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The Midnight Guest

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(Continued.) At any rate, the knowledge was worth having. Here was a clear avenue of escape. As soon as the house was quiet Vera would be able to steal away, and once outside, she would know exactly what to do. She had no money, but that was a mere detail. The slow hours crept on till dusk began to fall, and there had been no further sign from Silva. The clock outside were striking eight when someone tapped at the door, and in response to Vera's query the voice of Silva spoke. "We are dining in half an hour," he said. "Will you be so good as to come down?" I have unfastened the door. Vera was trembling with excitement and apprehension. She hastened to change her dress, and in a few moments she was hurrying down the stairs. When she reached the hall she found Silva awaiting her. He looked somewhat anxious. "Your mother is in the drawing-room," he said. "I hope you won't mind sitting down to a cold dinner. For motives of prudence we have sent the servants to London for an evening at the theatre. Will you see why we adopted such a course. Will you precede me." Vera had nothing to reply. Just for the moment she was in a state of speech. She was wondering whether or not she would awake presently and find it all no more than a dream. The drawing-room was brilliantly lighted. A tall, dark woman stood by the fireplace. Her regular features appeared to Vera as if they were those of a stranger. She was dressed in a gown that did not fail to notice the restless movements of the hands just for a moment. The two looked at one another. "Something like a smile came over the Countess Flavio's face," she said. "So you are my daughter," she said. "I am afraid I should not have recognized you. Come, closer, so that I can look at your face. That the drawing-room is in the least like your father. I cannot be sufficiently thankful for it. "I have thought about you often," Vera said coldly. "But, surely, if you are my mother, you have a strange way of making yourself known to me. What is the meaning of this outrage? Surely you could have come to Park Lane and asked for me in the ordinary way, without sending this creature of yours." Vera looked round for Silva, but he had discreetly disappeared. "I am glad that man has had the decency to leave us alone," she went on. "Oh, I have been thinking about this meeting all day. I do not know what to imagine, or what to believe. You say that you are my mother, but how I am I to be certain that—" "I swear it," the Countess said. "You are to be certain in her voice. You are my daughter beyond the shadow of a doubt. Oh, there is a deal in what you say, but I could not come to Lord Ravenspur's house. There are most urgent reasons. You are wondering, perhaps, why I have not been near you all these years; but I can explain. You remember nothing of your father, for which you can thank your Maker. With the solitary exception of yourself, there was not a creature on earth that he cared for. He was the embodiment of refined cruelty. His greatest delight was in the tortured degradation of others. Ah, you little guess what a veritable hell the two years which followed your birth were. I will tell you all about that some day, and you will be sorry for me. If you had only had my experience you would not wonder why I fled and hid myself when my release came. You would not wonder why I refused to see you, for fear you should be like your father, and remind me of him every hour. I was so near the borderland of insanity then that I should have killed you, if by one look or gesture you had reminded me of the man who had ruined my life. And then, when the lapse of years had restored my strength and vigor again, a longing to see you took possession of me.



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MORE CARLETON COUNTY FARMERS SUGGEST IDEAS TO AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Last Meeting of the Commission Held at Bath--The Matter of Vacant Farms--Sheep Raising and Fruit Cutting.

The fifth and concluding meeting of the agricultural commission in Carleton County was held at Bath on Saturday last. Gladstone Perry presided and the following were present: Arthur Taylor, William Giberson, Carey Estey, Patrick Corbett, John Hayes, Fred Oakes, J. R. H. Simme, Thomas Egan, Isaac Smith, Merrill Taylor, B. F. Smith, M. P. P. Hrace Rourke, Avard Kearney, Eben J. Kearney, Herbert Olmstead, Ralph Giberson, George Seaton, Leonard Bourke, Alfred Giberson, Stephen Kinney, Robert Squires, William A. Squires, Thomas McGinley, Elmer Lloyd, Harold W. Crum, Rev. G. A. Giberson, Albert Olmstead, J. N. Frost, Charles Giberson, Rev. L. A. Fenwick, M. A. Smith, E. F. Shaw, Hamford, Bankine, J. Smith, with many others.

In discussing the matter of vacant farms and farms which were being neglected, the commission was advised by several of the present that the best way to deal with the matter was to have a list of all the vacant farms in the county, and to have a committee to visit each of them, and to see that they were properly cultivated. It was also suggested that a list of all the farms in the county should be made, and that the commission should visit each of them, and to see that they were properly cultivated.

When sheep raising was under discussion, the farmers from the best districts of the county were present, and they gave their views on the matter. It was agreed that when the plaster was properly mixed and ground, it had been very properly mixed and was too coarse to be of use. B. F. Smith, M.P.P., strongly urged that more stock should be kept and less fertilizer imported. He was of the opinion that if farmers applied a reasonable quantity of manure and gave their land good cultivation, they could raise as much hay and oats from 100 acres as they were now dropping sheep, some on six more of the farm. During the meeting, the following were named on the committee: Gladstone Perry (chairman), Morris Pierce, Stephen Kinney, Michael Keenan, Arthur Taylor, Joseph Curtis, Norman Thompson, Hewlett McNally, Carey Estey, Thos. Killohlin, Chas. Giberson and Hugh Tweeddale.

In discussing the labor question, complaint was made that the western harvest excursions had practically depleted the country of available labor. As elsewhere in Carleton county, it was found that but few men were wanted for any length of time on the farm. During hay and harvest a large number were wanted and from \$1.50 to \$2 was paid. A few farmers requested more men on their farms, and the following motion was unanimously carried: "That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable that an illustration farm be established to assist in the development of the agricultural possibilities of Carleton county."

When apple growing was under discussion, Marshall Smith, Summerfield, said he had 700 trees, mostly Wealthy, that had grown and were bearing very well with him. He had, unfortunately, planted them only fifteen feet apart, they were dropping heavily. Dorothy Lee, a fascinating little actress, who has appeared for the last few years in New York productions, was present. Francis Sagerson, the Cardinal Wesley of "When Knighthood was in Flower" Co. Ethel Eastcourt, who understudied Olga Netherole in "Carmen." Frank Smith, for the past ten years opera headliner at the Hippodrome, Slyphitte Radcliffe, of N. Y. musical comedy fame, is the wise and ringing and dancing soloist. John Bryes, the well known leading man. Theodore Daly, one of the most pleasing juveniles now before the public. Don Carlo Du Bois, of the Hippodrome. Mildred Herman, a dainty little ingenue. Harry Wilson, the light comedian, who is shortly to be featured in a New York musical comedy. In fact, the entire company are all artists in their line of work, and will give St. John playgoers an opportunity of seeing good plays perfectly produced. Seats now on sale for entire engagement.

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AT THE PRINCESS. Buster Brown still continues to pack the Princess Theatre to the doors at every show. Yesterday, in spite of the exceptionally hot weather, the house was crowded. This young gentleman will appear in a different act today, and on Saturday he will make a reception on the stage after the show, for ladies and children. This is in addition to the regular picture programme. A Miss Dore will also be heard in the latest illustrated songs. FOR TERCENTENARY program and information about accommodation in "Tented City" write W. E. D. Wiggs, Vice-Pres., Tented City Co., Quebec, Que.

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SHOE SHIPMENTS AND DULL TIMES

New York, June 29.—Shoes are a rather good standard of popular purchasing power, and the sudden improvement which has lately taken place in hides and leather is certainly an encouraging feature. The shipments of shoes from Massachusetts will, therefore, be an interesting item at this time. During the first six months of 1908 they aggregated 2,450,000 cases, and for the same period in 1907 2,375,000 cases. The total for 1908 amounted to 4,920,000 cases, and for 1907 4,580,000 cases, or a deficit of 330,000 cases, largely in the latter half of the year. The increase in shipments was 67,000 cases, against 94,000 cases in the corresponding week a year ago, and for the year to date 1,548,000 cases, compared with 2,275,000 for the corresponding period in 1907. There is, therefore, a shortage of 727,000 cases thus far this year, or 1,067,000 cases for the year ending this month. A case of shoes averages 24 pairs, so that the shortage in shipments is something over 23,000 pairs of shoes, which, it is argued, must constitute a remarkably good foundation for a sturdy and profitable business soon as general industrial and trade conditions warrant.

BERESFORD HAS 301 WARSHIPS FOR MANOEUVRES

London, July 1.—The mobilization of all British warships in home waters available for immediate service was completed yesterday for the annual naval manoeuvres, and Admiral Beresford finds himself in supreme command of a total of 301 ships, with an aggregate complement of 98,000 officers and men. Officially, all thought of reproducing the sea operations that might be expected in the event of difficulties with Germany is repudiated, but from the general character of the instructions issued it appears that Admiral Beresford will be the enemy of the first-cruiser squadron, based at Aalbek Bay, at the extreme north of Denmark, is to enact the part of the enemy coast of Great Britain, which Admiral Bridgman, commander-in-chief of the home fleet, has to defend.

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PLAYS AND PLAYERS

SELMAN STOCK COMPANY AT THE OPERA HOUSE NEXT WEEK

The most important announcement in many months pertaining to theatricals is that of the appearance of Joseph Selman and his company of distinguished players in a series of recent New York operas and London successes. The company will open Monday, July 6th. Every member of the company has a splendid standing in the theatrical world. Mr. Selman has just finished a season of forty weeks as leading man with Minnie Dusee in "The Road to Yesterday." Eugene Du Bois has just closed her season with Robert E. Mantell in Shakespeare's "The Squaw Man." Robert Robson, the celebrated character actor. Dorothy Lee, a fascinating little actress, who has appeared for the last few years in New York productions. Francis Sagerson, the Cardinal Wesley of "When Knighthood was in Flower" Co. Ethel Eastcourt, who understudied Olga Netherole in "Carmen." Frank Smith, for the past ten years opera headliner at the Hippodrome, Slyphitte Radcliffe, of N. Y. musical comedy fame, is the wise and ringing and dancing soloist. John Bryes, the well known leading man. Theodore Daly, one of the most pleasing juveniles now before the public. Don Carlo Du Bois, of the Hippodrome. Mildred Herman, a dainty little ingenue. Harry Wilson, the light comedian, who is shortly to be featured in a New York musical comedy. In fact, the entire company are all artists in their line of work, and will give St. John playgoers an opportunity of seeing good plays perfectly produced. Seats now on sale for entire engagement.

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