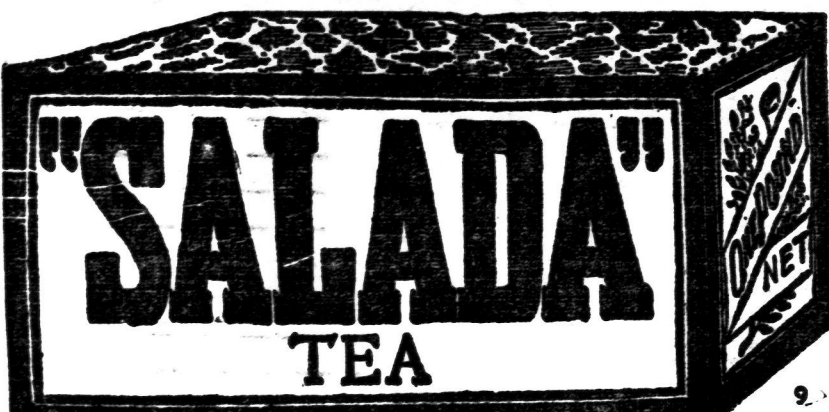


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BY PAULINE BEVERLY.

For the twentieth time I had been endeavoring to rouse her—to make her speak, if only a dozen words. My mother had been with her, vainly trying the same thing, and had come down with tears in her eyes, begging me, as she had often done before, to see what I could do. Now I had failed, and I turned away, feeling despondent. Virtue had been in the room, sewing quietly by the fire, and I went across to speak to her softly. She herself was pale and miserable-looking enough, poor girl, as well she might be, considering the unwholesome suspicion under which she lay, although for the time this present trouble had pretty well driven the stolen jewels out of everybody's head.

"Does she keep like this all the time?" I whispered.

"All the time, sir," she whispered back. "I don't think she has moved so much as a finger today."

"And she doesn't speak?"

"No, sir—not a word."

"I don't know what's to be done," I said, forlornly. "It's miserable all round. And you are in trouble, too, poor girl! I'm forgetting that."

"It doesn't matter," she answered, in her quiet way. "Don't trouble about that, Mr. Ned. It will all come right, I dare say, and at any rate you don't think I'm a thief, nor does Miss Natalie, and I don't believe Madame does really."

"I know I don't," I said, heartily. "Thank you, sir, I don't much mind as long as she believes me"—with a glance toward the bed and the motionless figure lying upon it. "You know how fond I am of her—don't you, sir?"

"I know—you always were," I returned.

"Yes, sir, always—from the first day I saw her. I was jealous of Valia then, you know—just as I am now, for that matter. And yet I don't know why it was, excepting that she was always so kind, and treated me always almost as she might have done if I had been a lady myself."

"Well, you must keep up your spirits and hope for the best, Virtue," I said, kindly—just as the rest of us have to do now, you know. It is to be hoped that this horrible mistake will soon be rectified. It is dreadful for her!"

"For Miss Natalie?" Oh, Mr. Ned!

"And Virtue dropped her voice lower yet—if it isn't soon come to an end, I believe it will kill her! I do indeed, sir."

I met the expressive look in her large light eyes, and knew that my own answer told me. I, too, lowered my voice in saying—

"Do you know, then, Virtue?"

"Yes, sir," she returned, quietly. "I know. I knew long ago that Miss Natalie loved Doctor York—before Mademoiselle Valdin came. I used to watch her—being so fond of her, you see," she added, in apologetic explanation—"and I soon found out. She used to flush up and look so bright when he came, and I have seen all the light go out of her face when he went away. Oh, I couldn't help feeling, sir, any more than you could!"

"So this strange, quick-eyed damsel had found that out, too, it seemed; and I was rather astonished at her penetration, knowing how small her opportunities for exercising it must have been."

"Look here, Virtue," I began—"Madame isn't aware of all this, you know, and—"

"I must not say anything to make her think so," she supplemented, composedly. "Oh, no, sir; I understand that, of course!" Then, dropping her voice again—"Did you notice what she is holding, Mr. Ned?"

"No, I didn't see that she was holding anything. What is it?"

"Those flowers of Doctor York's, sir—those that she sent her for the ball, you know. I picked them up after she tramped on them that time and put them into water again. They disappeared afterward, and I thought she had thrown them away; but she

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PASSING OF MENELIK OF SOLOMON'S KING

London, Jan. 13.—Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia is dead. Menelik was born in 1843 and was proclaimed emperor of Abyssinia on March 12, 1889. He was the son of Emperor Menelik II. Menelik II, emperor of Abyssinia, claimed to be a direct descendant of Solomon by the Queen of Sheba. He had a severe struggle to get his place on the throne, the famous Theodore, who was his father, was overthrown by him in 1889, having long stood in his way. Menelik came to his own in 1889, defeating the Emperor John. After a period of pro-French sympathies, he favorably received the British mission under Sir Rennell Rodd in 1898, and since that time was quite friendly with Britain. He has no direct heir.

BANK SUES FOR \$1,000,000

Case Involves Future of a New Brunswick Concern.

Fredericton, N.B., Jan. 13.—Papers in a case involving about a million dollars and the future of the Alexander Gibson Railway and Manufacturing Company, of Marystown, have been filed in the supreme court of the province of New Brunswick. The case is the result of a suit against the Gibson Company, a branch of the Bank of Montreal, for the foreclosure of a mortgage for \$400,000 and interest from November 18, 1899, over ten years, at six per cent, which, computed, amounts to about \$1,000,000. The Gibson Company says the mortgage is a forgery, and that the case is largely held by the Bank of Montreal.

BROKER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

New York, Jan. 13.—Charles Head, of the stock exchange firm of Charles Head & Co., dropped dead of apoplexy in the firm's office in the Mills building on Broadway yesterday. Mr. Head has long been a member of the stock exchange, his firm being an old-time house and one of the best known in the financial district.

After March 1 the New York board of health will require the pasteurization of all milk used in the city.

Arrangements are being made for the celebration of the anniversary of the discovery of San Francisco Bay in 1789 by Portola, and for the purpose of advertising this event there has been constructed on Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco Bay, what is probably the largest sign ever erected.

FOUR CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Two Perish on the Jamestown Exposition Grounds—Two Burned at Home.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 13.—Two children lost their lives and several others were seriously injured in a fire of unknown origin, which destroyed several small buildings on the Jamestown Exposition grounds.

The children who perished were Neva and Walter Halstead, whose father, W. H. Halstead, occupied the Baltimore city building as a residence. It was in this building that the fire started, and the children were suffocated and burned before they could be gotten out.

A KOMOKA CONCERT

Komoka Building Company and Friends Spent a Pleasant Evening.

There was a great gathering on Monday evening in the new hall recently built at Komoka, when the initial concert of the Komoka Building Company was held. Mr. J. C. Elliott, M. P. P. for West Middlesex, presided, and the attendance numbered more than 400. All were greatly delighted with the programme, which included selections by the Manchester Male Quartette of Galt, Miss Shortt, Meunier, of London; the Montclair orchestra, of Mount Brydges; Mr. Meunier, of London; and Miss Ramsay, pianist, Mount Brydges.

VALENTINE FACTORY BURNED

Largest of the Kind in the United States—450 Employees Idle.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 13.—About 450 persons are out of employment as a result of the burning of the George C. Whitney Valentine Company's factory here last night. The plant was the largest in the manufacture of valentines and fancy cards of this character in the United States. The loss is estimated by Supt. Rich today as about \$200,000, which is entirely covered by insurance. Most of the goods consumed consisted of Easter cards and novelties.

KILLED AT BRANDON.

Brandon, Man., Jan. 13.—H. A. Wickert, a young Englishman, engaged as time-keeper for the C. P. R., was instantly killed in the yards when in stepping on one track to permit an outgoing train to pass he walked in front of a rapidly moving yard engine, which mangled his body terribly.

AMONG THE CLOUDS.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 13.—Louis Paulhan broke all official and unofficial records for altitude in a Farman biplane yesterday by flying to a height of more than 5,000 feet, and descending safely after 50 minutes 6-15 seconds in the air. His exact height cannot be told, but the judge's record of Paulhan's altitude, which is still to be sanctioned, was 5,224 metres, approximately 5,000 feet. The time of descent was 7 minutes 30 seconds.

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KILLED BY POISON SENT TO HIS HOST

Paris Opera Singer Takes "Doctored" Wafers Intended for Another.

Paris, Jan. 13.—France has had her many puzzling crimes in the last three months, and those of the most recent occurrence are deeply agitating the public.

The last sensational one, which promises also to be the most famous, was the slaying by poison of Godard, a young Belgian tenor attached to the opera. His death took place in October, but that it was due to a criminal cause has only now become known.

The case closely resembles, in general outlines, the famous one in New York in which Roland B. McInnes was tried for his life several years ago.

The poison was not intended for its victim. It was sent anonymously in a small medicine chest to a Belgian family, which after the close of the season, was still lingering at its summer home in Vesinet. Godard, who was their guest, was attacked by an indigestion, and some wafers from the medicine chest supposed to contain antipyrine were given to him. He died after one hour's horrible suffering. This is what was sent to Belgium and buried, however, without the suspicion of foul play having been excited.

Two years before this tragedy Godard's host, a M. Dondoux, had received in the same mysterious way a box of bonbons which were afterward found to contain arsenic. Eight days later an anonymous letter reached him with having married, informed him that a blonde girl in the Louvre department store loved him, and suggested that he get a divorce and marry her. A month ago, some time after the death of Godard, M. Dondoux received a box of mussels, also from an anonymous source. A chemist who was consulted discovered that they had been sprinkled with arsenic.

M. Dondoux recently met in the Bois de Boulogne a blonde young woman who had formerly known him at the Louvre. To his surprise, she betrayed apprehension, tried to avoid him, and when he addressed her, brusquely denied his acquaintance. Yet, the next day a letter came to

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