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### JESSAMINE.

"Sleep is never sweeter than when it comes to the laboring man, nor is the shore so welcome to him who never leaves it, as it is to the mariner who has gained it by toiling through the deep mid-ocean."

Jessie made a dissenting gesture.

"Le jeu—vaut-il la chandelle?"
"Yes—if rest and ease be the chief
goods of life," was the rejoinder.
It was made gently and affection ately, but Jessie appealed to Mr. Wyl-

lys in whimsical vexation. "Wouldn't anybody know that he is a college professor? He is a merciless logician, and logic was always a bore to me. I don't know the difference between a syllogism and a sequence. Poor Euna! what a fearful trial she had in her pupil!' "You use the past tense, I observe!"
r. Wyllys remarked, turning to

Everybody, it must be confessed, was tempted to badinage in talking with

"Because my days of nominal pupil-age are over. The trial remains in full "You may say that, my dear." Mr. Kitke laid a caressing hand upon her "Your sister and I would bear

the slander from no one else." Miss Kirke said nothing, only smiled in a slow, bright way, peculiarly her own. While Jessie could not speak without action, the blood leaping to her cheek and lip as did the fire to her eye, and ready retort to her tongue, her sister sat, serene and fair, observant of every want of those about her, scraceful in hospitality, hurried in nothing, careful in all she said and did. She must have been 25 years old, Mr. Wyllys decided, but she would look young at 40, after the manner of these calm-pulsed blondes. The soft brown hair was put plainly back from her temples; her features were like her father's Greek in outline, but more delicately chiseled; her eyes were placid mirrors, not changeful depths. dress was a dun tissue that yet looked cooler than Jessie's muslin, and her lace collar was underlaid and tied in front with blue ribbon. Mr. Wyllys had an eye—and a critically correct one—for feminine attire, down to the minutest details, and he approved of hers as being in complete accordance with her age, position and style.

He noted, moreover, with surprise and approval, that there was not a touch of rusticity in the appointments of the table and the bill of fare. Oldfashioned silver, massive and shining, china that nearly equalled it in value, and cut-glass of the same date, were set out with tasteful propriety upon a damask cloth, thick, snowy, and glossy, and ironed in arabasque patterns. From the clear soup to the ice cream, syllabubs, and frosted cake, which were the dessert, each dish bespoke intelligent and elegant housewifery. Yet the only servant he saw was the lumpish girl who had admitted him. She removed and set on dishes without a blunde, decent and prim in a white apron, directed, Mr. by the mistress' eyes, unperturbed as

these seemed Crude brilliancy-mature reposethus he described the general char-acteristics of the sisters' behavior, by the time the meal was over. Both were strong, both women of intellect and culture. One was as self-contained as the other was impulsive. He had never before—and his acquaintance with the various phases of American society in all grades was extensive met the peer of either in farm house

or country parsonage.
"I should as soon have looked for rare orchids in a daisy-field," thought Mr. Wyllys, as he looked with admiration from one sister to the other. The mid-day meal passed onward to its close without a check—without any of those minor accidents that so often try the patience of the hostess, but which would have failed to excite any

change, even of the most transient character, in the demeanor of Eunice. The conversation, desultory as it was, formed a pleasant accompaniment to the dinues, and Mr. Wyllys was almost sorry when it came to an end, and the party rose from the table. cozzins went out for a walk in

the afternoon, a ramble that led them up a zig-zag path, to the summit of old Windbeam. They had climbed the longest boulder of his knobby fore-head, and sat upon it in the shadow of a low spreading cedar, smoking the cigar of contentment, and surveying at their leisure the magnificent panorama unrolled beneath them, when Orrin laid his hand upon his friend's knee, with a half-laugh that had in it a quiver of wounded affection.
"Why have you left me to find all
this out for myself, old fellow? Did

you doubt my sympathy or my discre-Roy did not turn his head, but his fingers closed strongly and lingeringly

upon his cousin's.
"I doubted neither. There was nothing I could tell you until very lately. I came to Dundee last September, to pass my vacation at the hotel in the village below. There were excellent hunting and fishing hereabouts, I had been told, and I brought letters of in-troduction to Mr. Kirke from Dr.

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Meriden and Prof. Blythe, who were his college friends. Before my return to Hamilton, I asked and obtained his permission to correspond with his younger daugater, confiding to him my ulterior motive for the request. He consented and kept my secret. Our letters were such as friends might exchange, and mine were usually read aloud to her father and sister. When I reappeared here at the beginning of our intermediate vacation ten days ago, she received me without suspicion or embarrassment. She never knew what my real feelings towards her

were until last week—the day of the accident. We were walking together when she slipped and fell. In the alarm of the moment, for she nearly fainted with the pain, and I thought the hurt far more serious than it after-wards proved to be, I spoke words that could not be misunderstood nor recalled. Not that I would recall them! They secured for me the great blessing

His voice changed here. Up to this sentence the story was a quiet recitive he might have learned by rote, and uttered at the bidding of one he felt had a right to hear it. The lack of spontaneity did not offend the auditor. He appreciated his cousin's richer and fuller nature sufficiently to understand that the most abundant springs of affection and passion lay too far below the surface to be easily forced into view. He saw, too, that the confession of his wooing and winning was made with pain; that the spirit to whose exceeding delicacy of texture and sentiment few did justice, shrank from the revelation, even to his near-est of kin. He doubted not that when the "alarm" of which Roy had spoken, cleft the sealed stone, the hidden waters leaped to the light with a power that swept reserve, humility and ex-pediency before them; that Jessie had listened to pleadings that were more fervent, to vows that were more solemn than are poured into the ear of one

in ten thousand of her sex. "Does she recognize this truth?" he speculated within himself. "Or does sne-the petted darling of an old man and an only sister-receive all this as the tribute due to her charms? and, ignorant of the depth and strength of tne love that is lavished on her, account her flippant talk, flashing eyes, and schoolgirlish arts an equitable exchange for this man's whole being

and life?' His tact was marvelous to woman-His tone took its key from that which last met his ear; slightly tremulous-purposely subdu-

ed. "Thank you for allowing me to share in your new happiness! I need not tell you how heartily I congratulate you—how fervent is my wish that your wedded life may be all sunshine. I believe the lady of your choice to be worthy of your property. worthy of you regard. I am sure she will have the best husband in the

Roy turned to his cousin, as he brought his congratulatory speech to a close, and gripped his hand hard.
"You are kind to say it. It is a step
I might well tremble to take—this asking a young girl who had lived in an atmosphere of love and indulgence, and known care only by hearsay, to share my toils, to divide with me the burden of whatever sorrow providence may send me in discipline or judg-ment; to endure my caprices, be pati-ent with my faults—be loving through and above all."

Orrin held down his head to hide a smile that with all his self-command he could not control.

"I am continually reminded when the lam continually relimited when the theme of our discourse is 'dear, de-lightful woman,' of what Willis says of his chum in his 'Slingsby Papers.' 'It is seldem one meets with a spark of genuine chivalric fire nowadays. Job lit his daily pipe with it. If another lover were to talk to me as you do, I should accuse him of rank affecta-I believe you feel all you say. Miss Kirke should be a proud and happy woman."

"She cannot abide that title, and will not permit anyone to apply it to her," said Roy, smiling. "And, indeed, it suits her as ill as it sits well upon

"Is that the elder sister? I thought she was 'Una.' That would be a fitting name for the chaste beauty. I glanced down involuntarily, for the tame lion couchant beneath her chair, when Miss Jessie spoke it." (To be Continued.)

### **JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES**

An invitation has been tendered through Messrs. Calvert and McGugan, to Premier Laurier to open the West Middlesex fall fair this year,

and he has consented. The following officers of the North Mudlesex Reform Association have been elected: President, Dr. Anderson; first vice-president, Robert Wilson, Adelaide, second vice-president, Wm. Lewis, Crediton; treasurer, S. Gillies, sen., Allsa Craig; secretary, Line (August 2018)

Dr. Gunn, Ailsa Craig.

Another of the oldest settlers of
North Dorchester. as well as one of
the oldest men in the township, died
the oldest men in the township, died on Tuesday morning in the person of Mr. Andrew Falls, of that village. He was 87 years of age, and until recently was remarkably healthy.

The annual concert of school section No. 10, Westminster, on Tuesday even-ing, May 23, under the direction of Miss F. McColl, attracted, as usual, an immense crowd. Many were disappointed in not being able to find even standing room in the building. A programme of great excellence and variety was carried out by 50 bright, well-trained pupils, in a beautiful well-trained pupils, in a beautiful and pleasing style. The sixteen little girls in the doll drill were especially charming in appearance, dress and manner, and brought forth storms of applause from the delighted audience. The sketch, "Lucy's Old Man," was admirably rendered; the Dutchman (Andy Campbell) was very funny, and none could wish for a better interpretation of the odd character. The other characters, Cicero and little Sambo, with the rich young man (Mr. Anderson) were played with the best effect possible. The pupils were ably assisted by Jessie Florence Hambly, from Boston, who was heartily encored in each of her selections: H. Ruthven McDonald, London: Peter Campbell, Belmont; William McKay, Pond Mills, and Mary Nichol, the sweet singer of the section. Rev. J. Currie, Belmont, by his genial manner as chairman,

LAKE SHORE.

added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Maggie Munro acted as accompanist. The proceeds amounted

Lake Shore, Bosanquet, May 29 .-Kettle Point did a very nice and profitable business on the 24th, considering the numerous other attractions.

The brethren held their annual tea meeting in the Gospel Hall, and wel-comed everyone to their feast without money or price.

The Methodist held their circuit tea meeting at Valley Grove, and cleared about \$53.

Tenders are now being asked for the construction of the new Presbyterian Church at Merritton

# DISPATCHES

Being Sent Out Repeatedly From Washington

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Gives Them

And Is Backed by Sir Charles Tupper -- Canada Not Cantankerous-The Railway Commission.

Ottawa, May 80 .- Yesterday in almost every Canadian newspaper appeared a dispatch from Washington reiterating the now time-worn story concerning the Alaskan boundary question, to the effect that the Canadian commissioners had had a great part in rendering nugatory the efforts of the high commissioners to arrive at an accommodation in respect of the various questions before the international tribunal. Col. Prior in the House of Commons last evening requested the first minister to indicate the truth or falsity of the evidently inspired statement from Washington, and Sir Wilfrid seized the opportunity to state that it might be possible for him before the termination of the session exactly to state the case as it now stands between the two parties to the international negotiations. In the meanwhile, Sir Wilfridstated, that without any betrayal of international agreement he might state that the reports to the effect that the Canadian commissioners had been in any way recalcitrant were absolutely untrue. Sir Wilfrid went further, and stated that he could not bring himself to believe that the United States de-partment had inspired the false reports that have been so widely diffused. The British commissioners, the first minister stated, had desired a strictly international arbitration, and the allegation that they had held out for the acquisition of the Lynn Canal and Pyramid Harbor was far from being true. As stated in this correspondence last night, the Anglo-American negotiation stand today in exactly the same position as they did in February last, when the commission adjourned.

Sir Charles Tupper expressed his satisfaction at the prime minister's capable explanation of the situation, and pointed out that so far, judging from the statement of the first minister, the rights of Canada would be excellently well looked after.

THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL. Sir Charles Tupper asked if the gov-ernment had yet considered his sug-gestion that the redistribution bill be postponed until next session. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that he had consulted his colleagues on the subject and would give an answer to-

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION. The adjourned debate on Mr. Rutherford's resolution favoring the appointment of a railway commission was taken up by Mr. Bostock, who fa-

vored the proposal.
Sir Charles Tupper spoke against the resolution, as such a commission could not be responsible to the people in the same way as the present railway committee of the privy council. Messrs. Davin, Davis, McCarthy and Oliver followed.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out that the cost of litigation before the Privy Council often rendered it impossible for the party aggrieved to obtain satisfaction, and that a commission could take up such questions as discrimination in rates or the sidetracking of towns by the railway companies. He felt that there should be here as in other countries, notably England, a railway commission to deal with this class of grievances. The double labor and difficulty of framing a law which would be effective is one requiring great care and consideration, and the government has been unable to present a bill at this session. The government had, however, redeemed its promise, and done something for the Northwest in obtaining a material reduction of freight rates. There are many other things that could be done for the consumers of the Northwest, and he would ask the mover not to press his motion, but to confide in the diligence, good-will and good intentions

of the government. Hon. Mr. Blair intimated that he had now in his possession a draft bill for the appointment of a railway commission which had been prepared by a thoroughly qualified gentleman who had done his work well, but the bill was not yet such as met with his entire approval. He desired, however, to call the attention of the house to the fact that the C. P. R. was exempt from the operation of the commission by a special provision until a certain event occurred.

MR. OGILVIE'S SKIRTS CLEAN. Sir Hibbert Tupper asked of the



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minister of the interior-and was answered-a question in respect of the connection which Mr. Wm. Ogilvle had with the British-Canadian Gold Fields Company of the Klondike, Limited. Mr. Ogilvie, who was over in England two years ago, met Messrs. Milloy and Roche, members of the imperial parliament, who were engaged in the explonation of the company. Out of sheer good-nature Mr. Ogilvie gave his acquaintance a marked map of the best locations in the Yukon district. Upon this the resourceful Messrs. Milloy and Roche proceeded to publish a highly-colored prospectus, in which Mr. Ogilvie was held up as being a sort of private adviser of the prospectors. The question that Sir Hibbert Tupper asked was as to what Mr. Ogilvie had had to do with the company. The minister of the interior stated that Mr. Ogilvie had furnished a statement of his relations with the company, and the minister then laid on the table the correspondence between Mr. Ogilvie and the manager of the company, in which he showed that there was nothing but a friendly motive in the matter. It showed beyond doubt that the commissioner of the Yukon was as far removed as possible from aiding any company which had for its object the exploration of the Yukon. Thus, by dint of wasting time, the discussion of Mr. Flint's bill to amend the Scott act by making the provinces capable to enforce prohibition was staved off.

AGAINST USURY A bill was introduced in the senate by the Hon. Mr. Dandurand to limit the rate of interest to 20 per cent per annum, and after judgment 10 per cent. He illustrated the necessity for an anti-usury law by quoting the case of a member of the press gallery of the commons who four or five years ago borrowed \$75. He could not pay, the judgment was given, and to tide himself over the difficulty he made a second note for \$700, and at present on the original debt of \$75 he owed in all \$1,896. Judge Gill, of Montreal, too, had stated that he had been compelled, under the present law, to give judgment for interest as high as 12

per cent per day. The bill was read a second time and referred to the com-

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