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BY IAN MACLAREN.

Author of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," etc.

Never had I met any man so methodical in his habits, so neat in his dress, so precise in manner, as my fellow-lodger. When he took his bath in the morning, I knew it was half-past seven, and when he rang for hot water that it was a quarter to eight. Until a quarter past he moved about the room in his slow, careful dressing, and then everything was quiet next door till half-past eight, when the low murmur of the Lord's Prayer concluded his devotions. Two minutes afterwards he went downstairs—if he met a servant, one could hear him say, "Good morning"—and read his newspaper—he seldom had letters—till nine, when he rang for breakfast. Twenty minutes past nine, he went upstairs and changed his coat, and he spent five minutes in the lobby selecting a pair of gloves, brushing his hat, and making a last survey for a speck of dust. One glove he put on opposite the hat stand, and the second on the doorstep, and when he touched the pavement you might have set your watch by 9:30. Once he was in the lobby at five and twenty minutes to ten, distressed and flurried.

"I cut my chin slightly when shaving," he explained, "and the wound persists in bleeding. It has an untidy appearance, and a drop of blood might fall on a letter."

The walk that morning was quite broken, and before reaching the corner he had twice examined his chin with a handkerchief, and shaken his head, as one does whose position in life was now uncertain.

"It is nothing in itself," he said afterward, with an apologetic allusion to his anxiety, and might not matter to another man. But my little misadventure—a yesterday's collar or a razor cut, or even an inky finger—would render me helpless in dealing with people. They would simply look at the weak spot, and one would lose all authority. Some of the juniors smile when I impress on them to be very careful about their dress—quiet, of course, as becomes their situation, but unobjectionable. With more responsibility they will see the necessity of such details. I will rememberr your transparent sticking plaster—a most valuable suggestion.

His name was Frederick Augustus Perkins; so ran the card he left on my table a week after I settled in the next rooms, and the problem of his calling gradually became a standing vexation. It fell under the class of conundrums, and one remembered from childhood that it is mean to be told the answer, so I could not say to Mr. Perkins—for it was characteristic of the prim little man that no properly constituted person could have said Perkins—"By the way, what is your line of things?" or any more decorous rendering of my curiosity.

Mrs. Holmes, who was a mother to Mr. Perkins and myself, as well as to two younger men of literary pursuits, and irregular habits, had a gift of charming irrelevance, and it was able to combine allusions to Mr. Perkins' orderly life and the amatory tendencies of a new cook in a mosaic of enthralling interest.

"No, Betsy Jane has had her notice and goes this day week; not that her cookin's bad, but her brothers don't know when to leave. One was 'ere no later than last night, though if he was her born brother, 'e 'ad a different father and mother, or my name ain't 'Olmes. 'Your brother, Betsy Jane,' says I, 'ought not to talk in a strange 'ouse on family affairs till 11 o'clock.'

"'E left at 'alf-past 10 punctual,' says she, lookin' as hinnocent as a child, 'for I 'eard Mr. Perkins go up to 'is room as I was lettin' Jim out.'

"'Betsy Jane,' I says, quite calm, 'where do you expeck to go to as doesn't know wot truth is?' for Mr. Perkins leaves 'is room has the 'all clock starts on 11, and 'e's in 'is bedroom at the last stroke. If she 'adn't brought in Mr. Perkins she might 'ave deceived me, gettin' old and not bein' so quick in my hearing as I was, but that settled her.

"'Alf-past," went on Mrs. Holmes, scornfully; "and 'im never varied two minutes the last ten years, except one night 'e fell asleep in 'is chair, being bad with hinfluenza.

"For a regular single gentleman as rises in the morning, and goes out, and comes in and takes 'is dinner, and goes to bed like the Medes and Persians, I've never seen 'is equal; an' it's five-and-twenty years since 'Olmes died; 'avin a bad liver through takin' gin for rheumatics; an' Lizbeth Peevey says to me, 'Take lodgers, Jemima; not that they pays for the trouble, but it 'ill keep an 'ouse.'

"Mr. Perkins' business?" It was shabby, but the temptation came as a way of escape from the flow of Mr. Holmes' autobiography. "Now that I couldn't put a name on, for why, 'e never speaks about 'is affairs; just 'Good evening, Mrs. 'Olmes; I'll take fish for breakfast tomorrow;' more than that, or another blanket on 'is bed on the 1st of November, for it's by days, not cold, 'e goes."

It was evident that I must solve the problem for myself.

Mr. Perkins could not be a city man, for in the hottest June he never wore a white waistcoat, nor had he the swelling gait of one who had made an occasional coup in the mines, and it went without saying that he did not write; a man who went to bed at 11, and whose hair made no claim to distinction. One's mind fell back on the idea of law—conveyancing seemed probable—but his face lacked sharpness, and the alternative of confidential clerk to a firm of drysalters was contradicted by an air of authority that raised observations on the weather to the level of a state document. The truth came upon me—a flash of inspiration—as I saw Mr. Perkins coming home one evening. The black frock coat and waistcoat, dark gray trousers, spotless linen, high, old-fashioned collar, and stiff stock, were a symbol, and could only mean one profession.

"By the way, Mr. Perkins," for this was all one now required to know, "are you income tax or stamps?"

"Neither, although my duty makes me familiar with every department in the civil service. I have the honor to be," and he cleared his throat with dignity, "a first-class clerk in the schedule office."

"Our work," he explained to me, "is very important, and, in fact * * * vital to the administration of affairs. The efficiency of practical government depends on the accuracy of the forms issued, and every one is composed in our office."

"No, that is a common mistake," in reply to my shallow remark; "the departments do not draw up their own forms, and, in fact, they are not fit for such work. They send us a memorandum of what their officials wish to ask, and we put it into shape.

"It requires long experience and, I may say, some * * * ability to compose a really creditable schedule, one that will bring out every point clearly and exhaustively—in fact, I have ventured to call it a science"—here Mr. Perkins allowed himself to smile—"and it might be defined schedulology.

"Yes, to see a double sheet of foolscap divided up into some twenty-four compartments, each with a question and a blank space for the answer, is pleasing to the eye, very pleasing, indeed.

"What annoys one," and Mr. Perkins became quite irritable, "is to examine a schedule after it has been filled and to discover how it has been misused—simply mangled.

To be Continued.

COMBER GRIST MILL BURNED.

Comber, May 8.—The grist mill at Stoney Point, owned by Sampel Mathers was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Nothing was saved. Loss, over $4,000. Insurance, $2,300.

HOOSIERS PASS BY HARRISON.

Indianapolis, May 8.—The Indiana Republican Convention instructed its delegation to St. Louis to vote for Wm. McKinley for President, with scarcely a show of opposition from the people who had been expected to make a bitter fight for ex-President Harrison.

MR. ANGLIN'S FUNERAL.

Toronto, May 8.—At the funeral of the late Hon. T. W. Anglin the pallbearers were Sir Oliver Mowat, Sir Frank Smith, Justice Falconbridge, Commander Law (representing the Lieutenant-Governor), Mr. Goldwin Smith, Dr. Travers (St. John, N. B.), Eugene O'Keefe, B. B. Hughes. There was a very large following of citizens. High requiem mass was celebrated at St. Michael's Cathedral by Vicar-General McCann, assisted by the greater part of the Catholic clergy of the city.

TRAFFIC AT THE SOO.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., May 8.—The annual report of the American and Canadian ship canals at this point for last year shows that the largest volume of commerce passed through in the history of the Soo. The amount of freight carried was 15,062,580 net tons, an increase of 14 per cent over 1894. The estimated value of the commodities was $159,575,129, of which 42 per cent was cereals. The amount paid for carriage was $14,238,758, an increase of over $5,000,000 over 1894, and the cost per mile per ton was 1 14-100 mills, which includes loading and unloading. A total of 877 registered craft used the canal, 522 steamers and 355 sails, having a total valuation of $42,892,800. Canadian freight was 3 3-4 per cent of the whole.

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"You advertised for a coachman, sir?" said the applicant.

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"Yes, sir."

"Have you had any experience?"

"I have been in the business for years."

"You are used to handling gasoline, then?"

"Yes, sir."

"And you understand electricity?"

"Thoroughly."

"Good. Of course you are a practical engineer, too?"

"Certainly."

"Very well. You may go round to the stables and get the motocycle ready. The mistress wishes to do a little shopping."

Mrs. Celeste Coon, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "For years I could not eat many kinds of food without producing a burning, excruciating pain in my stomach. I took Parmelee's Pills according to directions under the head of 'Dyspepsia or Indigestion.' One box entirely cured me. I can now eat anything I choose without distressing me in the least." These pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required.

Paris is to have a Salon National de la Mode, where every style of dress and everything pertaining to the dress, both of men and women, will be shown. The exhibition will be of art for art's sake.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron states: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than a half-bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

Western Ontario.

Latest Happenings in this Section of the Province.

St. Mary's Offering $1,000 for the Capture of Firebugs—The Windsor Sewage Difficulty.

Guelph's tax rate is 25 mills this year.

Tilsonburg's assessor gives the population of the town as 2,137.

McGregor's clothing store in St. Thomas was entered on Wednesday night, and $100 worth of goods stolen.

Mr. J. Richardson, egg merchant, Walkerton, a native of North Dumfries, handled about 9,000,000 eggs last season.

St. Marys council has offered $1,000 for the conviction of the party who may have set fire to the National Hotel there.

Niell McNeill, a Brantford corporation employe, was almost overpowered by gas in a manhole on Thursday, but reached the surface in time.

The customs returns for the part of Galt for the month of April were as follows: Goods imported, $15,325; duty collected, $3,809 61; free goods, $29,122; exports, $2,955.

The assessor of Kincardine reports that the total taxable property in the town amounts to $638,045, of which $7,125 is owned by non-residents. The population is exactly the same as last year.

Ira Lewis, county attorney and clerk of the peace of Goderich, was taken ill last week, and so serious was the case that Mrs. and Miss Lewis, who were in the States, were called home by telegraph.

Cornelius Vanderbilt and party passed east through St. Thomas on Wednesday on a special train on the M. C. R. The party left Windsor at 1:50 o'clock, and reached St. Thomas in two hours. The run over the east division was also made in two hours.

The man Gabriel Reeves, of Seaforth, charged with shooting with intent to wound or do grievous bodily harm, was tried at Goderich on Wednesday by Judge Masson, and after a trial of nearly four hours was found guilty and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Central Prison.

The resignation of A. W. Campbell as city engineer of St. Thomas has been accepted, and James A. Bell appointed to the position. Mr. Campbell will probably leave for Toronto to assume his duties as Ontario Government highway commissioner at once.

A meeting of the Windsor board of health was held on Wednesday night. The report of the Provincial Board on the water supply was considered, and it was decided to extend the intake pipe 250 feet further into the river, which will make it 500 feet long. It is hoped that this will settle the sewerage question, and, if it does not, further action will be taken.

A severe thunder storm visited Dresden Tuesday, during which Willis Fox nearly lost his life. A bolt of lightning knocked him down while he was at work. The boy was in an unconscious condition for over an hour, and when Drs. Wiley and Wiley arrived they found him in a precarious condition. Others who were working in the same yard were also affected by the shock. Fox has a good chance of recovery.

L. E. Schuyler, of Villa Nova, who worked the Wells-Fargo express robbery fake, was arrested by Detective Heenan in Brantford on Wednesday, charged with larceny and swindling by falsely representing that he was an assistant of Detective Heenan's. After a good photograph of him had been secured for Heenan's rogue's gallery, he was taken to Tilsonburg, arraigned before Police Magistrate Hare on the charge of larceny, pleaded guilty, and was committed to Woodstock jail to await trial.

Mr. Ed. Purvis, of the firm of Wilkinson & Purvis, butchers, Sarnia, was dressing a sheep on Tuesday at his slaughter house near town, when his hand slipped and the sharp knife penetrated his left leg above the ankle, severing an artery and letting the blood flow like water. Mr. Purvis kept his wits about him, however, and jumping into his rig, drove like mad for Sarnia, bleeding profusely all the while. He reached the butcher shop in safety and Drs. Merrison and Bentley stopped the flow and dressed the wound. Mr. Purvis is as weak as a kitten from the loss of blood, but will recover and be none the worse.

THE RAILWAYS.

Reported Changes on the G. T. R. Staff—The C. P. R.'s New Assistant Superintendent.

General Superintendent Leonard, of the C. P. R.; Thos. Williams, the new assistant superintendent; C. E. McPherson, assistant general passenger agent, and E. Tiffin, general freight agent, are making a tour of the lines west of Toronto. One of the objects of the journey is to introduce Mr. T. W. Williams, who has taken the place of Mr. W. K. Thompson, to agents along the line.

Detroit News: The resignation of Dr. Donald Maclean as surgeon-general of the Grand Trunk lines west of the Detroit River, is announced in a circular issued today. Dr. Truman W. Miller, of Chicago, surgeon of the Chicago district, has been appointed to the position and is traveling over the lines appointing local assistants. Dr. Benjamin P. Brodie, who is acting temporarily in Detroit and vicinity, it is understood, is to remain as surgeon.

Detroit News: An order has been received by D. Brown, first assistant general freight agent of the Grand Trunk, with headquarters in Detroit for a number of years, that the Detroit headquarters will be abolished and the office moved to Chicago at once. James McQueen, local manager of the Reading Dispatch and Fast Freight lines, will move into offices in the Grand Trunk depot this week. The district freight office has been moved from the Home bank building to the depot.

For the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1895, the total earnings of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company were $21,016,035, against $19,557,870 for the previous year. Operating expenses and taxes, $14,568,219; net earnings, $5,447,815; ratio of increase in gross earnings, 7.45 per cent; in operating expenses, 10.48 per cent, and in net earnings, 1.19 per cent. The surplus earnings to the credit of the income account amounts to $60,324 95.

A course of Hood's Sarsaparilla this spring may be the means of keeping you well and hearty all summer.

Hoax—Have you had much experience with clubs? Joax—I was on the police force for six years.

The Business Outlook.

Fourth of May Payments Better Than Anticipated.

But the General Situation is Characterized by Dullness.

Toronto, Ont., May 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement says: Fourth of May shipments in the Montreal drygoods and clothing trade were better than was anticipated. In some lines of trade a somewhat freer movement is reported, but still it is not such as is generally looked for at the season. In groceries the market is not an active one. Drygoods retailers in the larger centers report better sales, and some very strong sorting orders are reported by wholesalers from these points, but within interior districts business is not so good. In iron and other heavy metals there is a better inquiry in a small way, but few important transactions are to be noted. Oils, paints, etc., are in fairly good demand. For wool there is but a slack demand. Leather does not show much improved inquiry, and the market lacks firmness. Hides are dull and easy at the last decline. In dairy products butter is not realizing satisfactory prices, and cheese is dull and nominal. Call funds are a little more readily obtainable, but the rate is still firm at 5 1-2 per cent.

The business situation at Toronto reflects little change this week. There is a hopeful feeling with regard to drygoods, and hardware and the sorting-up demand in each is fairly satisfactory. Trade in groceries is quiet and without special feature. Generally speaking, payments are not quite up to the mark. The leading staples in merchandise are steady as to prices. The weather has been favorable, and a good retail trade has been transacted in the city. Owing to the fact that farmers are busy seeding, country made is quiet, and the movement of produce restricted. The heavy stocks of wheat, particularly Manitoba grades, are having a depressing effect on prices of this cereal, and the dullness of the flour trade restricts prices of the demands of millers. Coarse grains are also weak. Cheese is dull and prices low. The money market is stringent. Prime paper is discounted at 6 to 7 per cent. The speculative stocks are lower. Bank shares, firm. Failures for the week, 24; as against 34 for the same week of last year.

According to Bradstreet's retail trade throughout, Ontario has felt the favorable influence of seasonable weather during the past week. Good selling by retailers of spring goods of all kinds is reported. Sorting trade at wholesale houses is fair, but purchases are of a hand-to-mouth character. The uncertainty incident to the elections tends to prevent the sale of round amounts of goods, and to diminish the number of future contracts. Navigation is now open on the St. Lawrence, and grain is moving freely all along the Canadian water route from Port Arthur. Freight engagements at Montreal are reported to be large and prices for space are firm. Prices of grain show little change in the past week. Wheat, oats, corn and barley are slightly easier. Peas and rye are firm. On the Canadian stock exchanges values have had a declining tendency. High rates for money and difficulty in arranging loans have had an adverse effect. Money continues firm at Toronto at 5 1-2 to 6 per cent for call loans, and 6 to 7 per cent for commercial loans. In Montreal call loans are quoted at 5 to 5 1-2 per cent, and commercial discounts are quoted at 6 to 7 per cent.

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"No medicine that I took gave me any relief until I tried Doan's Kidney Pills, which my husband got at Strong's drug store. I now have no hesitation in saying that they are a perfect remedy. I have no pain in the side, the tired, worn-out feeling is gone, my rest and appetite are much improved, and I am in every way a new woman. My neighbors remark how much better I look than I did a month ago. The palpitation of the heart is gone, for which I am very thankful, and not only myself but my neighbors who saw me before I took the pills and who see me today and my remarkable improvement in health can bear testimony to the good effects of Doan's Kidney Pills."

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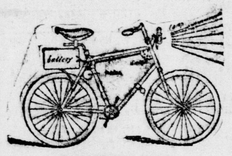

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