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LOVE AND LURE

"The gold bars," continued the letter, "cast in a form novel to all dealers, have excited a good deal of surprise and questioning, but for this I care very little. My main object is to get the gold separated as many miles as possible from the guano; for if the two should be connected in the mind of anyone who knew where the guano was last shipped from, I might have cause for anxiety. But as the bars cause for anxiety, I might as well bear no sort of mark to indicate that they were cast by ancient Peruvians, and so far as I can remember—and I have visited several museums in South America—these castings are not like any others that have come down to us from the times of the Incas, the gold must have been cast in this simple form merely for convenience in transportation and packing. Some people may think it is California gold, some may think it comes from South America; but, whatever they think, they know it is pure gold, and they have no right to doubt that. I was a stranger, of course, if I were a stranger, I might be different, but wherever I have dealt I am known, or I send a good reference; and now I will come to the point of this letter. In my office, waiting to see a man to whom I hoped to sell my stock of guano, when a man came in—but not the one I expected to see—and if a ghost had appeared before me, I could not have been more surprised. I do not know whether or not you remember the two American sailors who were the first to go out prospecting, after Mr. Rynders and his men left us, and who did not return. This man was one of them, Edward Shirley by name."

"I remember him perfectly," cried Ralph. "And the other fellow was George Burke. On board the Castor I used to talk to them more than to any of the other sailors."

"But astonished as I was," Edna went on to read, surprised, but came forward and shook hands most heartily. He said he had read in a newspaper that I had been rescued and was doing business in Acapulco, and he had come down on purpose to find me, and he had read much for lost, and then, as he had read a very slim account of our adventures, I told him the whole story, taking care, as you may guess, not to say anything about the treasure mound. He did not ask any questions as to why I did not come back with the rest of you, but was greatly troubled when he heard of the hardships of every man of our crew except himself and Burke and Maka."

"When I had finished, he told me his story, which will condense as much as possible. When he and Burke started out, they first began to take their way along the slope of the rocky ridge which ended in our caves, so they found this very hard work, and they soon found that the sandy country to the north. Here they shot some little beast or other, and while they were hunting another one, up he and down dale, they found nothing to come on, and they were afraid to retrace their steps for fear they might come to trouble in the darkness; so they ate what they had with them and camped, and the next morning they heard that the east seemed to be so near them that they thought it much easier to push on instead of coming back to us. They thought that when they got to the fertile country they would find a settlement, and then they might be able to do something for the rest of the party, and it would be much wiser to go ahead than to turn back; but they found themselves greatly mistaken. Mountains in the distance, seen over a plain, appear very much nearer than they are, and these two poor fellows walked and walked, until they were pretty nearly dead. The story is a long one as Shirley told it to me, but just as they were about giving up entirely, they were found by a little party of natives, who had seen them from a long distance and had come to them."

"After a great deal of trouble I believe they had to carry Burke a good part of the way—the natives got them to their huts at the foot of the mountains and took care of them. These people told Shirley he knows a little Spanish—that it was a piece of rare good luck that they found them; for it was very seldom they went so far out into the desert."

"In a day or two the two men went on to a little village in the mountains, and there they tried to get up an expedition to come to our assistance. They knew that we had food enough to

last for a week or two, but after that we must be starved out; but nobody would do anything, and then they went on to another town to see what they could do."

"Good fellows!" exclaimed Ralph. "Indeed, they were," said Edna; "but wait until you hear what they did next. 'Nobody in this small town,' they read on, 'was willing to join Burke and Shirley in their proposed expedition, and no wonder; for thinking those deserts is a dangerous thing, and most people said it would be easier to get away by sea than by land. At this time Burke was taken sick, and for a week or two Shirley thought he was going to die. Of course, they had to stay where they were, and it was a long time before Burke was able to move about. Then they might have gone into the interior until they came to a railroad, and so have got away, for they had money with them, but Shirley told me they could not bear to do that without knowing what had become of us. They did not believe there was any hope for us unless the mate had come back with assistance, and they had not much faith in that; for if a storm had come up, such as had wrecked the Castor, it would be all over with Mr. Rynders' boat."

But even if we had perished on that desolate coast, they wanted to know it and carry the news to their friends; and so they both determined, if the thing could be done, to get back to the coast and find out what had become of us. They went again to the little village where they had been taken by the natives, and found them, taken by promises of big pay—at least, large for those Peruvians—they induced six of them to join in an expedition to the caves. They did not think they had any reason to suppose that they would find anyone alive, but still, besides the provisions necessary for the party there and back, they carried something extra."

"Well, they journeyed for two days, and then there came a wind storm, and hot and dry, filling the air with sand and dust, so that they could not see where they were going, and the natives said they ought to keep on in such a storm. But our two men would not give up so soon, and they made a camp in a sheltered place and determined to press on in the morning when they might expect the storm to be over. In the morning they found that every native had deserted them. The wind had gone down, and the natives had started back, and before it was light, they were back to the cave. Shirley and Burke did not know what to do. They believed that they were nearer the coast than the mountains, and as they had plenty of provisions, they determined to try to push on, for a while, at least."

"There was a bit of rising ground to the east, and they thought if they could get on the top of that they might get a sight of the ocean, and then discover how far away it was. They reached the top of the rising ground, and they did not see the ocean, but a little ahead of them, in a smooth stretch of sand, was something which amazed them more than if it had been the sea. It was a pair of shoes stuck up out of the sand. They went to have legs to pair, and appeared to have legs to pair. They went to the spot and found that these shoes belonged to a man who was entirely covered by sand, and with the exception of his feet, and of his arms, and found he was a white man, in sailor's clothes. First they had thought he might be one of our party, but they soon perceived that this was a mistake; for they had never seen the man before. He was dried up, until he was nothing but a skeleton with skin over it, but they could have recognized him if they had known him before. From what they had heard of the rainless climate of the Peruvian coast, and the way it had of drying up dead animals of all sorts, they imagined that this man might have been there for years. He was lying on his back, with his arms folded around a bundle, and when they tried to move this bundle, they found it was very heavy, and was something wrapped up in a blanket and tied up with a cord, and when they opened the bundle, they were pretty nearly struck dumb, for they saw it held, as Shirley expressed it, about a peck of little hunks of gold."

"This discovery, and utterly unable to make head or tail of it. What that man, apparently an English sailor, had been doing out in the middle of this desert with a bundle of gold, and where he got it, and who he was, and where he was going to, and how long he had been dead, were things beyond their guessing. They dragged the body out of the burrow in the sand and examined the pockets, but there was nothing in the pocket of the shirt, however, were about a dozen matches, wrapped up in a very bad hand, to A. McLeish, Callao, Peru, but they could not make out the date of the postmark. These things were all there, and about them man that could possibly identify him; for his clothes were such as any sailor would wear, and were very old and dirty."

(To be Continued.)

Hints to Housekeepers.

DAILY BILL OF FARE.
BREAKFAST—Bananas, Creamed Bacon, Fried Mush, Potato Balls, Apple Sauce, Graham Muffins, Coffee.
DINNER—Beef Pot Roast, Squash, Steamed Potatoes, Turnips, Chow Chow, Barberry Sauce, Corn Cup, Cake, Crackers, Cheese.
SUPPER—Boston Baked Beans, Brown Bread, Stewed Apples, Cookies, Tea.

CORN CUP CAKE.
Three eggs, two cups milk, one-half cup sugar, two cups corn meal, two teaspoons baking powder, one tablespoon butter, one-half teaspoon salt. Make in the same order as cake, sifting baking powder with meal. Have the gem pan hot, or bake in dripping pan in quick oven.

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District Doings.

Happenings in Western Ontario Sections.

The congregation of Knox Church, Woodstock, will erect a new building, to cost \$35,000.

Manager O'Grady, of the Wallace branch of the Bank of Montreal, has been ordered to the New York branch.

Rev. Neil McPherson, of Petrolia, has received an anonymous letter containing \$50 for the home and foreign mission fund.

It is stated that the C. P. R. will rebuild the bridge over the Thames at Thamesford, and will furnish work for resident laborers only, if hands enough can be secured.

Rev. E. D. Silcox, Congregational minister of Paris, preaching on amusement the other evening, said a person might dance, if his conscience did not dictate otherwise.

Mrs. A. B. Orr, one of the oldest and best known residents of Stratford, died at the residence of Mr. Wm. Sander at that city, Monday. She was a daughter of the late Col. J. C. W. Daly, and aunt to Mr. Thomas Daly, the present Minister of the Interior.

The official board of the Methodist Church of Forest have unanimously invited the Rev. R. Whiting, B.A., of Brigidon, to succeed his late father in the pastorate of that church next June. Mr. Whiting accepted the invitation, subject to the consent of the stationing committee.

The farm dwelling of James Latimer, con. 10, of the township of Merseu, Kent county, was destroyed by fire late Saturday night. The inmates at the house had to use it for their night attire. No contents were saved.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leckie, Wellington street, Sarnia, was the scene of a happy family gathering on Thursday, the occasion being the 55th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Leckie. Among those in attendance were the worthy couple's four sons, with their wives and children, 17 in all.

Five years ago Mrs. J. E. Thorpe, of Windsor city, received by letter \$100 and the writer expressed the wish that she put it in the bank for five years, and then use it in aid of the Children's Home. Mrs. Thorpe deposited the amount in the Merchants' Bank, bearing 3 per cent interest. As the time has now expired, she has placed it to the credit of the home.

A physician from Owen Sound has sent a communication to the Provincial Health Department, which contains some information regarding jump-frog in the county of Grey. Three boarders in a hotel in Owen Sound, contracted cancer of whom died, and the other two are in a dangerous condition. The meat supplies were procured from a farmer, whose herd of cattle were affected with lung fever. An investigation will be held on the subject.

WEAK AND EXHAUSTED

From the Results of Neuralgia and Nervous Headache.

Five Years of Almost Constant Agony Endured by the Sufferer—A Strong Letter from Her Husband Testifying to Her Cure.

"Neuralgia," says an eminent writer on medical matters, "is the cry of the nerves for better blood." This undoubtedly expresses the whole truth, and the first duty of those who are in any degree afflicted with this exceedingly painful malady is to drive pure and healthy blood, and thus create the disease from the system. The following strong letter from Mr. T. W. Johnson, Hemford, N. S., will show how this can be done. Mr. Johnson writes: "My only interest in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is the attitude I owe for the cure of my wife and my desire for others may obtain similar relief. My wife has been a sufferer for many years, and had been under different treatments without permanent results until 1893, when she was induced to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. At that time she had been suffering from neuralgia and nervous headache in her worst form for over five years, and the trouble gradually growing worse each day. She had a dreadful pain in the head most of the time, and her eyes were so weak that she could scarcely see or read. Her nights were almost sleepless, and the trouble spread from her head to her body and she suffered an intense pain in her back. The trouble was wearing her away, and she became so weak and exhausted that she could scarcely stand upon her feet. Sometimes she obtained temporary relief from the different treatments tried, but afterwards the trouble seemed to be more severe than before. I had read a great deal concerning Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and at last determined to give them a trial. She found relief before the first box was half done, and she was as well and strong as ever she had been in her life. I believe that had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills she would not be comforting my life now. It is almost two years since she discontinued using the pills, and in that time she has been free from the disease and in the enjoyment of good health, so that it is reasonable to say that the cure is permanent. I know that many of our neighbors who have seen what Pink Pills have done for my wife, have used them with equally beneficial results. In conclusion let me urge the thousands who may read this to obtain Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as I can heartily recommend them and feel that I am only doing my duty to the afflicted by doing so."

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VENEZUELA'S CLAIMS.

Criticism of the Latest British Blue Book.

Venezuela's Contentment Set Forth in a 400-Page Volume—Reports from Caracas.

London, March 11.—The Chronicle publishes the first of a series of articles by an expert, criticising the Venezuelan blue book, just issued by the Government. The writer insists that all the bitterness and vehemence of the Venezuelan claim centers in the alleged British usurpation of the coast between the Moruco and Orinoco Rivers. It is here, he says, that the British case is weakest. The contention that the Dutch possessed this territory prior to the treaty of Munster is certainly not proved satisfactorily by the blue book, and he adduces reasons in support of his contention. He unearthed an inaccurate record of 1640, and seeks to show the quotation, as cited in the blue book, is a garbled and perverted summary of the original. He adds that the Dutch example of haste and inaccuracy in the preparation of the British case.

Washington, March 11.—The Venezuela commission formally received the first installment of the Venezuelan case yesterday from ex-Minister Schurgers, counsel for the South American republic, who presented copies of the volume upon which he has been engaged for the past six months, and which he informed the commission practically contained all the substance of the Venezuelan contention, though of considerable supplementary evidence is expected from Caracas. The volume contains 400 pages and a colored map, and is entitled "Official History of the Dispute Between Venezuela and Great Britain on Their Guiana Boundary." It is devoted exclusively to the exhibition of official correspondence, and unlike the British blue book, without a word of comment or argument. It is divided into two sections, each containing a distinct phase of the negotiations since 1822. The preface of the book is the official letter of the Palmerston Ministry of March 18, 1840.

New York, March 11.—A Caracas, Venezuela, special says: "Senor Rojas, Venezuela's Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an interview, officially denies any knowledge of an English naval squadron coming to La Guayra. He believes the report is untrue. A cable dispatch from Paris says a British fleet will arrive at Curacao on Wednesday next. The Venezuelan Government declines to give any information regarding the British demand for indemnity for the Uruan incident."

"JACK, THE STRANGLER."

Now San Francisco Has a Whitechapel Mystery.

San Francisco, March 11.—Another woman of the town has been strangled under circumstances identical with the other two murders that have taken place recently in the same locality. Early yesterday morning a woman named Bertha Parsons was found dead in her bed. A napkin and a handkerchief had been thrust down her throat. The girl was fully dressed, and there were no marks of violence on her neck. The money on her person was not touched, nor had there been any apparent effort to go through the bureau drawers or other places where money might be kept.

The police believe they have gained a slight clue to the criminal. J. P. Fowler, a waiter in the saloon on the corner, took drinks to the girl's room during the night, and has described the two men who were present.

EXODUS RESUMED.

A Trainload of Ontario Farmers and Their Families Start Westward.

Toronto, March 11.—A settlers' train for the Northwest left the Union Station at noon yesterday. It contained about 150 Ontario farmers and families bound for various points in Manitoba and the West. The live stock and effects of the settlers will follow tonight. This is practically the start of the Northwest movement for the year, and settlers' trains will go out weekly for the next two months.

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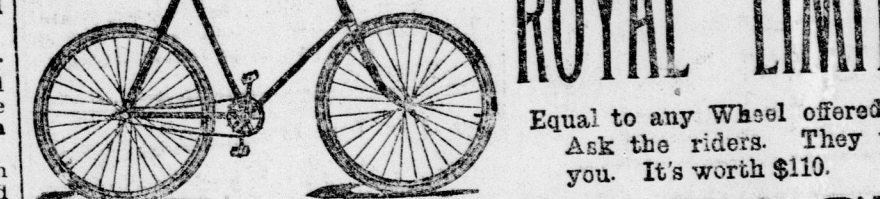
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