

# SIR WILLIAM'S

He stood upright and gazed before him into the darkness of the wood, and tried to realize all that this meant to him, to ease the throbbing of his heart; and he tried to speak calmly. and repress the joy that consumed

"I understand—not your reason for "I understand—not your reason for askins; I do not want that!—but what you want me to do. You want to marry me"—he laughed but checked himself—"as soon as possible. Right! If I could marry you to-morrow! But I am afraid it couldn't be done. I don't know, but I will see. Is that all?" He laughed again; but the laugh did not jar upon her, for she understood it. she understood it.

"You are very good to me," she said. "When you have gone I will write-and explain; will ask for your for-

giveness."
"Gone" he repeated dully.
She looked up at him with faint sur-

"Yes. You will go after—after w are married. You knew that I should ask you that? You did not think that

meant to be a burden to you."
He gazed at her as if he were hypnotized. Her eyes met his solemnly and unabashed in her innoceace and purity, and he felt as a man would feel he had surrendered his reason, his very senses, under some subtle influence too powerful to be resisted.

"I understand," he said, the solemntunderstand, he said, the solemnity of his tone answering the solemnity in her eyes. "When I am gone you will write and explain. "Yes"—he drew a long breath—"I understand. And I give you my promise. You will explain; I will wait."

There was silence for a moment or two. The soft tones of the Sonata of Schubert's floated out to them. The perfumed air of the woods stole over them; he felt as if he were in a trance, and yet he knew that the moment was real; that he was to marry Clytie for some mysterious yet sufficient reason. He did not regret, did not resent, this last exaction of hers; he might do so later, when he was away from the glamour of her presence the all-corrections in filters of sence, the all-compelling influence of her voice; but he knew that though he should feel regret and resentment, he would not refuse his consent. He was, as he had said, just her slave. He tried to pull himself together, to form some plans, to consider the details of the speedy marriags

"See now," he raid, "I will come tomorrow and tell you what I have done, what I have arranged. I understand that the—the marriage must be a sec-

She made a slight gesture of assent and he nodded.
"There won't be any difficulty. I can

arrange everything. To-morrow I will tell you; and you will be ready." He You look-all this has tired

"I am better," she said, in a low voice. "Yes, please go now. I have been trying to thank you—but I canvoice. been trying to thank you—but I cannot find any words. And yet I think
you must know that I am grateful for
your consideration. When I have explained all, when you know all, why I
have asked you to do—this, you will
forgive me. Yes, I am sure of that,"
she added almost to herself

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"There won't be any need for forgiveness," he said. "I shall keep my
promise, and I ask no questions. I
will wait, Clytle. I love you well
enough to trust you, to be sure that your reason is a sufficient one."

She held out her hand to him, and

he took it and would have drawn her to his breast; but she shrank back with something like fear in her eyes, and he released her hand and turned

swiftly away. Cirtie sank into the chair again and listened to his retreating footsteps; she still felt faint and weak, and her she still feit faint and weak, and ner eyes closed. There is always a reaction after such a strain as she had endured; she had been impelled to do what she had done, to speak as she had spoken, by the dread that if she postponed her action fate might swoop down upon her; but she was already down upon her; but she was alread; beginning to realize that she had done that which by no possibility could she, a few omnths ago have thought it possible to do; even the most advanced of "new women" would shrink from offering themselves in marriage themselves in marriage to And yet she had done this!

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Mollie came out singing.

"I refuse to turn the organ any longer. I have ordered soda and whiskey—Why, where is Mr. Doug-

"He has gone," said Clytie, in a low volce. "Come and sit down here, Mollie, I have something to tell you." She laid her hand on Mollie's arm imploringly. "You will be startled, surprised, dear," she said. "I am going to marry him."

Mollie sprang up, then threw her

arms round Clytic and hugged her, laughing half-hysterically.
"You are!" she exclaimed. "I can scarcely believe my senses. You are a dear, good, sensible girl, and I'm proud of you. When did he—propose? Just now?"

Clytie's face grew crimson; but it

was dark under the ceranda, and Mol-lie could not see the budaing blush. "No, he did not—I asked him. Oh,

Mollie knelt beside her and gripped

her tightly.

"You-Clytie! Why did you do that? What need was there for it? Why, he loves the very ground you walk on, the very air you breakle. Do you think I'm blind as well as silly, that I haven't seen what has been gaing on under my very nose? Why, he has never looked at you without looking love with You look ill, and that makes happy. I am anxious—" deling out 'I love you!' Why did he me unhappy. I am anxious—"

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She rose, resting her hand lightly on
the chair.

calling out 'I love you!' Why did he
not ask you? He has been simply
dazed with love these last two days,

## use, Clytle that he loved you. you imagine that it was because actually told me the night before he actually told me the night become last—I found him wandering around he was your social inferior that he did not speak?" Clytic drew a long breath; Mollie's words were sweet to her.

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"Be prepared for a surprise now, dear," she said. "Mr. Douglas is Sir Wilfred Carton."

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The surprise was for her, for Mollie laughed still more hysterically.

"You silly little goose!" she exclaimed breathlessly. "Do you think I didn't know that? Why, I knew it before you did. I detected him the night he arrived. I saw him prawling about the churchyard; he had been to his father's grave. He gave himself away fifty, a hundred times. Did ever any fisherman, laborer, working man, look like that? Why, even Percy, thought he did not guess the truth, realized that 'Jack Douglas' was a gentleman, and treated him as one. a gentleman, and treated him as one.

When did you discover it?"

"On the day of the storm, in the boat," said Clytie, in a low voice.

"And you cared for him before then," declared Mollie. "I saw how it was with you, dear. And now it is go-ing to be all right!" she went on joying to be all right!" she went on joy-fully. "He has owend up, told you he leves you; you are going to be married, he will come to his 'own,' and you and he will reign at dear old Bramley as Sir Wilfred and Lady Carton! Clytie, do you think the servants will be very much alarmed if I scream? Because,

if I don't, I'm afraid I shall explode! "Hush, Mollie," murmured Clytie soothingly, and stifling a sigh; for the picture Mollie had drawn was but the mockery of her happiness. "He does not know that I have discovered that he is Sir Wilfred. He must not

"Why?" demanded Mollie, with rea-

Clytie drew her hand across her brow with a gesture of weariness and doubt.

"Don't you see, dear?" she said she said. "If he knew, he—he would not marry me. Mr. Granger told me in his letme. Mr. Granger told me in his let-ter, reminding me of the date, that Sir Wilfred had already refused to marry me. Mr. Granger told me this unwillingly, but he was obliged to do so He wrote vaguely about a paper Sir Wilfred had drawn up, but which Mr., Granger had not in his possession; he said that Sir Wilfred might change his mind; but that I could not rely on that, and that the time had come when he, Mr. Granger, was compelled to tell me how matters stood. You see, Mollie, that Sir Wilfred had renounced the proposed marriage; and I know he would not change his mind. He is too proud to gain Bramley by—by con-senting to his father's plan."

"I see." said Mollie slowly and thoughtfully. "And you had to humor him, to-to speak. Clytie dear, I know how you feel about it; but I honor you for doing what you have done. Only brave woman could have done it And now tell me everything, dear. The marriage—I suppose it must take place soon?" She laughed joyfully. "How deligatful it all is! When I try to realize it my head swims!"

"Yes; the marriage must take place oon, before the twenty-third. And it must be must be a secret one She felt Mollie draw back and gaze ae

her in the darkness.
"A secret one!" repeated Mollie with amazement. "But why, Clytie?"
There was allence for a moment, and Mollie could not see the pallor of the face above her, the quivering of the

lips.
"You must not ask me that, Mollie inaudibly. dear," she said almost inaudibly.
"There—there are reasons. He is satisfied. And you shall know after—in time."
"Yery well," said Mollie, after a mo-

ment or two of thought. "Then I must be content to wait. The whole affair is so romantic, so mysterious, that it would be a pity to spoil it by an ordinary wedding. Satisfied! I should think he was! If I know him, he's half-mad with delight at getting you on any terms. I never saw, or read of, any man half as much in love read of, any man nan as much go on, as he is. And no wonder. But go on, Clytie; my soul is thirsting for inimitest details. How you can sit there as calm as a boiled egg and as cool as a cucumber, while I'm all of a tremble with exettement!"
"There is no more to tell, Mollie dear," said Clytie. "He is coming to-

"To arrange about the wedding? Oh Clytic, isn't it delicious! My fonds wildest hopes are going to be realis And they were happy ever afterway id. And I'm not forgetting myself. I've shuddered every time I though of that ridiculously heroic and quixotic of yours of surrendering Bramley and the money and going back to Camden town and genteel indigence. And now you are going to be the the large trees of Bramley! Lady Carton. How trees of Bramley! Lady Carton. How nice it sounds! And, Civite, what a splendid fellow he is. Such an absolute dear. Really, I think, if you had refused him, I should have proposed to him myself!"

Clytie winced; all unwittingly Mollie had laid her hand upon the recent wound of Clytie's maiden modesty and And they were happy ever after

wound of Clytie's maiden modesty and pride. They talked, more quietly now, for some time; but at last went up-stains. In the light Mollie noticed Clytle's - pallor and weakness, but at-

Clytle's-pallor and weakness, but attributed them to excitement, the emotion, she had passed through.

"You are looking fagged out, dear; and no wonder. But you will be all right now. Thank goodness, there will be a great strong man to look after you, and your long-suffering sister will be relieved of her burdensome task."

It was some time before she left Cly-tie; and when she had gone. Clytie sank on her knees beside the bed, her face hidden on her outstretched arms
(To be continued.)

Pony Twenty Years in Mine.

A mine pit pony called Fulmer (after the winner of the Lincolnshire handicap in 1886) has just completed 20 years' continuous service in a

South Kirby (Eng.) colliery. Fulmen was taken down the South Kirby colliery in April, 1899, and on once has he since been brought to

the surface. This remarkable pony has never had a day's illness, and never met with an accident. The animal's eyesight remains good.

## CROP AND TRADE CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION

Complete Reports Submitted On Conditions in the Various Provinces of the Dominion at Annual Meeting of the Bank of Montreal Will Be of Special Interest to Mercantile and Farming Communities.

At the Annual Meeting of the Bank of Montreal complete reports were submitted by the Superintendents of the Bank, dealing with trade and farming conditions in the various provinces of ing with trade and farming conditions in the various provinces of the Dominion. These reports cover the particular operations car-ried out in the various sections of the country and on this account become of very special interest to the mercantile and farming communities desirous of keeping in touch with the important devel-opments that are occurring throughout Canada.

We quote from the different reports as follows:

QUEBEC.

The cut of lumber during the pas season was not as large as usual.

Practically all stocks have been sold and shipped out. Prices were high. Labor conditions show improvement and a larger cut is looked for this

winter.

The demand for pulpwood from the United States was uneven, but stocks have been well disposed of and high prices are expected to be main-

The paper mills of the Province continue to working to capacity, the demand for newsprint and better qualities of print papers exceeding the

supply.

Manufacturing in nearly all lines has been generally satisfactory, al-though production is still limited by searcity of skilled labor and raw

Hay and cereal crops were average. Root crops were large, but potatoes suffered from rot. Pasturage was good, and dairy products will show an increase.

With the exception of asbestos, ther is little mining done in the Province Asbestos prices are good and ship-ments are well maintained.

The fur business has been good, and boot and shoe manufacturers find difficulty in supplying the demand.
Shipbuilding continues active, a number of large steel vessels having been launched from different

yards during the year.

The wholesale and retail trade was

most satisfactory; collections were good and failures show a decrease.

There have been no exceptional expenditures during the year by the Dominion or Provincial Governments and municipalities have limited disputationality works. bursements to necessary works. Practically no railroad construction was

There is very little speculation in real estate; values and rentals both high

conditions, both in cities General conditions, both in cities and rural districts, are good, with no apparent slackening in trade since the termination of the war. The housing problem is everywhere acute, and those dependent on a fixed income are seriously affected by the abnormal cost of all necessaries. ONTARIO.

Manufacturing in Ontario has been limited only by shortage of supplies and disturbances in labor. Government credita for goods sold to Europe have stimulated manufacturing, and demestic demands have been insistent. New industries have been insistent. started, and a number of successful manufacturing concerns in the United States have been making enquiries with the intention of locating in On-

Ontario farmers have been steadily bettering their position in recent years, installing modern equipment and improving their modes of living. The past year has been one of fair crops and high prices. A wet spring

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was followed by an exceptionally dry summer, and grain crops, with the exception of fall wheat, fell below the exception of fall wheat, fell below the average. Root crops were good; corn and tomatoes were a record yield; the season was poor for all fruit except grapes. Cheese production showed a falling off. There is a shortage of hogs; sheep raising is on the increase. The cattle situation is somewhat unsettled owing to the limited owing to settled, owing to the limited an of feed available for carrying through

the winter.

The production of lumber has been seriously reduced owing to shortage of labor. 1919 has been an excellent with heavy sales to marketing year, with heavy sales to Great Britain and the United States, and a steady domestic demand for all classes of lumber. Prices have been unusually high, there is no accumulation of stocks on hand, and not withstending the generate of least the state of the notwithstanding the scarcity of la-bor and increased costs of operat-ing, the year has been a successful

ing, the year has been a successful one. Pulp and paper have been in large and increasing demand, with soaring prices for the latter.

Mining production during the year has been curtailed. The demand for nickel fell off after the Armistice; strikes lessened the silver output. Both these situations are improving and larger production has taken place at the gold mines.

Both wholesalers and retailers re-

Both wholesalers and retailers re-port it easy to sell goods. Credits are shortened and bad debts negligi-

Larger expenditures were generally made by municipalities this year in an effort to overtake works postpon-

Population shows a general increase with a tendency to drift to urban and manufacturing centres. Values in real estate are steadily

increasing. So little building took place during the war that there is now a general shortage, particularly in dwelling houses, and in consequence there is much activity in real estate and an improvement in the building trades.

There has been a continued exten-There has been a continued extension in hydro-electric power during the past year, and works at Nipigon and Chippawa as well as at other places less important, will within the next two years add very largely to the available power for manufacturing and other purposes throughout Outpries.

Generally speaking, the year has been one of great activity throughout the Province.



LAKE BAIKAL.

Great Russian Lake is Deepest in World

Lake Balkal is the great lake of Russia in more than one sense. It is the deepest in the world, one of the largest, and besides it is, to the Russians, holy. The people, who inhabit the region of Lake Baikal firmly believe that both the lake and its roundings are endowed with superna-tural powers and inhabited by unearthly beings. All manner of weird tales mingle with their explanations of feature of the lake.

Even so simple an object as a great rock lying in the middle of a river just where it flows from Lake Baikal takes on a mysterious significance. If this stone were to slip from place, they say, the whole of Lake Baikal would pour out of its basin and flood the river and probably the continent. Yet, even without native interpreta-tion, many things are strange about the great Russian lake. One of Baikal's phenomena is a species of fish that inhabits the deepest part. These fish have been seen by few persons for as soon as they are lifted out of their accustomed atmosphere of high

pressure they explode.

Lake Baikal has played an important part in Russian affairs. It lies directly in the way across the continent, and before the railway was built around the southern end of the lake it had to be crossed by Siberian travel-lers going either east or west.

In summers teamers carried freight and passengers, but in winter, when the lake was ice-bound, traffic depended on the slow work of an icebreaker a steel ship that could cut ice four feet thick—and when the ice became too thick for the breaker sledges made the forty-mile trip over the ice. During the Russo-Japanese War,

when troops had to be rushed from one end of the empire to the other, Lake aBikal was a great obstacle to speed until engineers laid tracks across the ice sheet and ran trains across it.-Arkansas Gazette.

SOME VOICE!

"Professor Screech has a wonderfully natural voice."
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### THE NERVOUS SCHOOL CHILD

Needs Rich, Red Blood to Regain Health and Strength.

Many children start school in ex-Many children start school in ex-cellent health, but after a short time home work, examinations, hurried meals and crowded school rooms cause their blood to become weak cause their blood to become weak and thin, their nerves over wrought, and their color and spirits lost. It is a great mistake to let matters drift when boys and girls show symptoms of nervousness or weak blood. They are almost sure to fall victims of St. Vitus dance, or drift into debility that leads to other troubles. Regular meals, out-door exercise and plenty of sleep are necessary to combat the nervous wear of school life. But it more important that parents should pay strict attention to the school child's blood supply. Keep this rich and red by giving Dr. Willams' Plink Pills according to directions, and the boy or girl will be sturdy and fit for school. The value of Dr. Williams' Pilk Pills and the boy or girl will be sturdy and fit for school. The value of Dr. Williams' Pilk Pills and the parents. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in cases of this kind is shown by the statement of Mrs. Pearl G. Harrington, Kingston, O. 4, who says: "I have often felt that I should write you and let felt that I should write you and let you know 'what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, did for me. At the age of thirteen I was afflicted with St. Vitus dance. The trouble became so severe that I had to be taken from school. I was given medical treatment, but it did not help me, in fact I was steadily growing worse. Then a friend advised my mother to give me Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which she did, with the happlest results, as me Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which she did, with the happiest results, as the pills completely cured me, and I was again able to take up my studies and attend school. Again about three years ago I was attacked with nervous prostration and once more took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after using five boxes was fully restored. I can-not praise these pills too highly as I believe they will cure any case of St. Vitus dance, or restore anyone who

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Worth Knowing.

Perhaps no vegetable is more abus-Perhaps no vegetable is more abused by the carcless or ignorant cook than the homely but particularly wholesome onion. The oil and rank flavor which are objectionable to many palates and stomachs may be dissipated by soaking an hour or so in warm water, wipe dry and put on to cook in boiling salted water. Salt tends to preserve the peculiar flavor which is the onion's life, and no amount of after salting can restore it.

Beets are juicer and of finer fla-vor when baked, and though a lengthy process, the result warrants the ex-penditure of time. When preparing beets for cooking, care should to taken that the little rootlets are not out off, or the juices will escape and both color and wholesomeness be sacrific-

All concentrated vegetable foods require thorough and prolonged cooking. This class includes dried beans, peas and lentils, and the various grain foods. All of which, and for the same reasons, should like tubers, be put on to cook in boiling unsalted water.

The food value of the potato depends The food value of the potato depends almost entirely upon how it is cooked. From a dietis standpoint, it should always be cooked in its jacket, for the most nutritious portion together with one of its valuable saits lies just beneath the skin of the potato. When desirable to save in some other way. neath the skin of the potato. When desirable to serve in some other way, peel very thin, using a sharp knife. Seak old potatoes at least one hour in cold water before cooking. Prepare new potatoes just in time to put over the fire. In either case, the water must be boiling at the moment the po-tatoes are dropped into it, otherwise, instead of the cellulose becoming softened, the fibre will be toughened and water soaked. Roasted potatees are more nutritious and more easily digested than boiled ones

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