

The Rector's Daughter

As if a veil had been torn from before the past, Lorie saw it all. Those long conferences between her poor dead father and Seymour; the agony of mind the old man had endured under the torture which Seymour had in cold blood administered; she saw it all, every meal of the net he had woven round her was revealed to her.

With a cry of utter loathing she snatched her arm from his, and shrank away from him, and clung to the earl, who put his arm round her and murmured grave and tender words of pity and sympathy.

"The mine was the Wheel Rose, my lord," went on Leverick, "and it broke, but Mr. Melford had sold at the very last moment—though he lost most of his money, but it was money well spent he thought, little thinking that the mine would turn out all right after all. It did turn out right, my lord, but the now came too sudden for the poor old gentleman, my lord's father, and it killed him."

Lorie covered her face with her hands.

"And it left my young lady entirely in that man's hands. That's the whole story, my lord. That's the hold he's got a hold on her—but I've found her out. I killed Gipsy, my lord, but I've saved my dear young lady from that villain, and—"

He stopped suddenly, and turned round with a look of warning, and Guy hurried up to him and caught him as he staggered forward in the chair.

In the confusion that ensued no one had thought of Seymour Melford. Every body's mind had been centered upon the principal personage in that strange story—Lorie herself.

Still with the earl's arm round her she hid her face on his breast and sobbed quietly, and Seymour Melford stood with folded arms looking at her with a look upon his face that was awful in its intense despair and impotent fury.

At last he started and took a step toward her, and moistened his lips.

"Lorie," he said, hoarsely, "Lorie, with a shudder running through her weak frame, Lorie raised her head and turning looked him full in the face.

He met the look of horror and loathing for a moment, then his head fell upon his breast, and he turned and moved toward the door.

Here, however, he paused, as if his evil spirit were making one last effort, and glaring at Guy said:

"Lorde Rendale, you and I have still to settle accounts. You think you have won."

Diana rose and laid her hand upon his arm and stopped him; then she looked round with a scornful smile upon her white face.

"Won, won," she said, mockingly, "won what? My dear Lorde Rendale, I congratulate my brother upon his escape from the toils of your dear Miss Lorie, and congratulate Lord Guy upon having at last gained his beloved pauper to console him for his loss."

"And with a scornful laugh she put her arm within Seymour Melford's and led him from the room. And as they passed out it seemed as if a load almost too great for endurance had been removed from the breasts of those who stood and listened.

Suddenly Lady Collop's funeral voice broke the silence, exclaiming:

"The way of transgressors is hard."

It was probably the most sensible remark she had ever made.

CHAPTER XXII.

Three days have elapsed since the departure of Diana and Seymour Melford, and Lorie is still at Farnham Hall, although the Lathams have gone to the court, and Lady Collop has returned to London to her "dooties," Lorie had offered to go with her, but Lady Farnham would not let her, and she came to stay upon her staying on at the Hall, as usual, for the present.

"I should have thought you would have been only too glad to get rid of all of us, especially seeing the trouble we have given you," Lorie had remarked, but the old lady had laughed and shaken her head.

"Trouble, my dear! Nonsense! I have enjoyed it! One doesn't get such a sensation as the Melfords more than once in a lifetime, and when I think I have had some slight share in liberating you from that horrible young man, I feel as if I had been capable of a heroic action—which I never was nor shall be. No, if you are not tired of a tiresome old woman, stay on with me, I want to see the roses on your cheeks again; I think there is a faint sign of them this morning."

Besides, I have a little surprise prepared for you, my dear, I don't tell you what it is; you must wait."

What is not to wait long, for, when she comes into the drawing room to five o'clock tea, two persons, who are sitting beside Lady Farnham, rise and come to ward her, and with a cry of joy and welcome, she sees that they are Jack and Greta.

"And it's really you!" exclaims Lorie, giving Greta another loving bug, "This was her surprise, then! Oh, Greta, she is the dearest, sweetest old lady! How well you are looking! And Jack, too! I wonder the army could spare you, Jack—"

"That's right, chaff away!" he says, smiling. "I'm your son, I think I have missed your chaff as much as anything."

"Jack," says Greta, significantly, "as Lady Farnham said you were to make yourself at home, the best thing you can do is to go and get ready for dinner."

"All right," he says, cheerfully, "a nod's as good as a wink to a blind horse—better, in fact. I see you want to get rid of me. Give me another kiss, Lorie, and—cheer up!" and, bestowing half a shake and half an embrace upon her, he goes out.

The two girls sit with arms enfolded, in close converse, until the dressing bell rings.

It is a very pleasant evening at the Hall, for Jack is in the best of spirits, and Lady Farnham, who loves youth, laughs at his jokes and his descriptions of bar rack life, and even Lorie wakes up now and again from her assest preoccupation and smiles.

"Just before they are parting for the night, Lady Farnham says in the most casual way:

"Oh, I ought to tell you, my dears, that we are all going over to the Court to spend the afternoon and dine."

Lorie starts and flushes painfully.

"Not me—dear Lady Farnham!" she falters.

"Yes, me and all," says the old lady, smiling. My dear, I am your guardian in the absence of Lady Collop, and the least you can do, in gratitude for not being compelled to read tracts and missionary reports, is to be obedient. Besides, I want you to see the Court before—"

She finishes the sentence with a sigh, but they know she means, "before it passes from the Lathams forever."

It is as bright as a summer's day as the carriage drives up the grand old avenue of elms leading to the court, and as they near the entrance, Lorie, who has said but little during the drive, falls into perfect silence. Presently Lady Farnham looks up and directs their attention to the immense pile glistening in the sunlight.

"There is the Court, my dears! Isn't it a lovely place? For centuries the Lathams have lived and died under its roof, and now it will know them no more!"

"Poor old Guy!" says Jack, gravely, "anything he does? Isn't there anybody who could save him? Sir Christopher, now—he's a wonderfully clever fellow and up to everything—couldn't he do anything? By the way, Lorie, I told him six days ago, and he began talking about our affairs, but I told him he might as well talk to a gate-post, for I shouldn't understand him a bit better, and he went off rather angry, saying that he'd see the girls. I don't know what it's all about, but it's something to do with the poor old governor's money matters."

The carriage stops at the great stone steps, and Guy comes down to receive them, and Jack's hand is grasped in his with a fervent clasp.

Then he lingers behind the folds Lorie, and while she flushes for a moment, then grows pale, and says, "Welcome to the Court, dear Lorie," he says, in a low voice, "I am glad you have come! I was afraid—"

"My Farnham made me," she answers, in an equally low voice.

By this time they had reached the drawing-room. The earl stands ready to receive them, and shakes hands with each of them, and then he draws a little nearer to him, and raising her hand, presses it with a gentle courtesious to his lips.

"Welcome to the Court, dear Lorie," he says, in a low voice, "I am glad you have come! I was afraid—"

For Absolute Purity

CEYLON NATURAL GREEN TEA IS SUPERIOR TO THE FINEST JAPAN TEA GROWN.

Lead packets only. 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c and 60c per lb.

AT ALL GROCERS.

HIGHEST AWARD ST. LOUIS, 1904.

LAWYERS' COMBINE.

COUNSEL IN TACK CASE CRITICIZE LEGAL ORGANIZATION.

It Might Be Abolished, and Anyone Allowed to Practise Law, Suggests Crown Attorney Curry—More About the Pooling in Tack Association.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Yesterday's investigation into the tack pooling method was again briefly continued to the reading of extracts from the minutes to show how the association carried on its business. In the course of the proceedings there were some arguments between Mr. W. N. Tilley, the defendant's counsel, and the Crown Attorney, and in one of these little debates there was a snooty but at the same time candid criticism of the lawyers' combine.

"Our fees have been the same for forty years," said Crown Attorney Curry.

"Our combine was put on such a solid basis that it has not been necessary to revise them," returned Mr. Tilley.

"In my opinion it would do no harm to abolish it altogether, and let anyone practice law who wished," was Mr. Curry's rejoinder.

Magistrate chimed in with the remark that he would make it a criminal offence to report decisions.

In the course of the afternoon the pooling system adopted by the association was explained. It appeared that all the members of the association were limited to a certain output, according to the capacity of their factories, and if any one of them exceeded the amount the firm had to pay 15 per cent. to the pool on the additional output. This if the limit of one firm's output was \$5,000 and he exceeded it and went up to \$6,000, he would have to pay the percentage on the extra \$1,000.

Crown Attorney Curry said that sometimes a man would get as much as \$600 a month out of the pool, and often \$300. The pool did away with the necessity of a man striving after business. The prices were fixed according to arrangement; the discounts were fixed, as were also the standards, so that everyone was manufacturing practically the same thing.

"Two commercial travellers coming into the same town would not be fighting very much," commented his Worship.

Mr. Curry said that in a sense they could divide up the territory and one go to one place and one to another.

"I know of no business where there is such keen competition as with tacks," suggested Mr. Tilley.

Mr. Curry read a letter which he claimed showed there was no competition between members of the association.

And if there was and one got a little ahead, then he had to pay back under the pooling system," said his Worship.

In the course of further investigation Colonel Deason remarked that in this combine there did not seem to be the same tyranny and oppression as in some of the combines.

At the morning sitting the pooling system was also under discussion. Mr. Tilley arguing that the association did not enhance prices.

Mr. Tilley contended that there was no compulsion in connection with the tack pooling, and that dealers could buy from other manufacturers if they so chose.

The case stands adjourned until Friday morning.

REVENUE FROM ASYLUMS.

Large Increase in Receipts From the Paying Patients.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The revenue from paying patients at the Provincial asylums for the four months ending December 31 was \$66,712.31, compared with \$36,786.08 for the corresponding period of 1904, an increase of \$29,926.23. The largest increase for any month was \$11,113.13 in December. During the four months the department collected arrears totalling \$29,685.67, which amount is included in the revenue previously mentioned.

The increase is largely due to the systematic plan of making collections from relatives, able to afford it, of patients who have agreed to pay for their maintenance, and from trustees or guarantors of patients who have property or incomes.

A trustworthy, senior inspector of asylums, has charge of this branch of the work.

LADY PARKER ROBBED.

Sir Gilbert's Wife Loses Some Valuable Jewellery.

London, Jan. 3.—Lady Parker, while at Carlton Hotel during alterations to her town residence, Carlton House terrace, was robbed of valuable jewellery. She was writing in her private room at the hotel, when a man appeared in the room, and, apologizing for entering the wrong room, withdrew. Lady Parker discovered the robbery on going to her bedroom.

Australia Awaits Result.

London, Jan. 3.—A Sydney telegram says the result of the general election in Great Britain is anxiously awaited in Australia, because it will determine whether England is to come within the scope of a preferential policy to be framed by the Federal Parliament at the next session.

Dr. S. P. Robins Retires.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Dr. S. P. Robins, who since 1883 has been Principal of McGill Normal School, Montreal, tendered his resignation to-day. He is one of the oldest active educationists in the Province, having been born in 1833, and being first connected with McGill Normal School as teacher in 1857. Advanced age caused his retirement.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.

Hitching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

SHARKS ALL AROUND.

TRAGIC EXPERIENCE OF THREE FRENCH SAILORS.

Clinging to the Keel of their Capsize Boat, Sharks Drew One Under, the Second Went Mad, and the Third Barely Escaped.

Paris, Jan. 3.—A French destroyer has brought into Bizerta the sole survivor of the steamer *Albula*, which foundered off Cape Bon. The crew of eighteen left the sinking vessel in a dingy and lifeboat, but the former was immediately swamped, and the lifeboat soon capsized, only three men escaping by clinging to the upturned keel.

One of the men had been wounded, and was bleeding freely. The blood attracted a number of sharks and he was soon dragged under. The two survivors, Erikson and Liset, clambered on to the lifeboat and during three days subsisted on a single biscuit.

They were surrounded by sharks the whole time, and eventually Erikson went mad and tried to kill Liset, who was obliged to knock him down and drop him into the sea. Liset finally risked the sharks and swam ashore.

SETTLE OLD DISPUTE.

GREAT LAKES FISHERIES QUESTION MAY END.

Secretary Root Expects to Reach an Agreement With Great Britain by Which United States Will Buy Out Canadian Sealers.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3.—A Washington dispatch to the *Chicago Tribune* says Secretary Root is about to settle the great lakes fisheries question with Great Britain, and practically all the other controversies existing with Canada, save that of reciprocity.

An agreement will be made shortly, it is expected, by which the United States will buy out all the Canadian sealers, and agree to pay the British Government annually a small per cent. of the value of the fish.

With this agreement will terminate the dispute which about fifteen years ago brought the United States and Great Britain to the verge of war.

As soon as this matter is disposed of, Secretary Root and British Ambassador Dunn will take up the question of the revision of the treaty of 1817, limiting the amount of each power on the great lakes.

Mr. Curry said that in a sense they could divide up the territory and one go to one place and one to another.

"I know of no business where there is such keen competition as with tacks," suggested Mr. Tilley.

Mr. Curry read a letter which he claimed showed there was no competition between members of the association.

And if there was and one got a little ahead, then he had to pay back under the pooling system," said his Worship.

In the course of further investigation Colonel Deason remarked that in this combine there did not seem to be the same tyranny and oppression as in some of the combines.

At the morning sitting the pooling system was also under discussion. Mr. Tilley arguing that the association did not enhance prices.

Mr. Tilley contended that there was no compulsion in connection with the tack pooling, and that dealers could buy from other manufacturers if they so chose.

The case stands adjourned until Friday morning.

REVENUE FROM ASYLUMS.

Large Increase in Receipts From the Paying Patients.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The revenue from paying patients at the Provincial asylums for the four months ending December 31 was \$66,712.31, compared with \$36,786.08 for the corresponding period of 1904, an increase of \$29,926.23. The largest increase for any month was \$11,113.13 in December. During the four months the department collected arrears totalling \$29,685.67, which amount is included in the revenue previously mentioned.

The increase is largely due to the systematic plan of making collections from relatives, able to afford it, of patients who have agreed to pay for their maintenance, and from trustees or guarantors of patients who have property or incomes.

A trustworthy, senior inspector of asylums, has charge of this branch of the work.

LADY PARKER ROBBED.

Sir Gilbert's Wife Loses Some Valuable Jewellery.

London, Jan. 3.—Lady Parker, while at Carlton Hotel during alterations to her town residence, Carlton House terrace, was robbed of valuable jewellery. She was writing in her private room at the hotel, when a man appeared in the room, and, apologizing for entering the wrong room, withdrew. Lady Parker discovered the robbery on going to her bedroom.

Australia Awaits Result.

London, Jan. 3.—A Sydney telegram says the result of the general election in Great Britain is anxiously awaited in Australia, because it will determine whether England is to come within the scope of a preferential policy to be framed by the Federal Parliament at the next session.

Dr. S. P. Robins Retires.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Dr. S. P. Robins, who since 1883 has been Principal of McGill Normal School, Montreal, tendered his resignation to-day. He is one of the oldest active educationists in the Province, having been born in 1833, and being first connected with McGill Normal School as teacher in 1857. Advanced age caused his retirement.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.

Hitching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

R. McKAY & CO'S., Friday, January 5th, 1906

A Superb Collection of White Goods Underpriced

Are you getting your share of the splendid bargains we are offering in this the most successful campaign of White Goods of every description ever attempted by this grand store? Wonderful price cutting in White Underwear, White Dress Goods, White Cottons, White Laces, White Linens, White Curtains, etc. The following list tells its own story:

Fine Embroideries on Sale at Ridiculous Prices

Embroideries 5c Yard Embroideries 9c Yard Embroideries 14c Yard

Sample Ends of Embroideries

100 sample ends of fine Cambric Embroideries, Insertions and Beadings, 1 to 5 inches wide; all dainty open and floral patterns; come in 4 1/2 yard sample ends. Worth up to 15c yard, on sale, per yard—

Sample Ends of Embroideries and Insertions 9c Yard

100 sample ends of very fine Cambric and Swiss Embroideries, with insertions to match, 1 to 5 inches wide; pretty fine open and blind designs; suitable for trimming infants' garments. Worth up to 20c yard, on sale, yard—

Sample Ends of Embroideries and Insertions 14c Yd

Only 50 sample ends of very fine Embroideries and Insertions, 2 to 7 inches wide, in dainty open and blind designs; with scalloped edges; suitable for trimming fine garments; come in 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 yard sample ends. Worth up to 35c yard, on sale, per yard—

Doings in Our Dress Goods Dept.

This week we commence stock-taking and we have a number of lines that we are overstocked in that we intend with your help to greatly reduce, a couple of which we mention below:

\$1.25 Panama Cloth for 65c Yard

Two pieces of brown Panama cloth, heavy weave, suitable for winter street wear or shirtwaist suit. This cloth is guaranteed all wool and is 45 inches wide. One piece at this time of season would be plenty for us to take stock of, therefore the special price. Regular \$1.25, for this week, per yard—

50c Waistings for 35c Yard

French Flannel and Fancy Lustre Waistings. This lot includes the season's best patterns in our all-wool French Flannel that is the best quality shown in Hamilton at 50c yard. Also a number of pieces of Linen Cloth Lustre, with a velvet spot, very prettily for shirtwaist suits. Regular 50c, for this week, per yard—

Ready-to-Wear Hats on Sale for Friday

Regular price \$1.50, for ... 25c Regular price \$2.00, for ... 40c

Untrimmed Felt Hats

Regular price \$1.25, for ... 19c Regular price \$1.50, for ... 25c

Trimmed Hats

Velvet Hats, regular \$3.50, for ... \$1.00

Children's Hats

Felt Three-cornered Hats, regularly \$1.25, for ... 50c

Pattern Hats and Bonnets

Handsome Velvet Hats, with ... \$5.00

Handsome French Models, regularly \$18.00, for ... \$7.50

Mink Turbans, waa tuile or velvet brims, regularly \$25.00, for ... \$12.00

Tempting Values From Our Big White Sale

Sheeting Special 31c

Extra quality Bleached Twill Sheetting, round, heavy thread, full 24 yards wide, regularly 37c, special sale price ... 31c

Flannelette Sheetting 35c Yard

Extra heavy Twill Flannelette Sheetting, English make, warm, fleecy finish, full 2 yards wide, 45c quality, sale price ... 35c

Bleached Damask 67c

72-inch Bleached Tulle Damask, firm, heavy quality, dainty, deep border designs, regularly 75c, sale price ... 67c

R. McKAY & CO.

55, 57, 59, 61, 63 King Street East

KILLED IN BED.

NEW YORKER RECEIVES MORTAL WOUND FROM PISTOL BALL.

No Possible Cause to Murderer—Bullet Hit in Left Side of Head Directly Behind the Ear—Went to Bed in Best of Spirits.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 3.—Charles A. Edwards, of New York, formerly President of the Passaic Chemical Company, of New Jersey, died recently of an officer of the General Chemical Company, with an office in New York city, was mysteriously given a death-wound from a pistol ball while lying in bed during the night, the guest of his brother-in-law, Charles A. Hiller, at his home here. So mysterious was the case that Deputy Coroner Pond opened an inquest.

Mr. Edwards was found lying in his chamber by Mr. Hiller. Last night he attended a birthday party in honor of his sister, Mrs. Samuel Harris, a cousin of former President Timothy D. White, of the Yale University. He retired, apparently in the best of spirits. His failure to appear at breakfast led Mr. Hiller to go upstairs. According to the latter the chamber door was not locked, and, going in, he saw Mr. Edwards apparently unconscious.

A neighbor, Dr. Metcalf, gave restoratives under the impression that it was a stroke of apoplexy. A little later, Dr. Benjamin H. Cheney reached the house, but Mr. Edwards was then breathing his last. Dr. Cheney found a bullet hole in the left side of the head directly behind the ear. The hemorrhage from it had not been profuse, the missile had gone directly into the brain.

Deputy Coroner Pond said that it would be impossible for Mr. Edwards to have shot himself and get rid of the weapon, and it was equally mystifying he said, as to the point from which the bullet was discharged. Determination of these facts, if it be possible, was left to the autopsy, which will be held to-morrow.

Not "Just as Good."

So-called pure cream of tartar baking powder, sold at 25c pound by many dealers. These powders are, however, much inferior to Gerrie's Perfection Baking Powder, manufactured by J. W. Gerrie, druggist, 32 James street north, which is prepared from chemically pure cream of tartar and soda, and is Canada's highest grade baking powder.

John A. McKay yesterday resigned the Presidency of the New York Life Insurance Company, and Alexander E. Orr was appointed in his place, at the salary of \$50,000 a year.

Hockey Shoes

We have a line of Hockey Shoes, in sizes 1 to 8, for boys, which we are selling at a BARGAIN PRICE—\$1.50 PER PAIR. They are well made, nice and smooth inside, and are a bargain at \$1.50.

We have also all sizes in Hockey Shoes for men and women. Also all sizes in Ankle Supports, at 25c per pair.

Buy your Rubbers and Overshoes now.

Rough weather is coming. Keep your feet dry. Bear in mind that this store keeps the choicest assortment of FIRST QUALITY Rubbers to be had in the city.

J. D. CLIMIE

30 and 32 King street west

Murray's

27 MacNab St. N.

is where the

Fine Leather Goods

are to be found. Our assortment is larger than ever of

SUIT CASES and CLUB BAGS

PHONE 223.

THE JOY OF THE HOUSE—that's the electric light. From the baby up, everybody enjoys its use. BRILLIANT, HEALTHFUL, RELIABLE and no worry in connection. Who wouldn't use the electric light if he could? ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. Lowe & Farrell, Props., 47 James St. South.

RAILWAYS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

FOR THE WINTER

GO TO CALIFORNIA, MEXICO or FLORIDA

"THIS LAND OF SUMMER'S SUNSHINE."

Tour of All Mexico

Leaving Toronto on Jan. 25th. Covering all points of interest. Special reduced rate.

Mount Clemens

"Mineral Baths"

And St. Catharines Mineral Springs. Delightful resorts for those who need a rest, best of hotel accommodation. For tickets and full information call on C. E. Morgan, C. P. and T. A., 11 James street north, or Stuart street station.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

TRANSCONTINENTAL TRAIN SERVICE

Effective January 1st, double daily service will be discontinued and train for Northwest and Pacific Coast points will leave Toronto at 1:45 p.m. Daily Connection from Toronto at 11:30 p.m. is discontinued.

DAILY TOURIST CAR SERVICE

From Toronto

TUESDAY FRIDAY

From North Bay

SUNDAY MONDAY THURSDAY

Tourist cars are fully equipped with bedding, cooking range, etc. For use of first, second class passengers. Very moderate berth rates.

Call on nearest Canadian Pacific agent or write to C. B. Foster, D. P. Agt., Toronto.

T. H. & B. R.Y.

NEW NIAGARA FALLS SERVICE

Direct connection