

CYNTHIA WAKEHAM'S MONEY

BY ANNA K. GREEN.

"It may contain papers—law papers," he suggested, his thumb and forefinger twitching as they passed over the fastening.

But Doris shook her head. "No," she declared vivaciously, "there are no law papers in that envelope. She has been writing and writing for a week. It is her secret, I tell you—the secret of all their queer doings, and why they stay in the house so persistently."

"Then let us surprise the secret," he said. "If we want to help them and make them do like other reasonable folks, we must know what we have to contend with."

"I am sure we would be justified," she rejoined. "But I am afraid Miss Hermione will find us out. Mr. Etheridge will tell her somebody meddled with the fastening."

"Let me take the letter to the hotel and I will make that all right. It is not the first—But he is discreetly paused, remembering that Doris was not yet quite ready to receive the full details of his history."

"But the time? It will take an hour to open and read all there is written here, and Miss Etheridge is waiting for me to tell her I have delivered it to Mr. Etheridge."

"All her you had other errands. Go to the stores—the neighbors. She need never know you delivered this last."

"But if you take it I won't know what is in it, and I want to read it myself."

"I will tell you everything she writes. My memory is good, and you shall not miss a word."

"But—but—" "It is your only chance," he insisted. "The young ladies will never tell you themselves."

"I know it; yet it seems a mean thing to do. Can you close the letter so that neither he nor they will ever know it has been opened?"

"Trust me," he leered.

"Hurry then; I will be in front of Dr. Sellick's in an hour. Give me the letter as you go by, and when I have delivered it, meet me on my way back and tell me what she says."

He promised, and hastened with his treasure to the room he still kept at the hotel. She watched him as long as he was in sight, and then went about her own improvised errands. Did she realize that she had just put in her only chance, but even then it was not only her young mistress' fortunes, but even her lives?

CHAPTER XIX.

A Discovery. Frank Etheridge waited a long time that night for the promised communication. Darkness came, but no letter, eight o'clock struck, and still there was no sign of the dilatory Doris. Naturally impatient, intolerable, Edgar was busy in his office or he would have talked to him. The evening paper

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which he had brought from New York, had been read long ago, and as for his cigar, it lacked flavor and all power to soothe him. In his exasperation he went to the bookshelves, and began looking over the numberless volumes ranged in neat rows before him. His took out one, glanced at it, and put it back; he took out another, without even seeing what its title was, looked at it a moment, sighed, and put it back; he took out a third, which opened in his hand at the title page, saw that it was one of those old-fashioned volumes, designated "The Keepsake," and was about to close and replace it as he had done the others, when his feet were suddenly and forcibly attracted by a name written in fine and delicate characters on the margin at the top. It was no other than this:

HARRIET SMITH.
Gift of Her Husband.
Oct. 3, 1848.

Harriet Smith! Astounded, almost aghast, he ran to Edgar's office with the volume. "Edgar! Edgar!" he cried. "Look here! See that name! And the book was in your library, too. What does it mean? Who was, who is Harriet Smith, that you should have her book?"

Dr. Sellick, taken by surprise, stared at the book a minute, then jumped to his feet in almost as much excitement as Frank himself.

"I got that book from Hermione Cavanagh years ago; there was a poem in it she wanted me to read. I did not know I had the book now. I have never even thought of it from that day to this. Harriet Smith! Yes, that is the name! But she must be able to tell you to whom it belongs."

"I believe it; I know it; I remember now that they have always shown an interest in the matter. Hermione wanted to read the will, and—Edgar, can they be the heirs for whom we are searching, and is that why Huckins hates the will, and is received by them in plain defiance of my entreaties?"

"If they are the heirs, they would have been likely to have told you. Penniless young girls are not usually backward in claiming property which is their due."

"That is certainly true, but this property has been left under a condition. I recollect now how disappointed Hermione looked when she read the will. Give me the book; I must see her sister or herself at once about it."

And without heeding the demurs of his more cautious friend, Frank plunged from the house and made his way immediately to the Cavanagh mansion.

His hasty knock brought Emma to the door. As he encountered her and beheld the sudden and strong agitation under which she labored, he realized for the first time that he was returning to the house before reading the letter upon which so much depended.

But he was so filled with his new discovery that he gave that idea but a thought.

"Miss Cavanagh—Emma," he entered, "grant me a moment's conversation. I have just found this book he declares was once given him by your sister, and in it—"

They had entered the parlor by this time, and were standing by a table upon which burned a lamp—"is a name."

She started, and was bending to look at the word upon which his finger rested, when the door opened, and Hermione, alarmed and not knowing what to think of this unexpected return of her lover so soon, she supposed, after the receipt of her letter, had come down from her room in that mood of extreme tension which is induced by an almost unendurable suspense.

Frank, who in all his experience of her had never seen her look as she did at that moment, fell back from the place where he stood and hastily shook his head.

"Don't look like that," he cried, "or you will make me feel I can never read your letter."

"And have you not read it?" she demanded, shrinking in her turn, as she stood on the threshold by which she had entered. "Why, then, are you here? What could have brought you back so soon when you knew you were two weeks' visit in London?"

"This," he interpolated hastily, holding up the book, which he had let fall on the floor, "is the answer. See! The name of Harriet Smith is written in it. Tell me, I pray, why you kept from me so persistently the fact that you knew the person to whom the property I hold in trust rightfully belongs."

The two girls with a quick glance at each other dropped their heads. "What was the use?" murmured Emma, "since Harriet Smith is dead, and her heirs can never claim the property. We are her heirs, Mr. Etheridge; Harriet Smith was our mother, married to father thirty-nine years ago after a widowhood of only three months. It was never known in this place that she had a former husband or had given the name of Smith, and her heirs can never claim the property. There was so much scandal and unhappiness connected with her first miserable marriage that she suppressed the facts concerning it as much as possible. She was my father's wife, and that was all that the people about here knew in real life."

"I see," said Frank, wondering greatly by this romance in real life. "But you might have told me," she exclaimed. "When you saw what wonderful things this case was causing me, I might have informed me that I was expending my efforts in vain."

"I wished to do so," Emma answered, "but Hermione dreaded the arguments and entreaties which would follow."

"I could not bear the thought of them," exclaimed the girl from the doorway where she stood, "any more than I can bear the thought now when a matter of much more importance to me demands your attention."

"I will go," cried Frank. But it was

to the empty doorway he spoke; Hermione had vanished with these passionate words.

"She is nearly ill," explained Emma, following him as he moved to the door. "You must excuse one who has borne so much."

"I do not excuse her," he cried. "I love her." And the look he cast upon the stairs fully verified this declaration. "That is why I go with half on my lips unsaid. Tomorrow we will broach the topic again, meanwhile beware of Huckins. He means you no good by being here. Had I known his connection with you he should have never entered these doors."

"He is our uncle, our mother's brother."

"He is a scamp who means to have the property which is rightfully your due."

"And he will have it, I suppose," she returned. "Hermione has never given me a hope that she means to contend with him in this matter."

"Hermione had no counsel but her own will. Tomorrow she will have to do with me. But shut the door, Huckins; promise me you will not see him again till after you have seen me."

To Be Continued.

SPRING STRIKE FEVER

Annual Trouble Among the Employees of Magog Cotton Mills.

Magog, Que., May 2.—Mill hands of the Dominion Textile Company here, numbering about a thousand, are holding the annual spring strike fever. Now there is considerable talk going on in protest against the company's refusal to present on the arbitration board under the Lemieux act by one of their own officials. The hands also object to the board meeting in Montreal instead of Magog, and consider they should be restored the cut of 10 per cent in wages made last year without further delay.

But the unions are divided into two camps, one having broken away last year over a dispute over the presidency. One wants to have a strike, the other does not. There are about a thousand hands here, and a mass meeting was called for last night to discuss the strike. Only about 350 attended, and when a vote was called 175 voted to strike and 71 against.

It is expected that a hundred or two may strike tomorrow, but their places will be promptly taken by people who have been out of work nearly a year.

The springers are divided into a strike, so that it is expected there will be very little trouble.

NEW BRANCH OF W. C. T. U.

Newbury Ladies Organize Under Very Favorable Auspices.

Newbury, May 1.—A meeting was held in Knox Church, April 27, to organize a society of the W. C. T. U. Rev. S. D. Jameson conducted devotional exercises, after which Mrs. F. Aldred, of Gloucester, addressed the assembly, explaining the workings of the W. C. T. U. The address was listened to with deep interest, and the following officers were organized, with the following names: Mrs. J. P. McVicar, vice-president; Miss Lucy Pennel, secretary; and Mrs. J. L. Heatherington, treasurer. Twelve members joined, making a good beginning in a society which will no doubt grow.

Friends here were shocked to learn on Friday that Wesley Gay, formerly of Newbury, had met with an accident in the C. P. R. yards, Windsor, and his right hand so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate it a few inches above the wrist. He is still in the Hotel Dieu, Windsor, but is getting very nicely. His many friends here sympathize with him.

Mrs. Lamb and Miss McLean have returned home after spending the winter with Mrs. Dobbyn, of London.

Mrs. Stevenson, of London spent a few days here recently with her mother, Mrs. Fenby.

Mr. A. Johnston, of Sarntia, was called to the village to visit his father, Wm. Johnston, who is seriously ill, and his son-in-law's home here, Mr. J. Johnston.

Miss Armstrong has returned from a two weeks' visit in London.

Mr. J. Armstrong spent a few days in Stratford, the teachers' convention.

Miss O'Brien is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Gordon.

George Vall, of Drinkwater, formerly of Newbury, has returned for a short stay. He went to Rome, and to visit his sister and father, who reside there.

Mr. George Hay's sale of household goods was postponed until May 4 on account of the recent storm.

A FLOATING NURSERY

Steamer Brought Over 190 Children—Twins Born at Sea.

New York, May 2.—The Holland-American steamer, which arrived from Rotterdam, was a floating nursery. Of the 230 second-cabin passengers 190 were children between the ages of 4 and 10.

Three brothers named Van Dyke brought their wives and fifteen little boys and girls. Mrs. Barst Van Dyke had seven boys, Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Dyke six, and the Garet Van Dykes two future American citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Tjassie Petermann left the ship with nine little Petermanns, Mr. and Mrs. Lendert Geyer, with eight children, and Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Van Zandt six.

There were two more children on the ship yesterday than on Monday. Ryndam left Holland. On Monday Mrs. Ernest Cabonnie, wife of a struggling South Eighth street Philadelphia, presented her husband with twins. They were named Julia and Cessie. Cessie is a boy with a pair of sound lungs, as the second cabin passengers can attest. Mr. and Mrs. Cabonnie had been visiting the wife's family in Holland.

GRAND OLD MAN OF BRITISH ART IS 82

William Holman-Hunt, Though Ridiculed by the Public, Was Appreciated by Ruskin.

London, May 2.—William Holman-Hunt has just celebrated his birthday. Mr. Holman-Hunt, who may well be described as the Grand Old Man of British art, has been one of the victims of the influenza epidemic. He was still confined to his room, but was able to sit up, and received one or two friends. Many attempts were made to get him to the hospital, to offer their congratulations. Hunt exhibited his first painting at the Royal Academy. At that time he was one of the original band, which included Rossetti and Millais, and among the artists who called themselves the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.

When the mysterious sign they painted on their pictures had been explained, an almost universal wave of ridicule was

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directed toward them, only Ruskin and one or two other far-seeing critics saying anything in their favor.

Today is recognized that the influence for good of the Pre-Raphaelites is the art of England of the latter half of the nineteenth century can hardly be overestimated. Even those painters who are least in sympathy with the ideas of the Pre-Raphaelites now admit that, had they been original inspiration, English art must have long remained in the pitiful condition in which it existed in the forties.

Mr. Holman-Hunt has survived all the original members of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. He has survived, that is, including Burne-Jones, whose original inspiration was due to the works of the Pre-Raphaelites.

GALE AND STRIKE HALT FREIGHTERS

Very Few Boats Put Out From Buffalo Because of the Heavy Weather.

Buffalo, May 2.—Advises received here tonight that the gale which has swept the lakes for 48 hours had as much to do with checking the movements of vessels as the strike of seamen. A few of the big freighters braved the storm, carrying both union and non-union crews.

Union pickets were much in evidence on the docks here, and the police were called upon twice to disperse groups of strikers who became over-zealous in their efforts to keep non-union men to quit their ships.

The strike leaders are looking for a long-term out struggle, and are advising the men to obtain employment ashore as rapidly as possible.

No real activity is expected until some of the boats tied up attempt to move with non-union crews.

There are upwards of 25,000 union men employed on the boats of the great lakes. This number is the result of the large number employed upon the docks and tugs who are controlled by the International Longshoremen's Association.

Of the 25,000 union men only about 15,000 will be affected by the strike, as the remainder are against the 533 boats which are controlled by the Lake Carriers' Association.

WRIGHTS IN LONDON

Report Says British Government May Purchase Their Aeroplanes.

London, May 2.—Orville and Wilbur Wright, the American aeronauts, arrived here late tonight for a brief visit before their departure for the United States. They are accompanied by their sister, Cecile, next Wednesday.

They have come to England primarily to receive the gold medal of the Aeronautical Society, which will be presented tomorrow evening, but there is every probability that the war office will take the opportunity of the presence in London and make arrangements for the Wrights to supply the Government with aeroplanes.

When asked tonight what their plans were, Orville Wright said that he and his brother expected to meet a representative of the Government, but he was not prepared to say what the Government proposed doing.

The Messrs. Wright will remain in the United States throughout the summer, and return in September to Germany to fulfill a contract they have with the German Government.

FOUR CALVES AT A BIRTH.

Dundalk, May 1.—Mr. Thos. Johnston, of the adjoining township of Proton, can certainly boast of having had a freak of nature in his herd of cattle this spring. The other morning one of his cows gave birth to four calves. They were all alive and perfectly formed at birth, but died soon afterwards.

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CARE OF FEEBLE-MINDED WOMEN

Dr. MacMurchy's Interesting Address in London.

It was a very interested audience that met in the historical rooms of the public library to listen to Dr. MacMurchy on the need of custodial care of feeble-minded women.

At last the Government have promised to prepare a plan, and have it ready before the next session. A big reform in the methods of prison work and treatment of insane is under consideration. The increase of the knowledge, modern methods are needed, and in the contemplated improvements it was proposed that the municipalities should share the expenses.

The care of feeble-minded women was a most important matter, there being over 600 known in Ontario. The speaker, and his next session, explained the proprieties of some of the unfortunate, and outlined the treatment to be adopted. Manual training is the best method for those who can learn and they must be put in classes by themselves and educated in their own way. Industrial schools should be established where the patients would be confined and taught to work and be self-supporting.

The home on Belmont street, Toronto, is doing a good work, but the accommodation is limited. Small institutions, however, are the best to commence with, and more of them should be acquired. In Waverley, Mass., is the largest and best-equipped institution for the permanent care of the feeble-minded.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Yarker moved a vote of thanks to Dr. MacMurchy for giving her time and valuable information. The vote was seconded by Mrs. Talbot Macbeth, who left, since her association with the Children's Aid Society, the very great need of these institutions.

LOST OR DAMAGED FREIGHT

The Canadian Freight Association Seeking to Lessen the Evil.

To prevent the trouble and expense caused by freight being lost or damaged in transit the Canadian Freight Association is circulating amongst the freight agents of the different railways an illustrated booklet which shows why freight is lost or damaged, and how this source of loss can be avoided. In the booklet a strong point is made of the absolute necessity for having all freight shipped in proper shape and plainly addressed. But a small number stop to think it is more their fault than the carriers'. In the beginning, the fundamental rule of carriers in accepting merchandise was the requiring of each package to be plainly marked, showing full name of consignee and destination. From a willingness to oblige patrons this vital requirement has been so far "side-tracked," so to speak, that it is not unusual for boxes, bales, bundles and pieces to be accepted without any marks. Coupled to the disappearance of full marks came the gradual decline in the strength of packages, which goods are shipped. Boxes and sacks are made of thinner material, crates are substituted for boxes, and sacks are now being used by some shippers for articles which should not be shipped in them. To insure the prompt and safe delivery of goods, it is necessary for the shipper to plainly mark each and every package, bundle or piece of goods. Consignees name in full, bill of lading destination in full; state in which destination is located; if more than one station in same state of same name, full name of county must be shown; all previous shipping marks must be obliterated. The name of consignee and destination must be legibly written or stencilled, and as far away from any other writing or marks as possible. It is a great help to all when shipper's name and location are also shown, with the word "from" preceding them. Every package, bundle or piece offered for shipment should be presented

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