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A Transient Experience

"Well, old Mark!" he said, glad enough to see his brother, to forget for the moment what brought him there. "George? What? You here? Impossible."

"Not at all. I suppose you didn't expect Norman would sit quietly under the imputations cast upon him; and as he has managed to amass some of his bones, or rather has got them smashed by the evil genius of the piece, the lady-like, but emotional aunt—you remember her—I've come out in his stead."

"Then did Miss Sadie accept Norman's attentions?" asked George. "Well, no. You see, she is well used to admiration, and she's not the girl that easily won. Far, very far, from it. But her family thought they saw a likelihood, indeed, I think they wished for such a result, and there's nothing that you might call a spirit of mischief about her, a love of teasing, you know, which makes it difficult to know whether she is in earnest or not."

"But about the money. What's all that?" "Well, Mr. Hunter is exceedingly perplexed about a payment. He gave a check to Norman, to be paid to a certain firm, and it has never been received. The other young man in his office knows nothing about it. He would have taken for granted that there was some mistake, only his confidence being so much shaken by what I told him, he felt that there was no trusting a person who had played such a part. He wrote most moderately to Norman, who sent an angry telegram in reply, saying that he had paid the money, and that he had ought to have come the day after he left. Then he wired to say he was coming back, directly, to explain matters."

"Yes, and got knocked over by the Whitebury bus just before he was going to start. So here am I instead of him."

By this time the large wooden house, well painted and ornamented with verandahs and a large porch, was reached, and George was introduced to the Hunter family, and had to tell the long story all over again. Mr. Hunter was a sensible, middle-aged man of business; his wife a lively, talkative Canadian; and Miss Sadie one of the prettiest and most mischievous-looking girls that George had ever seen. It was as difficult to suppose that Norman could have been long in her company without some passages taking place between them, as that her happiness had been in any way injured by them.

George introduced himself formally as acting in his friend Westworth Norman's stead. The story of the boys' almost forced marriage as told by him

took a truer coloring than in Mark's somewhat blundering narrative. Mr. Hunter was forced to say that silence on the subject did not imply any want of straightforwardness. He evidently did not mean to bring his daughter's name forward, though Mark had written no in his charge or righteous indignation, and had so far infected him that "posing as a bachelor" had formed part of his indictment against Norman.

As for the money, considerable amounts had passed through Norman's hands immediately before his departure. Most of these had reached their proper destination and had been acknowledged, but the £150 due to the timber merchant had not been declared, been received by him, and certainly no receipt had reached Mr. Hunter. The clerk said that he knew nothing about it, and though Mr. Hunter avowed that he had not intended his inquiry to Norman to be taken with so much offense, it was evident that the check of Mark's communication he had lost confidence in his intended partner.

"Though, mind you," he said, "all I did want to ask him to clear it up, I put the sum in his hands, and he is bound to account for it." "Certainly," said George, "that was exactly his own feeling."

George in his own person and as Mark's brother was welcomed with the greatest hospitality. He was begged to take up his quarters with them at once; his things were sent for, and every attention shown him. "I'm glad to see you," said Mr. Hunter, "and I'm glad to see you in the flesh. You know, I put the sum in his hands, and he is bound to account for it."

George took the hint quickly, and expatiated to a most willing listener on the charms of his family and on the essentially "English" character of Corners. All the time he was watching the beautiful skating, the picturesque scene, the novelty of everything, with involuntary pleasure.

"Who is that?" he said suddenly, as an oddly familiar face and figure glided past all the strange ones in his view. "That's Oh, that's Tom Repton, father's clerk. It's my opinion that all the fuss is owing to some carelessness of his. Gerard Norman would just have shaken him like a rat and sent him whirling into the water."

But George was advancing eagerly as a look of startled recognition came over the young man's face. "Why, Tom! I thought I should never hear of you again. What a swell you've grown! Eh, you have come on in your skating since I first taught you at Longhurst."

"That's all right, Mr. Repton, with a momentary resumption of the respectful manner of the village youth, at which Sadie stared in surprise, while George answered and told the young man that he should look him up the next day at Mr. Hunter's office."

BRIEFS FOR BUSY READERS

South Perth's fair will be held Sept. 28 and 29 at St. Mary's. The entire force from India for South Africa will be embarked by Sept. 25. Mr. George Ross, of the Hamilton postoffice, has passed the crisis, and is improving.

The Carnegie Company is prospecting for the establishment of a big steel plant at Toledo. Pierce winds did considerable damage on Monday in the vicinity of New York, both on land and water.

The death occurred Saturday of George J. Clancy, a Toronto broker, and partner of Clancy Bros., grocers. A Hamilton, Ohio, firm has shipped to the Japanese Government an agreement for one of the finest paper mills ever built.

The Page Woven wire fence factory at Adrian, Mich., has been compelled to close for want of wire, a direct effect of the trusts. United States Secretary of War Root has written the Government of the States that there are still numbers of Porto Ricans in great numbers.

Geo. Roe, who has charge of the land parade of the Dewey celebration ceremonies, says at least 30,000 uniformed men will take part in the parade. Dr. Jacob W. Smith has been arrested at Marshall, Ill., charged with murdering Harry Craig in Bath county, Ky., in 1877. Smith was then 17 years old and Craig 18.

The Royal Scots, of Toronto (48th Highlanders) are to visit Detroit on Sept. 19, and spend a couple of days there. At Detroit, St. Andrew's Society is preparing to entertain the regiment. Martha Jane Clark, of Kingston, was so badly frightened by a runaway and accident at Lake Ontario Park on Labor Day, that she followed, and on Sunday she died from septic peritonitis. She was 23 years of age.

Dr. O'Reilly, superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital has received and replied to requests from hospitals at Prince Albert, N. W. T., Morden, Man., and Rat Portage, for lady superintendents for each of these institutions. Dr. Keirsey McIlwraith, of Toronto, son of Mr. Thomas McIlwraith, was married Tuesday morning at St. James' Church, Kingston, to Miss Mary Saunders, daughter of the late Rev. J. C. Saunders, of Bristol, England.

Herman Hosh, of Hespeler, a painter, has been arrested and sent to Berlin for trial on a charge of sending obscene photos and publications through the mails. Anthony Constock, of New York, United States police inspector and president of the Society for the Suppression of Vice in that city; A. P. Sherwood, of Ottawa, commissioner of the police department; and Deputy Rogers, of Toronto, worked up the case.

WESTERN ONTARIO. Stratford's total assessment is \$4,650, 600 and population 10,422, an increase of 53. Wm. Ridge, of Oakburn, threshed seven acres of oats Monday. The total yield was 45 bushels, which he reported this season, 45 bushels.

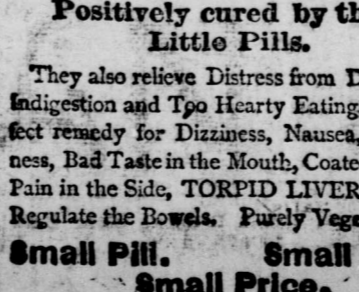
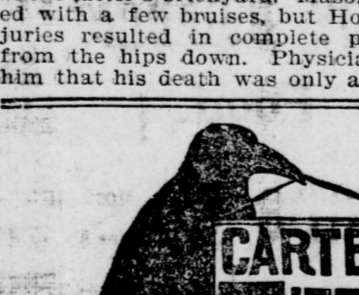
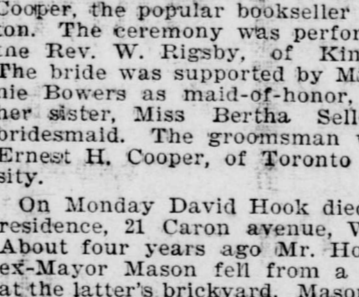
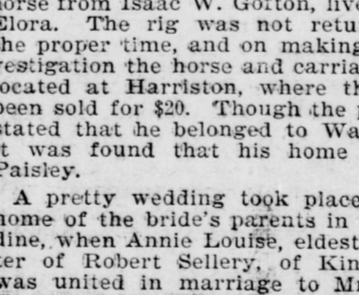
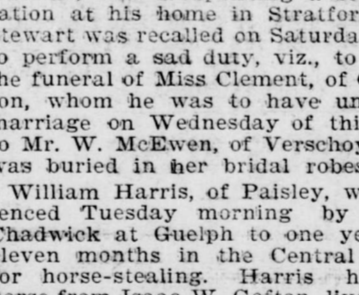
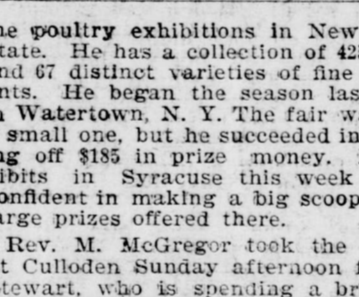
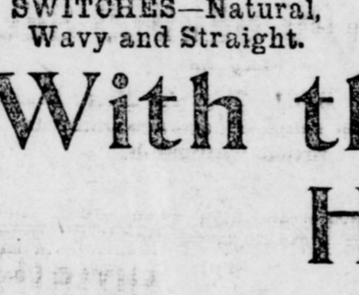
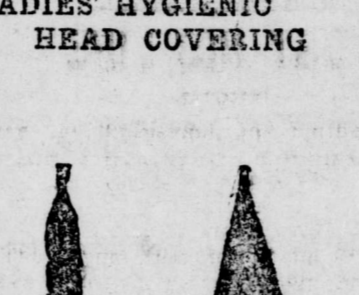
Mr. William Kimball, who dropped dead at Union from excitement, suffered from valvular disease of the heart, which was reported by the coroner when examined for life insurance. A burglar was discovered by Mrs. Wees at work in John Rose's grocery, at the Sarnia Hotel, where she had knocked the lady down and struck her with a glass pitcher and then escaped.

J. W. Douglass took possession of the British-American Hotel at Windsor on Saturday evening. Mr. J. McKee, the retiring proprietor, was presented with a handsome meerschman pipe. Mr. Thomas Hills, of Muirkirk, was married on Tuesday to Miss Helen Haining, of Turin, at the residence of the bride's father. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McKinnis.

John Nussman was tried by Judge Hughes at St. Thomas, on the charge of stealing six little pigs from Jabel Robinson, of Middlemarch, found guilty, and sentenced to six months in the Central Prison. George Wright (colored) an attendant to the troupe of jubilee singers lately holding camp meetings on the Aylmer fair grounds, was arrested and tried before Police Magistrate McDiarmid for the seduction of a 15-year-old girl named Maud Baxter. Judgment was reserved.

The Standard Oil Company is having a rather peculiar experience with its last well put down near Dutton. In attempting to shoot it with a 12-quart charge it failed to go off. Several attempts have been made with small charges to send off the large one, but so far all attempts proved failures. An audit of the books of Maidstone township made a short time ago showed a balance of \$126.90 due from the late Thomas Plant, who died in 1888. His son, Edw. Plant, of Woodville, has voluntarily paid the amount. Treasurer Henry has paid the amount in his office.

The Sarnia Post has it on the best authority that all differences tending to delay the settlement of the postoffice matter have been adjusted, and an arrangement arrived at that is satisfactory to all parties concerned. The final signing of the necessary documents transferring the Alexander property to the crown will take place within a few days.



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Advertisement for Carter's Little Liver Pills, Sick Headache, and Appetizing. Includes text about liver health and a small illustration of a person.

Advertisement for Tecumseh House, featuring hair goods, wigs, and toupees. Includes illustrations of various hair styles and detailed text about the business.

Advertisement for Fitzgerald, Seandrett & Co. featuring various food products like French String Beans, French Peas, and Canned Corn. Includes a small illustration of a person.

Advertisement for Michigan Central Railway, featuring routes to Detroit, Michigan, and Grand Ledge. Includes a small illustration of a train.

Advertisement for Intercolonial Railway, featuring routes between Montreal and other cities. Includes a small illustration of a train.

Advertisement for White Star Line, featuring reduced fares for routes to Liverpool and Queenstown. Includes a small illustration of a ship.

Advertisement for E. De La Hooke, featuring a clock and other goods. Includes a small illustration of a clock.

Advertisement for Canadian Pacific Railway, featuring routes and services. Includes a small illustration of a train.

Advertisement for Lee Hing Laundry, featuring laundry services. Includes a small illustration of a person.

Advertisement for Campbell & Chantler, featuring wood products. Includes a small illustration of a person.