sentiments toward him are concerned, Margaret is heart whole."

"Are you sure of this?" asked Ralph, with a deep joy lighting up his dark and "Why, old man! what is the matter?"
"Marster in heaven knows, ma'am!
but I think my mistress is dying!"
"Dying!"

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Every member of the family were now upon their feet, exclaiming and uestioning in a chaos of surprise, grief

questioning in a chaos of surprise, grief and dismay.

"Yes, ma'am, very sudount! No, sir, dere was no good come of it, as we dem knew. Yes, Marse Ralph, sir, Miss Marget is with her ma, an' very much 'stress,' said the old man, answering right and left to the storm of questions that was hailed upon him.

"Are you sure of this?" asked Ralph, earnest countenance.

"Absolutely partial." "Absolutely certain of it."

"Then, Mrs. Helmstedt, since that is so, and as I am about to depart for a long and dangerous service, will you permit me to speak to your daughter upon this subject?"

The lady hesitated.

"Understand me, if you all Helmsted the storm of questions that was hailed upon him.

"I'll tell you all I know 'bout it, Marse Colonel Houston, sir, if de ladies'll hush an' listen a minute. See, las' night letter from our marster as pleased our mistress very much. I never mistress very much. I never the storm of questions that was hailed upon him.

and a young man in a shabby uniform, like a runaway sojer, just stepping from it onto the beach. He came up while mistress stood there pale as death and pressin' her hand on her heart; and he tetched his cap sort o' half impident and half sorrowful. Mistress raised her hand for a minit as if to check him, and then she beckoned him to follow her, and went on to the house. Miss Marget looked oneasy, an' I didn't know what to make of it. More'n two hours passed, and then the young man came out, walking fast, with his head down, and passed right by without seeing us, and got into his leaky boat, and pushed off as if the old inimy was arter him.

(To be continued.)

### THE TRUSTS.

DENOUNCED BY SPEAKERS AT PAN-

Judge Hannington Declared Trusts to be Hostile to the Interests of Everyone, Pressing down and Impoverish ing the People.

London, June 21 .- At the Pan-Anglican Conference yesterday the Bishop of the Yukon described his work amthe Canadian Indians, who, he inciden

Judge Hannington, in the course of a speech opening the discussion on monopolies, said it was a subject upon which the Church should express its opinion in a decided manner. Mon opolies were prejudicial to the public interests and to the best interests of the interests and to the best interests of the Church and Christianity. Trusts were hostile to the interests of everyone, pressing down and impoverishing the people. It was wrong, morally and constitutionally, that any subject should have a monopoly or control of anything which was intended for the weil-being of the people. (Hear, hear.) He here that people who raised the price of coal or bread were as big monopolists as anyone else. The food of the poor, from mink upwards, was abominably paid for. People taiked of the thritteesmess of the poor, but the poor were robbed by everyone and exploited in every way.

Among the other speakers, who all Among the other speakers, who all condemned trusts, were several Canadians. Air. N. F. Davidson, of Toronto, thought they should get at the root principle of monopolies—selfishness. He denounced the greed of labor in America, which, he neld, was responsible for more monopolies than anything.

On Friday might, for the fourth night in succession, the vast Albert Hall was occapied by an audience of nearly 10,000 persons. The discussion was "Kace rroblems in Christendom."

### 10,000 WOMEN.

#### The Militant Suffragettes March to Hyde fark.

London, June 21.-The militant section of the Suffragettes was favored with brilliant weather for their Hyde Park demonstration to-day, which was

Park demonstration to-day, which was carried out according to programme. Ine marchers formed seven processions. Their number did not exceed 10,000, but enormous throngs watched their progress and accompanied them to Hyde rais, where thousands, probably naif of whom were women, assembled. Their number is variously estimated at anywhere between 150,000 and 200,000.

Those seriously supporting the object of the demonstration gathered closely around the various platforms, cheering the speakers, who generally gained a quiet nearing, although in one or two cases there were interruptions of the kind now familiar, such as drowning the speeches by singing music hail songs. The platform presided over by Mrs. Panknurst became the centre of trouble, which led to about 30 persons being in-"Nellie, come, come, this will not do," said Colonel Houston.

"But I know what it means," Nellie continued, impetuously, "they know you are the eldest son and heir according to our barbarous law of primogeniture, which, I thank heaven, Mr. Jefferson is about to get repealed, and they think that you will have nearly all your father's estate, while poor Franky will have little or nothing; but I'll see! All that I have any control over shall go to swell the portion of my Franky, until we shall see if he shall not be a little richer than his fortunate elder brother. Oh, the unprincipled creatures."

"Cornelia!" exclaimed Colonel Houston, severely.

Ralph's face flushed for an instant, and then, controlling himself, he answered, with his usual moderation:

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But Nellie angrily averted her head without deigning to reply. And Ralph, although he had so positively repudiated all which is the control of the demonstration became in Downing street, failed of dramatic effect, and became a confused in of roars and yells.

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#### BEATEN TO DEATH.

#### Victim of Thieves Expires In Port Arthur Hospital.

Fort William, June 21.-James Simby died in Port Arthur hospital on Satur day, and someone, as yet unknown, wil day, and someone, as yet unknown, will have to face a murder charge. Simby, together with two other Englishmen, were arrested last week, they being found sleeping in a box car. Simby had over \$200 in cash on him and he paid a small fine for the liberty of himself and two companions. About two days afterwards he was picked up at Rossport baddy battered and bruised, and in an unconscious condition. His money was also gone. was also gone.

He was brought to the Port Arthu-

hospital and grew gradually weaker, the end coming this morning. The police are looking for the two men who were arrested with him at Port Arthur.



Montreal Honors Hon, John Young Montreal, June 21.—The monument to on. John Young, the work of Philippe Hon. John Todag, the work of Frinappe Hebert, is now complete, and will short-ly be unveiled. The inscription on the monument reads: "Hon. John Young, 1811-1878.—Through whose foresight, public spirit and energy Montreal has become the national port of Canada."

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SUPREME COURT FINISHED BUSI-NESS ON SATURDAY.

Future Relations Between Order and Union Trust Company Arranged-Orphans' Home to be Abandoned -Explaining the New Rates.

Toronto, June 22.-The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters closed on Saturday at noon after havclosed on Saturday at noon after having been in session since last Tuesday. The meeting was an unusually busy one altogether, and two most important questions were disposed of on Saturday. The Orphans' Home on Foresters' Island, which was closed last October, will be abandoned. A new home on probably somewhat less of an elaborate scale will be built near Toronto, and in the meantime the children will

The interest payable by the Trust Company on loans received from the Foresters to be increased from 4 to 5 per cent. for western lands; in other cases to remain at 4 per cent., with the provise that the Executive is at liberty to refuse to make any loan that it so desires.

sires.

Before the new rates go into force
on October 1 High Court officers will
visit different subordinate courts and
explain to the members exactly how
each member will be affected by the

change. A number of special men will

nost dissatisfaction appears.
It is expected that the new rates

will mean an increase of nearly 000 a year with the mortuary fund.

\$8 a year per member.

The Order of the Grand Cross

The Order of the Grand Cross of Merit for distinguished services was conferred upon four members on Saturday. These were Henry Pratt, of London, who initiated the late Dr. Oronhyatekha; High Chief Ranger Murphy, of California; Alex. Stuart and George Mitchell, D. S. C. R.

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OUICK-CHANGE ARTIST Smart Pickpecket Eluded Pursuit

at Guelph, June 20.-Frank Jefferson, Guelph, June 20.—Frank Jefferson, the suspected pickpocket, arrested by the local police on Friday, giving his address as 234 King street, Toronto, has been sent for trial. He was positively identified by Mr. Leathorne, of Wingham, as the man he had seen on the car, and who had jostled him and put his hand in his pocket shortly before the money was missed. Of the two companions of Jefferson who were cornered in a livery stable, one escaped in a clevn a livery stable, one escaped in a clever and sensational manner.

er and sensational manner.

Running down the street he turned the corner and entered the store of Mr.

O. Henry. He asked if his wife had been in, and stated he would wait for her. Taking a seat he removed his coat and hat to get cooled off, and then, taking a cap out of his pocket and removing his glasses, he walked out with his coat over his arm, leaving his stiff hat in the store.

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He was then a different man, and neither of the pair has been seen since. The other ran through a hotel and dis-appeared in the direction of Guelph Junction

A HIDDEN FORTUNE.

Western Man's Old Oil Stock Turns Out Valuable.

Winnipeg, June 21.—Years ago F. Parlee, a steam fitter employed in the C. N. R. shops at Edmonton, bought 50 shares of Union Oil stock at twenty cents per share and almost forgot about it. The share certificates were left in the bottom of an old trunk, and were regarded simply as a reminder of a bad investment. A few days ago, however, Parlee happened to be in a broker's office in Edmonton and mentioned the fact of his having these share; casually. The broker thereupon informed him that the stock was worth \$224 per share, together with accrued dividends, which Parlee had never claimed. This meant a tidy fortune of about \$12,000 for him, and he just passed through here en route for California to claim it.

WIRELESS IN ST. PETER'S.

Pope to be Presented With Marconi Apparatus.

Apparatus.

Rome, June 21.—According to a leading clerical journal, the Pope will be presented on the occasion of his jubilee with a Marconi wireless apparatus to be installed on top of the cupola of St. Peter's. The Italo points out that such a station, to be of practical service, would require the installation of a corresponding Marconi station by Catholic bodies in other countries, which, it says, is not likely unless the Jesuits undertake the task of fitting up stations in their various houses.

Chief of the Cossacks Murdered.

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permit me to speak to you permit me to the marriage must be delayed for years, and under any circumstances, and under any circumstances shall wait your fullest concurrence; for my pearl conce secured to my affections I can wait. Nor do I wish now to bind her by any pledge myself to her, but leave her entirely free. I desire only to pledge myself to her, that I may write to her as freely and confidentially as to my settled. You can trust me to that extent. Mrs. Helmstedt?"

I mistress very much.

sitch sperrits—she, nor Miss Marget! Mrs. Merget and she mother both in sitch sperrits at the breakfas' table. After breakfas' dey went out 'long o' me in de garden, to 'rect me about transplantin' some late flowers, and we were all busy, when all of a suddent mistress give a short, low scream, and when we all looked up, 'there stood mistress as white as a lily, pressing her hand to her heart and staring straight before her. We glanced your to see what scared she; and it was a little, leaky old boat with one oar, and in the meantime the children will be cared for in other places. The present building will be sold.

It was decided to retain the connection between the order and the Union Trust Company. The changes which have been in operation with reference to the company for some time will still be carried out. These are:

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The Foresters' stock reduced by three-fifths, from \$1,000,000 to \$400,000. This to bear the regular dividend. Dominion Day Excursions. On account of Dominion Day, the Grand Trunk Railway System will issue return tickets at single fare between all stations in Canada, also to Detroit and Port Huron, Mich., Buffalo, Black Rock and Suspension Bridge, N. Y., good going June 30, July 1, returning on or before July 2, 1908. Secure tickets from any Grand Trunk ticket agent. St. Petersburg, June 20.—Gen. Kharshkoff, chief of the Cossacks, was assassinated to-day. He was killed by a rifle shot. The assassin escaped.

Rev. C. E. Jenkins, of Huntingdon, Que., has been appointed rector of St. Paul's, Wingham.