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THE WEAPONS OF MYSTERY
BY JOSEPH HOCKING.

(Continued)

"Ladies there are gentlemen there are," shrieked the Egyptian; "but he"—pointing at me—"is no gentleman. He is at once a viper, a villain, and a coward. I leave this house; I renounce pleasant society; I leave this country—for ever; but before I go I would like to fight hand to hand with that giant, who—Ha!" He stood close to me and spat at me. "There!" he cried, and then he struck me in the face with all his strength. Instantly I leapt to my feet. This insult was too great. I could scarcely restrain from striking him to the ground, but I mastered myself, however, and so did not touch him.

"I leave this house," he said wildly. "Hereof, send on my baggage to Cairo. But"—turning to me—"you I challenge— you, with your big body and trained arms. But, hold you dar'st fight. You are a mounting coward."

He rushed out of the room as he spoke, and a minute later I heard the hall door slammed with violence.

At that moment I became possessed of a terrible passion. I seemed to be mad. I longed to avenge the insult that had been offered. I looked around the room, and all seemed astonished at the behavior of the Egyptian, save Voltaire who was apologizing in profane terms for his friend. As I looked at his terrible eyes, my passion became greater, and I felt I could not govern myself. I stepped into the room. I think some one came up to me and congratulated me on my coolness in dealing with the man, who had despised me, but I did not listen—I could not. An overwhelming impulse laid hold of me to follow the Egyptian, and I dimly remember going into the hall and out into the silent night.

"I knew the probability was that I should be followed, but I did not know where to go, when I seemed to hear voices all around me uttering the words 'Drearwater Pond.' With that I started running with all my might, knowing not where, yet dimly remembering that I had gone the road before. Then all memory and consciousness ceased.

"This is serious," said Tom Temple. "I have inquired of the servants, who all assure me that they have no knowledge of the matter, and I cannot think that any of your guests would assume the person of the man to frighten the housekeeper and two or three servants. I'm by no means superstitious, but I do not see how I can trace it humanly."

"I cannot see why any guest should assume the person of the traditional ghost but some men have deep designing minds. They are like clever draught-players; you see half a dozen moves ahead, and so do that which to a novice appears meaningless and absurd."

Then I heard another voice, one that caused my heart to beat wildly. It was Gertrude Forrest's. "Mr. Kaffar says he can guess who the person is who has personated this ghost," she said; "I think it fair to every guest that he should speak out."

"I would not like to say," he said indignantly, "perchance I would wound your tender feelings deeply."

"Mr. Kaffar will remember he's speaking to a lady, I'm sure," said Tom Temple. "Forsyth me," said Kaffar, excitedly; "I forgat I was in England, where men are the slaves of ladies. With us it is different. We speak and they obey. I was not in Egypt. I have done very wrong. I implore the lady's pardon. I see no meaning in your words," said Miss Forrest; quietly, "therefore, I see nothing to forgive."

"Ah, live again. A heavy load is gone from my heart. I have not merited the lady's pleasure."

"Still I think it right, if you have grounds for suspecting any one, that we should know," said a voice; "otherwise some one may be wrongly accused."

"Do not ask me," said Kaffar. "Ask Mr. Blake."

Instantly all eyes were turned on me, and as I might, I could not help an uncomfortable flash rising in my face. "I do not know what Mr. Kaffar means," I replied. "I am as ignorant as to the origin of the ghost as he is, perhaps more so."

CHAPTER XI—DARK DREAMS AND NIGHT SHADOWS.

I suppose I must have gone on blindly for some time, for when I again became conscious I stood beside a river, while tall trees waved their leafless branches overhead. Strange sounds filled the air. Sometimes wailing sounds were wafted to me, which presently changed into hisses, until it seemed as if a thousand serpents were creeping all around me. The waters of the river looked black, while above me were weird, fantastic forms leaping in the stillness of the night. No words were spoken, no language was uttered, but that of wailing and hissing, and that which was indistinct, as if it existed in

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GRAVEL
DIABETES
MIGRAINE
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AND
ALL
PAINFUL
AFFECTIONS

On account of the soft ice the match for the likely trophies, which was scheduled to start last evening in the quiet, curling rink, was postponed.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



SIMPLE SATIN EVENING CAPE.
The simpler the design and the finer the quality of the material the higher the style of the evening wrap this year. Satin and soft, clinging, lustrous broadcloths are the accepted favorites for such garments, and all the pastel shades with white are equally favored. This model is on the burmese order, with collar facings of handsome embroideries in silver and gold. The fabric is a pale blue chiffon satin and the lining of the same material, over an inner lining of light-weight flannel in a delicate shell pink.

CONSOLIDATED GAS TAKES BIG DROP IN WALL STREET

Adverse Decision of United States Supreme Court Sends the Stock Down 26 1/4 Points in an Almost Perpendicular Slump—Violent Break in Other Stocks.

New York, Jan. 4.—A very heavy speculation miscarried by the loss of the Consolidated Gas stock to overwork the New York stock market, limiting the change to a drop of 26 1/4 points in the case of Consolidated Gas on the assumption that the court was now about to hand down its decision in favor of the company. The abrupt announcement that the court had lost its suit threw the holders of the stock into a panic and an almost perpendicular drop of 26 1/4 points was the result. The price of the stock fell from 100 to 73 1/4 points in a matter of minutes.

The court's deliberations committed to print. The announcement was therefore made in typewritten copies and there were comparatively few of these.

The court failed to pass specifically upon the question of the constitutionality of the law as an entirety, but did pronounce in favor of the law in some particulars. In the main, however, the tenor of the decision was to the effect that the gas company has been premature in its prayer for relief in that it presented its petition for an injunction before there had been an opportunity to test the operation of the law. It was said by Justice Peckham that the company failed to make a case which would warrant judicial interference before any actual and hostile test should be made under the statute, but the lower court was directed to dispose of the matter in such a way as not to prejudice the company in case it should be discovered after the law goes into effect that the eighty-cent rate is unremunerative. In that event the decision leaves the company unshackled in beginning a new proceeding.

An important feature of the decision is the finding of the court that the value of the franchises of the companies constituting the consolidated company as fixed by the act at the time of the consolidation should properly be regarded as a part of the capital of the company for the purpose of stock. It was pointed out that the state never questioned the fairness of that valuation and it was, therefore, concluded that at this late date that question could not properly be raised.

FOUGHT A FIRE FOR FIVE DAYS

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 4.—After fighting for five days and battling against the turbulent sea for two weeks, the crew of the Furness line steamer London City were exhausted when the ship docked at this port today. Two of the crew were injured during the voyage.

The London City sailed from Liverpool December 18 for St. John's and Halifax. For several days she was unable to make much headway because of a heavy gale.

During the roughest part of the trip, a quantity of phosphorus stored in cases on the poop deck caught fire. The crew fought the flames for five days. After a stubborn battle the fire was subdued, but not before considerable damage had been done. The steamer Horn, 19 days out from Bilbao, Spain, for Sydney, put in here today short of coal. She reports terrible weather during the greater part of the trip.

Mr. J. J. Magee, Jr., Kinmount, Ont., writes: "In the spring of 1906 I was troubled with a rash that broke out all over me. It was the worst on my face and head, had a dry, scaly top, and when I would get warm it would become very itchy. I tried the doctor's medicine but it did me no good, so I then got one bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters and before it was all used the rash was entirely gone."

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TEMPERANCE IN ONTARIO

Big Gain Made in Recent Elections—Sixteen Municipalities Adopted Local Option—Forty One Licenses Cut Off.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Local option contests took place today in 165 municipalities and the result over the field as a whole was satisfactory to the opponents of licensing system.

Special interest attaches to those places in which the question at issue was the maintenance of local prohibition which has been adopted three years ago. There were contests in 31 places and from many of the more important returns came early to hand. Of 22 places only one village, Hepworth, voted to repeal the by-law and the vote there had been adverse when it formed part of an adjoining township. Among 21 were such places as the cities of Owen Sound and Collingwood and the towns and villages of Southampton, Beamsville, Stouffville, Richmond Hill and Tara.

In several important centres local option voters were equally divided. In some municipalities and in some where there were majorities there was failure to obtain the necessary three-fifths.

The number of municipalities passing local option was sixteen. Forty-one licenses have been cut off. Fifty-five licenses were saved by the three-fifths clause and forty licenses by a straight vote.

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MAY BE TROUBLE AT THE ENTHRONEMENT OF BISHOP FARTHING

Anti-Ritualist Threatens to Have Men Present Who Will Resist High Church Practices

Montreal, Jan. 4.—There is a possibility of a disorderly interruption to the proceedings in connection with the enthronement of Bishop-elect Farthing as diocesan of Montreal in Christ church cathedral on Wednesday.

A depiction of the ceremonial to be observed on this occasion is the presentation of a "pastoral staff" or crozier similar to those used by bishops in England before the time of the reformation. The use of these insignia has been objected to as favoring of Roman Catholicism by a considerable section of the extreme low Church and anti-ritualist section of the church in England, and some of the famous Kennis of five or six years ago were directed against this very usage.

A writer who signs himself "Luther Second" has sent a letter to the local press in which he intimates that he will be on hand with a "body of men under my control" to protest publicly against this ceremony, and invites all good Protestants to be present and join him.

Skin Diseases.

A diseased or disfigured skin will always leave its stamp on the mind of the individual. Many poor sufferers from disfiguring skin diseases avoid society and lose all pride in their personal appearance. When the skin breaks out in eruptions and sores it is due entirely to an impure condition of the blood.

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WILL NOT CANCEL THE NIGHT TRAINS

M. J. Butler, Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals, Says that Night Expresses Between St. John and Halifax Will Run as Usual.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—M. J. Butler, deputy minister of railways and canals, assured your correspondent today that there was no foundation for the report that it was intended to cancel trains Nos. 9 and 10 of the Intercolonial. They will be continued without interference. "The trains we are taking off are the Sydney flyer and its connections from the North Sydney Junction," said Mr. Butler. They will not be discontinued until Jan. 9, which is considerably later than usual. They are numbered 85 and 86, 483, 484, 485 and 486.

SIR HUGH GRAHAM'S GENEROUS GIFT TO MONTREAL HOSPITAL

Montreal, Jan. 4.—It was announced today by Sir Melbourne Tait, president of the Children's Memorial Hospital, that an anonymous donation of \$10,000 recently received by that institution had been given by Sir Hugh Graham. In announcing this gift Sir Melbourne Tait in a letter to the Montreal Gazette says: "Many subscribers naturally desire to know the name of our generous benefactor. Being finally persuaded that his personal feelings should give way before the interest of the hospital and the natural expectation of other subscribers, I am permitted to say that Sir Hugh Graham's check for \$10,000 has been received by our treasurer."

FEVER AT DORCHESTER

Dorchester, N. B., Jan. 4.—Owing to the outbreak of scarlet fever in the town and the consequent quarantine placed on two families by the county board of health, the public school board of trustees have ordered the opening of the schools deferred for one week. One fatality has occurred in the house of Geo. Drillon, a guard in the maritime penitentiary. The churches and skating rinks may be ordered closed if the disease continues to spread.

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