

The Silent Barrier

(BY LOUIS TRACY.)

"I must go and see the last of Millie. It will cheer me up," he said to himself.

When he entered the foyer Millie was already in the veranda, a dainty picture in furs and feathers. Somewhat to his surprise, Helen was with her. A good many people were waiting there, and he saw that the silent barrier was not so easily broken.

Millie's first action after quitting the sale a manager had been to warm out of her the full, true and particular history of the stamps, or so much of the story as was known to the hotel servants. The recital was cut short by Helen's visit, but resumed during packing operations, as Millie had enlarged her store of knowledge considerably during the process of reconciliation.

So, alive to the possibilities going far beyond a single check, even for five thousand pounds, at the last moment she sent a message to Helen.

"Come and see me off," she wrote. "It will simply paralyze the dowager brigade if we hug each other on the way."

Helen agreed. She was not sorry that her critics should be paralyzed, or stupefied, or rendered incapable in some way of inflicting further annoyance. In her present radiant mood, nearly all her troubles having taken unto themselves wings, she looked on yesterday's episode in the light of a rather far-fetched joke. Bower stood so high in her estimation that she was sure the outspoken announcement of her intentions was dictated chiefly by anger at Millie's misadventure. Perhaps she had had some thoughts of marriage; but he must seek a wife in a more exalted sphere. She felt in her heart that Spencer was only waiting a favorable opportunity to declare his love, and she did not strive to prevent it, for it was a happiness that flooded her heart at the thought.

After much secret pondering and some shy confidences entrusted to Mrs. de la Vere, she had resolved to tell him if he left the Majestic. He had been in her lovers' language—and came to her in London next month, she would have an answer ready. She persuaded herself that there was no other honorable way out of an embarrassing position. She had come to Switzerland for work, not for love-making. Spencer would probably wish to marry her forthwith, and that was not to be thought of while The Firefly's commission was only half completed. Of which modest and maidenly reasoning left wholly out of account Spencer's strenuous wooing, it is chronicled here merely to show her state of mind when she kissed Millie farewell.

It is worthy of note also that two young people who might be expected to take the liveliest interest in each other's company were steadfast in their determination to separate. Each meant to send the other back to England with the least possible delay, and both were eager to fly into each other's arms—in London! Whereat the gods may have laughed, or frowned, as the case may be, if they glanced at the horoscopes of certain mortals pent within the mountain walls of the Upper Engadine.

While Helen was still gazing after Millie's retreating carriage, Bower came from the distance, and she turned to greet him. "So you parted the best of friends?" he said quietly.

She turned away at him with shining eyes. "I cannot tell you how pleased I am that a stupid misunderstanding should be cleared away," she said.

Then I share your pleasure, though, to be candid, I was thinking that a woman's kiss has infinite gradations. I may say of Paradise or the Dead Sea.

"But she told me how grieved she was that she had behaved so foolishly, and appealed to me not to let the folly of a day break the friendship of years."

"Ah! Millie picks up some well-turned sentiments. Come out for a little stroll, and tell me all about it."

Helen hesitated. "It will soon be tea time," she said, with a self-conscious blush. She had promised Spencer to walk with him to the chateau, but her visit to Millie had intervened, and he was not on the veranda at the moment.

"We need not go far. The sun has warmed the roads for us. What do you say if we make for the village and interview Johann Kluecker's cat on the way?"

His tone was quite reassuring. To her transparent honesty of purpose it seemed better that she should discuss Millie's motive in coming to the hotel and then dismiss it forever, than to entertain the idea, she cried lightly. "I have been writing all the morning, so a breath of fresh air will be grateful."

They passed down the steps. They had not gone more than a few paces when the driver of an empty cab pulled up by his vehicle and handed Bower a telegram.

"They gave it to me at St. Moritz, Herr Bower," he said. "I took a message there for Herr Spencer, and he asked me to bring this to you, as it will reach you more quickly than if it came by the post."

Bower thanked the man and opened the envelope. It was a very long telegram, but he only glanced at it in the most cursory manner before putting it in a pocket.

At a distant corner of the road by the side of the lake, Millie turned for a last look at the hotel, and waved a hand at them. Helen waved and waved a hand at them. Helen waved and waved a hand at them.

"I almost wish now she was staying here a few days," she said wistfully. "She ought to have seen our valley in its summer greenery."

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"I fear she brought winter in her train," was Bower's comment. "But the famous cat must have been here. Here, boy," he called, calling a village urchin, "where is Johann Kluecker's house?"

The boy pointed to a track that ran close to the right bank of the tiny Inn. He explained volubly, and was rewarded with a franc.

"Do you know this path?" asked Bower. "Kluecker's chalet is near the waterfall, which should be a fine sight, owing to the melting snow."

It was Helen's favorite walk. She had preferred a more frequented route, but the group of houses described by the boy was quite near, and she could devise no excuse for keeping to the busy highway. As the path was narrow, she walked in front. The grass and flowers seemed to have been cleared away with magical rapidity from this sheltered spot. But the little chalet usually diamond-bright, was now a turbulent and foaming torrent. Care was needed not to slip. It would be no easy matter to escape without broken bones.

"Would you ever believe that a few hours' snow, followed by a hot sun, would make such a difference to a mere ribbon of water like this?" she asked, when they were passing through a narrow cleft in a wall of rock, through which the Inn roared with quite respectable fury.

"I am in a mood to believe anything," said Bower. "Do you remember our first meeting at the Embankment Hotel? Who would have imagined then that Millie, Jacques, a few miles later, would rush screaming to heaven and the multitude? Neither you nor I, I fancy, had any idea of the interval. Did she tell you the cause of her extraordinary behavior?"

"No, I did not ask her. But I scarce needed explanation. Mr. Bower, I—fear she suspected me of flirting. It was unjust, but I can well conceive that a woman who thinks her friend is robbing her of a man's affections does not wait to consider nice points of procedure."

"Surely Millie did not say that I had promised to marry her?"

"Though Helen was not prepared for this downright plunging into an embarrassing discussion, she managed to evade a direct answer. 'There was more than a suggestion of that in her words last night,' she said. 'Perhaps she thought so in all seriousness. You seem to have undervalued her today, and I am sure you must have dealt with her kindly, or she would not have acknowledged her mistake in such frank terms. There, now! That is the end of a very disagreeable episode. Shall we say no more about it?'"

Helen was flushed and hurried of speech, but she persevered bravely, hoping that Bower's tact would not desert him at this crisis. She quickened her pace a little, with the air of one who has said the last word on a difficult topic, and is anxious to forget it.

GAL-AT-STORY. He grasped her shoulder almost roughly, and drew her round till she faced him. "You are trying to escape me, Helen," he said. "That is impossible. Someone must help. Tell me what I said to Millie in the hearing of the council, and I will make it all right. I love you better than my world. I have my faults—what man has?—but I have the making of a loving you. I shall make you happy, Helen. For God's sake, do not tell me that you are already promised to another."

[To be Continued.]

MUNICIPAL POT IS BEGINNING TO BOIL

Mayor Coleridge, of Ingersoll, Will Be Urged to Run Again.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Dec. 7.—Already considerable interest is being manifested in the coming municipal election. Councilor Walter Mills has announced that he will in all probability seek re-election. Mr. Mills has served the municipality in various ways for a number of years, and feels like staying in harness.

Judging from the sentiment expressed at the banquet Thursday evening, Mayor Coleridge will no doubt be urged to be a candidate again. The mayor himself put in strong words for all his colleagues, saying that the electors would make no mistake by re-electing them.

Local Option Issue. From present indications there will be no important issue at the elections apart from the vote on local option. A vote will also be taken on change the name of the town, and the powers of the electric commission. This, however, is simply in accordance with the statute, and is not likely to involve any opposition.

Commissioner J. G. Gibson, in which the Duke of Connaught expressed his pleasure at the successful opening of Connaught Hall.

Want Factories. The necessity of greater efforts looking to industrial activity have been emphasized by a number of businessmen. The feeling exists, that while Ingersoll is a busy, hustling town, with world-wide prestige in several respects, more should be done to increase the number of industries. All the industries here are busy to capacity, and some are running extra hours to keep pace with their orders.

The hockeyists are anxiously awaiting a conference with Mr. Mason in regard to the privileges of the rink for the season. The boys are desirous of taking up training in a systematic way, but they do not feel justified in going ahead with their work until the question of securing the rink has been disposed of.

TRAVELLERS' CLUB ENTERTAINED FRIENDS

Over a Hundred Members and Guests Were in Attendance.

The board of directors of the Travellers' Club entertained the members and a large number of visitors in the clubrooms last evening. Over 100 were in attendance, and like everything else the Travellers take hold of, it was a promoted success.

The first portion of the evening was spent in cards and smoking. Progressive euchre for a prize was indulged in and was won by Mr. Tom Haygarth, after an interesting play.

The second portion was devoted to a musical program, in which Ed. Crawford, Ed. Webster, Chris. Pink and Ken. Murray took part. The vocalists are too well-known in London, to need comment. It might simply be said that their portion of the evening's entertainment was excellent. Mr. Miller, of Woodstock, a visitor, also favored with a solo in fine voice. Mr. Bert Weir accompanied.

President J. K. Spry welcomed the guests in a brief speech, and assured them that a good time was to be their portion.

A committee in charge worked faithfully to make the "At Home" a success. Col. A. E. Somerville was in charge of the smoker committee, C. H. Firth, H. W. Lind, A. H. Moran and others looked after the comfort of the guests in a most capable manner.

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WATER COMS. WILL GET FROM UNDER

Street Lighting Matter Is To Be Sent to the Hydro Electric Commission.

A MEETING IN LONDON

Prof. Angus' Bill for Inspecting Pumps Here Will Be Paid at Once by the Commissioners.

The water commissioners will pay the bill rendered by Prof. R. W. Angus, Toronto, for the inspection of the pumping machinery at the air compressors street plant. Prof. Angus, who is a brother of Mr. Harry Angus, E. B., who made the report on street lighting for Ald. Richter, will attend a special meeting of the board on Wednesday afternoon next to discuss some misunderstanding regarding the compressors.

It seems that in his inspection Mr. Angus declared that the air compressors were not up to specifications. The English firm which constructed them sent an expert here, who examined them, and found them up to specifications. A bill was rendered for the expenses of the expert, which has not been paid. In the meantime the amount due Mr. Angus was not paid.

At the board on Friday Mr. Angus asked that his account be paid, as it was long overdue. He offered to come to London and explain the situation.

"We will have to pay Mr. Angus' bill," explained Chairman Pocock. "We had better have him come to London, and we might perhaps find out something to interest us."

The other commissioners agreed with the chairman, and Prof. Angus will be present on Wednesday next.

Street Lighting. Chairman Pocock explained that the hydro-electric commission would sit in London at some time to hear the protest of the city council against charging \$20,000 for street lighting. He thought that not only the rate for 1912 should be struck, but that for 1913 should be struck.

"I am in favor of placing a light on each pole," said Mr. Pocock. "I think we had better memorialize the council to do this and let the hydro-electric commission settle the rate. It would be a good thing for the city."

"With the cut in power we might get the city lighted this way for \$30,000 a year," declared the mayor.

On motion of Commissioner Stevenson the suggestion of Chairman Pocock was adopted, namely, to have a light on every pole.

Street Watering. There is a difference of \$1,000 between the council and the water commissioners on the cost of water for street watering purposes. The aldermen claim that since a large number of streets were oiled last year, a deduction of \$1,000 should be made in the charge for water. General Manager Gaultz will take the matter up with Ald. Wright, chairman of the committee, and will report back next week.

The board agreed to furnish free water to the playgrounds at the St. George's, Chelsea, and Victoria schools for skating rinks.

General Manager Gaultz reported that the commission would have 5,000 Niagara power customers by the end of the year. The power load now registered 2,300-horsepower, bought from the hydro-electric commission.

Those present at the meeting were: Chairman Philip Pocock, Commissioners J. H. Chapman, John Marr, Dr. H. A. Stevenson, Mayor Graham, General Manager Gaultz and Secretary Ellwood.

WILLIAM TAYLOR WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY

London Township Farmer Left the County Court With Clean Character.

William Taylor, farmer, of London Township, charged with collecting \$312 belonging to Eugene W. Patrick, and converting the same to his own use, stepped from the prison's box, a free man, after his trial had lasted three hours at the county assizes on Friday afternoon. The defendant was charged with committing the alleged offense in the years of 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911. He was committed to Jail, Chittick on Aug. 20 and furnished bail, \$500 by himself, and two other sureties for \$100 each.

Changed His Opinion. Mr. E. W. Patrick, the plaintiff in the case, stated in his evidence that he did not think that the fraud was committed intentionally by the prisoner, but at the time of entering the suit he had held a different opinion. Mr. Patrick is a resident of the State of Utah, but owns a farm in London.

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A Good Character. Messrs. Martin Roberts, John and Robert Maxwell and B. M. Hobbs, resident farmers in London Township, in the vicinity of Iderton, bore testimony to the excellent character of the prisoner, and stated that he was a hard-working man. They had known him for some years, and did not think

he was the kind of man who would make fraudulent returns.

Judge Macbeth, in summing up the evidence, found no reason for a charge to be laid against Mr. Taylor, and discharged them.

A Horse Case. The suit of James Henderson vs. W. C. Crummer, of Wardsville, for \$800, was settled out of court. In this case the plaintiff is a horse breeder, living in the township of West Nisour, and sold a stallion to the defendant in April, 1910, for the above amount. The plaintiff claimed that the defendant had not paid anything toward the horse and brought on legal action accordingly. A settlement was made out of court.

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