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Lady Marjorie's Love

They were off down the wet road in the black shadows of the rain-soaked trees, Marjorie, nestling down in her corner in the folds of the rug and the coat, gave a little luxurious shudder of comfort and warmth. It was all very dreadful, and it might be that what was coming would be worse than what was past, but she was not quite so utterly and hopelessly wretched as she had been. Decidedly, if Loftus had brought her home, he would not have taken care of her so considerately and kindly—she could scarcely imagine Loftus taking off his coat to tuck round anybody, not even Norah, and certainly he would not have been so careful to hold it and the rug snugly round her as Barrington did.

When the vehicle reached Castle Marling and stopped in a paved courtyard, which was overlooked only by the windows of still-rooms and pantries, not a word had been spoken since the Cross Beggard station had been left behind. A great yard dog clanked his chain and barked a gruff note of doubt and inquiry, but, recognizing the voice that answered, lay down again with a yawn, in a loose box in the stables a horse moved and whinnied restlessly, but no other sound was audible in or outside the Castle. A faint light glimmered in one or two of its upper windows, but that was all; if signs could be trusted, the whole of the great, gray house looming vast and vague in the darkness, was unsuspicious and asleep. The first faint streaks of coming dawn were beginning to lighten the black eastern sky as Barrington helped Marjorie down. As he set her on her feet she uttered a thought that had just struck her, filling her with consternation.

"It will be all locked up!" she said. "How shall we get in "

"Don't be alarmed about that. 'I'll manage it. I think I can contrive to slip back the hasp of the oak-parlour window with my knife. They never close the shutters, luckily—it is left to me. If I can't I must have an accident and break the window, that's all."

"Oh, don't do that if you can help it—some one might hear!" She glanced about her nervously, scanning all the windows that she could see. "It seems quiet," she said trembling. "Do you think they know?"

"I feel quite sure they don't—there would be some signs of it if they did—people would be up and about, we would see lights." He felt as much confidence as he expressed, now; the perfect repose and silence had reassured him. "You are under shelter just here," he said; "this gable protects you. Will you wait here a moment while I put the horse under cover? I can't leave the poor beast out, and once in the house safely I don't think I had better risk leaving it again. Wait here. I'll come for you as soon as I have got the window open."

Marjorie heard the sound of retreating feet and wheels, and then there came an interval of silence. Would he succeed in breaking the window, or would he have to greak it? she wondered feverishly, shivering and straining her ears. Perhaps it lasted five minutes, perhaps ten. She heard the deep, hoarse turret clock ring out in the heavy wet air, and, counting the three strokes, knew they meant that it was a quarter to three. It was not yet twelve since she had formed her desperate resolution, since she had run away. Thinking of the shock, excitement, humiliation misery that had crowded into the time, it seemed more like a week. Twelve hours ago, if she had been asked, she would have said that she was going to marry Loftus Blight. Twelve hours ago, had the question been put to her, she would have passionately declared that she wished never to see Gerard Barrington again. Now—now here he was, coming back to her, and she started forward to meet him.

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The Board of Trustees and the staff of the University regard themselves as fortunate in securing for the positions in question the services of Prof. H. T. J. Coleman, B.A., Ph.D., and Mr W E. Macpherson, B.A., L.L.B., of the staff of the Faculty of Education of the University of Toronto. These gentlemen will enter on their new duties on July 1st, next. Both are by University training and practical experience exceptionally well fitted for the work for which they have been selected.

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The One Thing Queerer

By RUTH CAMERON

THE Lady-Who-Always-Knows-Somehow and Molly were having a conference on the one subject that is always interesting to women. Molly had been shopping for a chiffon waist. She had looked in four shops without finding anything to satisfy her, and the Lady was advising her to try W's.

The Wants-to-be-Cynic had been poking the fire and listening. Finally he broke out in comment. "If that isn't just like a woman. Been to four shops and going to some more. Catch a man doing anything like that!"

"No," retorted Molly, "of course you wouldn't. What a man does is to go into a shop and buy the first suit the salesman shows him, no matter what it looks like. Sometimes it happens to look decently on him and sometimes it doesn't. Take that gray suit you hated so that you scarcely wore it; if you had ever looked around would you have bought that? Didn't you tell me it was the first thing the salesman showed you? Catch a woman being that foolish!"

"Funny how different men and women are," ruminated the Cynic, swinging gracefully into a general discussion. "There's lots of little things like that which don't seem to have any particular connection with sex that they're as different about as can be."

"Yes," agreed the Lady-Who-Always-Knows-Somehow, "queer little things, too. For instance, did you ever notice that all women want to have the window shades kept even with the middle sash and all men want to run them sky high?"

"Men can never stand hot things the way women can," put in the Author-Man's wife. "Why, my husband never will drink anything until it's just about lukewarm."

"Women never will take a chance the way men will," contributed the Man-Who-Thinks. "For instance, nine women out of ten would rather have their husbands earn a steady income, even if it were small, than take a chance for bigger things. The normal man is just the other way around."

"Well, did you ever notice the way men always draw diagrams when they try to explain anything?" said Molly. "That's something you never see a woman do. Ask any man how to get anywhere and he whips out his pencil and an enevelope and has a diagram drawn in twenty seconds. Ask ten women the same question and you wouldn't get a single diagram."

"One difference I notice particularly," said the Man-Who-Thinks, "is how much more patience women have than men and how much less ingenuity. Woman endures, man cures. Men never would have stood the inconveniences of housework as women have. Give a man and a woman a daily task to do, hampered by some inconvenience, and the man won't do it more than once before he will be studying how to get rid of the inconvenience, while the woman will probably go on enduring until doomsday."

Women are certainly queer things," said the Wants-to-be-Cynic.

"Only one thing queerer," said Molly.

Ruth Cameron

A DISASTROUS CONFLAGATION

Swept the Town of Englehart, Near Cobalt.

COBALT, May 5—The entire business section of the town of Englehart was wiped off the map early yesterday morning by a fire which ate its way through the wooden buildings and left two entire blocks bare. From the corner of Fourth Avenue and third street to Fourth street on both sides, and from the same corner north and south one block each way on the west side of the street, not a building was standing last evening to mark the busiest section of the town. It was with difficulty that the large King Edward Hotel was saved. Had it caught fire during the conflagration what little of the section of the town that was left would also be in ashes.

The loss is conservatively estimated at $125,000, with less than $50,000 insurance to cover this. In all, twenty-two buildings fell a prey to the flames, including some thirty stores. To-day the town is without a single grocery, butcher shop, bakery or drug store, and it is necessary to send out to other towns for the necessities of life.

The fire broke out at four o'clock on Sunday morning at the rear of Holditch's bakery, It is supposed that sparks from a bon fire which had burned rubbish in the rear of the building on Saturday night were blown to the frame structure by the heavy wind and ignited it.

Clarence Holditch, employed as night clerk at the T. and N. O. freight office, returned to his home about four o'clock and it was he who gave the first warning of the fire.

Flames Crossed Street.

The King Edward Hotel across the street was in great danger for some time, but just as the building seemed doomed the wind changed, and the flames leaped across Fourth Avenue to the Clark block, which was destroyed with a loss of $35,000. The Union Bank in this building was also destroyed and five other buildings towards the station were burned. The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway station was on fire several times, but a large gang of men managed to save it after a hole had been burned in the roof.

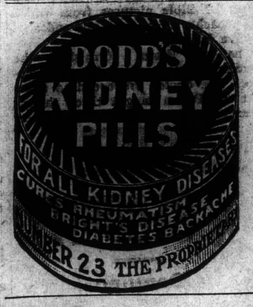
Clem Stolk, a railway employee while fighting the fire, fell thirty feet to the ground, and was badly injured.

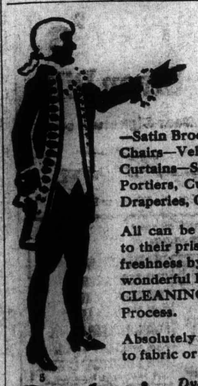
South from the Lowery block the fire took all the buildings to Fifth Avenue, including the O'Grady and Ramsay blocks and several other stores and residences. The street clearing checked the flames, although for a time it looked as if the Methodist church opposite would be destroyed.

The water supply for fire purposes, supplied by the railway gave out about an hour after the fire started, due to a break, and the town's fire engine was placed on the station platform. Several Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway engines made runs to and from the water tank and on their return the town hose would be supplied from the tender tanks of the engines. In this manner enough water supply was secured to save what little of the town is left to-day.

Preparations are now being made to open stores throughout the town as the fact that not a grocery store has been left means a serious problem while the majority of the places burned down will not be replaced. Several of the merchants have announced their intention of building modern fireproof building just as soon as the proper insurance adjustment has been made.

Edward Leashman and Peter Romain were arrested by Chief McGillivray for looting during the progress of the fire.





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