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CHAPTER XX.—(Cont'd.)

Mrs. Ashford hastily composed her features.

"Only a girl stopping here," she said hurriedly, then, turning to the silent spectator, she said, "Go, my dear, I shall not want you at present, and I shall be glad to see you again, Jasper, taking her to be a servant, gave no more thought to her."

"Now what about a room?" he said impudently, as he took off his light overcoat.

"You shall have the best, sir," replied Lucy, only too eager to conciliate him. "Anything—everything we have is yours."

"Very kind of you, I'm sure," yawned Jasper. "Set about it then."

He was tired, for he had done a great deal of walking for him, who was accustomed to use his own or his friend's motor for every journey, great or small. Besides, he had some how missed Adrien despite his care, and was greatly puzzled and irritated.

"He was turning to follow Lucy, when there came a sound of footsteps, followed by another loud knock at the door, and a man's commanding voice: "Halt! Quick here with a light!"

Lucy started, and Jasper Vermont turned rather pale, for he instantly recognised the voice as that of the man he had sought so diligently all that day. But he had no desire to be discovered just then, so, seizing the frightened woman almost savagely by the arm, he whispered fiercely: "You may let him in—I know him. But if he finds out that I am here, I will tell John all to-night; remember that. Hide me somewhere where I can see you understand? Quick!"

The knocking commenced again, and under its cover, Lucy, trembling like a leaf, opened a door, the upper part of which was glazed, and which led from the small room to the kitchen. Into this ambush Mr. Vermont hurried, while Lucy ran to the other door and threw it open to admit Adrien Leroy, who staggered into the room with his dripping burden in his arms.

"I'm sorry to knock you up," he said, trying to reassure her, "but this is a very serious matter, and I must see you. Bring her in here, sir," said the good little woman, her courage and self-possession returning under the emergency. "She had better come up to the bedroom, poor lady."

Adrien carried Eveline up the narrow staircase, followed by Lucy, who had hastily produced some spirits with which to restore consciousness.

"You had better fetch a doctor, sir," she called after Adrien, as he came down again.

Leroy hesitated. He knew that Lady Merivale valued her reputation more than her life. To fetch a doctor might have the latter, but would most certainly ruin the former; for no medical man would permit her to return to London that night, and, in that case, discovery would be inevitable.

Troubled and worn with anxiety, he paced to and fro in the room behind the shop, regardless of his own dripping clothes, while Jasper, behind the little window curtain watched him



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PRACTICAL FARMING



Growing Menace of the Feed Shortage

A special lecturer on stock-raising is to be one of the crew of a better farming special, that is to tour the Province of Ontario during the next two months, and the result looked for from his lectures is apparently the prevention of the sacrifice of breeding stock, which has been taking place of late, owing to the serious shortage of food. The assistance of the district representatives is also being enlisted by the Agricultural Department, Provincial and Dominion Live Stock Departments are co-operating in the endeavor to save the breeding stock of the country so as to ensure a supply of meat and dairy animals in the future.

On the same day that the announcement of the department's decision to take the above course in an endeavor to overcome the natural results of a serious crop shortage, appeared in the Toronto papers a report of a fair enquiry from foreign buyers for Manitoba feed wheat, oats and barley, from Montreal, but, it was pointed out that "no business could be worked, owing to scarcity of ocean freight room." On the same day, also, an increase of ten cents occurred in beef cattle prices, making an advance in two days of fifty cents.

If a shortage of ocean freight room was the only thing interfering with an export business in feed grain being done, then, would it not be well to see that this shortage of freight room for this commodity be maintained until Canadian live stock men obtain a supply of absolutely necessary food for their breeding stock, at least?

An advance in price paid for heavy weight and heavy butcher steers at this time is a matter for approval of the farmers who have been sufficiently good managers to get some fattening stock into good condition under the present circumstances. An advance in cost of stockers and feeders resulted in sympathy with the upward trend of the beef market, "but the trade done in these was comparatively light." This last remark is indicative of the fact that further feeding is not being considered, in spite of the advancing prices for beef animals.

It is necessary that a certain supply of heaves be kept up for home consumption, yet in exchange conditions a heavy consumption of meat should be discouraged so that animals that have been advancing in condition at a slow rate may be carried on till better times, as cheaply as possible, and a proportion of feed saved for the breeding stock.

A sudden betterment of the present situation might be brought about by regulations preventing the slaughter of unfinished animals, which are a source of loss to the feeder on two counts and which do not return a legitimate profit to the butcher or packer.

With provisions made to ensure him a fair supply of food at a reasonable rate, the farmer will feel inclined to pay attention to the lectures of the live stock expert and as an enforced reduction of business in unfinished animals at the present crisis would result in the possession of those animals by their present owners when spring arrives, they should be satisfied to work along slowly until that time and pray for a better season in

sound of the carriage wheels had died away into the distance, then he came out of his hiding-place, his face pale, his eyes shining.

"Lucy Ashford," he said, sinking into a chair, and holding up one finger in solemn warning, "you may be asked some day to give an account of what has taken place to-night. Remember this; you know nothing, you recognise no one—till I give you leave." Discreetly, and the story of your Canterbury trip becomes the property of the whole world. I'll proclaim it through every newspaper in the world."

Trembling and crying, and too ignorant to realise the absurdity of this threat, Lucy swore to be silent; and then, to her intense relief, Mr. Vermont changed his mind as to staying the night, and announced his decision of returning to London.

CHAPTER XXI.

On the night of that fateful trip, when Leroy returned to his chambers, he found Lady Constance's letter. Already tired with the events of the day, and the struggle in the water, this proved an overwhelming blow. The thought that he had spent the day in idle dalliance, when he might have been with the woman he truly loved—might have basked in the warmth of her presence, even though she would never be his, drove him almost to madness.

Jasper Vermont, who had followed him back to town by the first train obtainable, called in at Jermyn Court, and found him pacing up and down the room more troubled and unhappy than he had ever been in the whole course of his pampered, shielded life. Vermont listened and sympathised, and stabbed fresh, with his artful accounts of Lady Constance's anger at the fancied slight. He was altogether delighted at the way in which things had turned out, though he did not know how Fortune had aided him still more at Waterloo Station.

On the following morning Leroy received a cypher note from Lady Merivale, saying that she had a word home safely, and unnoticed; with

1917, when their profits will result from abundant pasture and such grain crops as will enable them to feed at a profit next winter.

Sow Thistle.

In fighting sow thistle we must recognize that this weed spreads from both seeds and roots. We must, therefore, prevent the plant from producing seed, kill the perennial root stalk and sow absolutely clean seed grain if we are to control this terrible pest.

Various methods of attack have been advocated such as crowding out the weed by a persistent perennial, smothering the plant with tar paper, straw, manure, or by a quickly growing crop, and starving the plant by preventing it from forming green leaves. The crowding out method often fails because the thistle proves to be more persistent than the crop employed to displace it. The smothering plan succeeds on small patches, but is not practicable on large areas.

Many authorities advocate the starvation plan or summer fallow, as, by far, the best for eradicating this troublesome weed.

Plough six to eight inches deep in the autumn, if possible, but if pressure of work prevents autumn ploughing, then plough the same depth about the middle of June. After a few days, begin the use of the duck-foot cultivator crosswise of the land and repeat whenever the tiniest shoots are ready to show, until the land freezes in autumn. Where the soil is a loose loam the land may not need ploughing and the cultivator can be used from the start.

Never allow the thistle to show even a leaf above the ground and by autumn it will be killed. The cultivation must be thorough.

Treatment of Tree Wounds.

In pruning trees, if the wood exposed by the final cut is healthy and there is no trace of decay or disease, the practice now is as soon as the surface is dry to paint it with shellac, good lead paint, asphalt or tar to prevent the entrance of decay producing organisms.

Wounds treated with shellac heal the quickest, but it is not as desirable as the other materials suggested. Asphalt is the most durable when properly applied, but seems to interfere with the early stages of normal healing more than any of the others. The rapid healing of large wounds is generally of secondary importance, so asphalt is the best material to use when it can be properly applied.

Asphalt must be applied hot and some apparatus for keeping it melted is necessary, as well as a brush made of rope for applying it. A brush of bristles would be quickly destroyed by the hot asphalt.

Coal tar or good lead paint are good and probably the best for general use. If decayed matter is found in the wound it should be carefully removed with a chisel, after which an antiseptic coating should be applied.

Corrosive sublimate, one part to 1,000 parts of water, or a fairly blue solution of copper sulphate or creosote are the antiseptics generally used. After the antiseptic has dried paint the wound.

A sigh of relief, he turned his attention to his own affairs. To Jasper's supreme annoyance, he insisted on going through a pile of papers which Vermont had only meant him to sign; and to that gentleman's chagrin he actually dared to interfere in the matter of rents and leases; which proceedings, naturally, did not tend to make Jasper feel the more kindly disposed to the world in general, and Adrien Leroy in particular.

When he had taken his departure, Adrien ordered the motor, and drove down to Barminster with the intention of offering an apology for his seeming discourtesy. He found all in confusion and excitement in view of the coming ball; and, whether by accident or design, he found it impossible to get a single word with Constance alone.

(To be continued.)

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QUEER PROFESSIONS. Strange Ways in Which Some People Make a Living.

An old lady sits at the bottom of Southampton Street, London, in the early morning, while Covent Garden Market is in full swing, and notes the position of every cart that enters the precincts. She is a well-known referee. Dealers come to her and say: "Where is So-and-So?" "Have you seen What-you-may-call-him?" And she will say "Seventh" or "Fifth"—referring to the place he will be found in the row.

This old dame also takes care of the whips of carters till the return journey, and remembers the owner of each one, never mixing them. She receives a minimum of a penny for every service she does, and makes a nice living out of it.

The "knocker-up" of a Lancashire town is another worker who starts early and finishes early. He sets off from his house about five, armed with a long pole, at the end of which is a loop of strong wire. With this loop he rattles on the windows of the factory operatives, and is supposed to wait until they give a sign that they are "up." There is a system of fines for lateness in the mills, and the "knocker-up" saves the mill "hands" many a pound in the course of a year. He collects twopence a week on a Saturday from all his clients.

A Woman's Exchange in New York undertakes to supply what is called "the cheering-up-lady." Her duty is to visit lonely houses; to play cards with venerable widows and spinsters; to read, talk, and look pleasant. In the East End, London, there is actually a courtship coach established. This is not a four-wheeled vehicle, but a man who teaches the young and ardent swain how to pop the question, and advises the bashful laundry-girl how to smooth the wrinkles out of matrimonial prospects.

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