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BY L. G. MOBERLY.

(Continued.)

"I will go and see poor old Daddy Hume directly we get home," Mrs. Grey said quietly; "if I can only come upon the old man in a lucid moment, I may be able to elicit some genuine information from him. From the strange complicated story he told Molly two years ago, it is evident that he connects her grandmother with gentle people, but who the people were I have never been able to discover. The old man's mind invariably goes off at a tangent, just at the moment when one thinks it is safely pinned down to the matter in hand."

"And there is no other means of finding out anything about Daddy Hume's business?"

"None, that I know of, unless—Mrs. Grey hesitated—"unless Mrs. Bedworth has any knowledge which we have not got. But I am afraid she, poor thing, is in no state to be questioned."

"No, indeed," Sir Ralph's face grew very grave; "as you know, she was quite mad when she was taken away from here, and from what my wife hears this morning her condition remains quite unchanged. There is no possibility of questioning her."

"Then we must do the best we can with old Daddy Hume," Mrs. Grey answered cheerfully, "and perhaps your family records may give us some clue."

"Perhaps. And I intend to go through them thoroughly, and try to ascertain something of the family of my lovely ancestor whom Miss Hume is so extraordinarily like. I do not wish to let the matter rest until we have fathomed it."

"Nor do I," his guest replied; "I shall go and pay Daddy Hume a visit directly we get home. You know," she added, turning to Lady Connell, "we are not going to my house, but to Molly's. The Manor House is being opened again, and Molly will take her proper position there as its mistress."

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Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



STREET SUIT FOR SPRING WEAR

The sketch illustrates a two-piece walking suit, the model being equally practical for voile, light-weight cloth, fine mohair or taffeta. The original gown was in brown and white check voile, the little vest and fancy collar being of leaf-green cloth applied with straps of brown-satin.

Small satin-covered buttons were also used as trimming. The little jacket was in Eton effect, and was belted in by a stitched strap of the material, stitched straps also finishing the fronts. The sleeves just turned the elbow and the skirt was made with tucked sections set in between box-plated panels.

Grey's "dear Molly" was in the garden, passing through one of those episodes which had of late become distressingly familiar to her. It is not hard to decline an individual whose proposal was evidently based upon a knowledge of your income, but when the unmistakable light of love looks out of a man's eyes, when a man's voice trembles, as he speaks to you, and his whole personality takes on a new garb of chastened humility, then it is difficult to harden your heart and give him an answer that will also give him pain.

And although, during the past year, it had fallen to Molly's lot to hurt more than one man in this particular way, familiarity had not hardened her heart, or made the infliction of suffering an easy task for her. She invariably tried to ward off the proposal which she saw looming in the distance, she always and loyally tried to check the ardour of her lovers before they reached the point of proposing; but each one in turn showed a fatal determination to rush headlong to his doom, refusing to be turned from it, and Anstruther in this respect was like his many predecessors. It was in vain that Molly tried to treat him coldly, and to show him that his hopes were unfounded; with a wild blindness and a persistence worthy of a better cause, he either could not or would not understand her. And now the moment which Molly had been dreading and dreading had been postponed, had at last arrived, and young Anstruther stood beside the girl's bent head with the expression on his face which meant, as Molly's bitter experience had learnt to know, that he must be allowed to have his say out without let or hindrance.

"Poor fellow; his say was a very stumbling and diffident one and although he said it to the end his weakness was borne in upon him by the pitiful glance of Molly's brown eyes the sadness of her face. "I know what you're going to say," he exclaimed desperately, his halting speech ended, "I can see by your face that you mean to say to me, but—by Jove, Molly—may I just call you that for once?—I don't believe any other fellow could care about you more than I do."

"I don't believe they could," the girl answered gently, her eyes very kindly as they looked into the man's troubled face, "and I do thank you for all the nice things you have said about me—but—"

"Ah! I knew it was going to be 'but'!" he said; "I was sure you meant to refuse me. I say, be patient and eyed her wistfully—"you don't think I want to marry you because of all your beauty money, do you? I don't care how much money you have, I mean I should be every bit as pleased if you hadn't a halfpenny, and I should love you just as much—in fact, I should love you ten thousand times more."

Molly's smile was a tremulous one, there was a dimness in her bright eyes—the eager words touched her, the broken, boyish utterance went to her heart.

"I am perfectly sure you do not care the least about my money," she answered; "I know you are just for me—for myself alone. I wish—I wish I could give you what you want; I wish I could say yes to you; but, my dear fellow, I have been so good to me, so considerate, that—though I do not care for you—in the way you want—I want to be honest with you."

"Honest with me?" He saw the colour was coming and going in her face, and again he marked that soft shining in her eyes, as he answered.

"Yes—I want to be honest with you. I cannot care for you—because" her voice dropped—"because—there is some one else—I—care about."

A great silence fell between them after she had spoken, and in the silence the young man felt as though he could hear the beating of his own heart and hers. Then he took her hand in his, and bending forward, pressed his lips to it gently, saying "I care about you."

"Thank you for telling me the truth. It was like you to be brave enough to tell it. I hope—hope you will be very happy."

Molly lifted her down-drooped face, and the color that had faded from it flashed out again over cheek and brow.

"I do not think I shall be happy in the way you mean," she said; "I do not expect I shall ever marry. But—but—though I am not likely to marry the man I care for—I could not marry anybody else, and I thought it was fair to tell you the truth."

(To be continued.)

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At a meeting of the executive of the Victorian Order of Nurses, last evening at the residence of Hon. J. V. Ellis, Hon. J. G. Forbes was elected president; Mrs. George F. Smith, vice-president, and H. D. McLeod, secretary-treasurer. Senator and Mrs. Ellis and Hon. R. J. Ritchie were elected representatives at the general annual meeting to be held in Ottawa, March 7. Judge Forbes has entered on his ninth year as president of the order in New Brunswick.

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BAD FIRE AT LONDONDERRY

Several Buildings Burned in a Fire Which Broke Out on Sunday.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25.—On Sunday fire broke out in the store of Gordon Jobb, Londonderry, which destroyed the store and double dwelling house above it. Mr. Jobb is a heavy loser. The value of the store and stock being \$6,000, with only \$2,000 insurance, \$1,000 in the Ottawa Fire Insurance Company; \$800 in the New York Underwriters, and \$800 in the Norwich Union.

Wallace Kemp and Charles McGee in the same building lost everything with no insurance. The fire was practically confined to the one building, one or two others being slightly scorched. In one of the adjoining houses a woman was ill with pneumonia and had to be carried on her bed to the house of her daughter.

OBITUARY

Mrs. David L. Maxwell

A cable message received by A. B. Burns Monday conveyed the sad news of the death of his sister, Mrs. David L. Maxwell, at Venterburg, South Africa. On Thursday word of the death of her lady and her own serious illness was received. Mrs. Maxwell, formerly Miss Annie Burns, was a daughter of the late James A. Burns of St. John, and leaves her mother, brother and two sisters, Miss Ada and Miss May, who reside in St. John. She was a capable and popular teacher and in 1870 went as one of the New Brunswick teachers to South Africa. About two years ago she was married to Mr. Maxwell, a native of Scotland, who had met with great success in South Africa. Many will regret to hear of her untimely death.

There was a large attendance at a meeting of the T. P. A. last night in St. David's church. The programme, which proved highly interesting, was in charge of the literary committee. Miss G. Hannah read a paper on Ralph Connor, written by Miss Milligan. Miss Helen Jack, read one by Miss Payson on Charles G. D. Roberts; Miss Nellie McIntyre's subject was Helena Coleman, and Miss J. M. Milligan spoke on George Barr McCutcheon. During the evening E. W. Bonnell and Mrs. Doherty sang solos, Miss Cochrane playing the accompaniments.

The list of the charter members of the Canadian club will be printed along with the constitution. As the time for admission of charter members will expire on the 28th inst., those wishing to become such are requested to hand in their names with \$1 to W. E. Earle, president, Geo. A. Henderson, secretary, J. N. Harvey, treasurer, or A. M. Belding before that date.

THE HARBOR COMMITTEE

Strong Committee Named to Make Statement of Port Requirements.

The committee appointed to name five representative citizens to act as a committee to work with Deputy Minister Bunting and place in concrete form for submitting to the dominion government the immediate needs of this port in connection with winter port traffic met yesterday afternoon in the mayor's office. It is understood that they selected H. E. Estabrook, W. H. Thorne, Hon. William Pugsley, Ald. Baxter and John E. Moore.

Mr. Thorne, Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Moore are at present out of the city, and it is not yet known whether they will accept. It is thought, however, so far as Mr. Thorne is concerned, that owing to the prominent part he has taken in all matters relating to the harbor, he will consent to serve.

Those present at the meeting were: The mayor, T. H. Estabrook, J. A. McKelvie, Ald. Baxter, Ald. Bullock, R. B. Emerson, W. E. Vroom, Col. R. J. Armstrong and John Sealy.

There was some discussion, it is said, as to the advisability of placing a member of one of the banking institutions on the committee, the idea being to make it as widely representative as possible. In the end, the names were chosen as stated and may be classified as comprising two leading merchants, the attorney general of the province, a prominent member of the common council and a leading lumberman closely allied with the shipping interests.

It is said that no substitute names were chosen and in the event of any of those elected declining to act it is probable that a further meeting will be called on Thursday.

When finally constituted, the committee in consultation with the deputy minister of railways will evolve a scheme to be submitted for the approval of the common council. If adopted a report will be forwarded to Hon. H. R. Emmerson for the consideration of the cabinet. The work of the committee will commence at an early date and as recent investigations have rendered much valuable data quickly available their recommendations will likely be presented in a comparatively short time.

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