

# LOVE FINDS A WAY.

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AN INTRODUCTION.  
One would scarcely credit the flourishing and growing town of Mandeville—city by courtesy—with a well authenticated and respectfully vouched for ghost story, and yet it had one—has one perhaps, one might say, for three of its oldest citizens must join the choir invisible before it becomes a matter of pure tradition.

To quote from the geography, "Mandeville is remarkable chiefly for the excellent quality of the glazed tiles and the superior cylinder stoves which it manufactures in large quantities and ships annually to all parts of the United States and Great Britain."  
Mandeville does not set as a model store by its ghost as it does by its tiles and stoves, which it advertises with laudable liberality, but should any stranger chance to express his views on the subject of the finest old mansion in its suburbs, Broxton Hall, in the hearing of Uncle Benjie Braddock, as half the town calls him, he will be very apt to hear something that will astonish him, coming, as it does, from such very respectable lips. In an atmosphere from which one looks for nothing but trade and market quotations, Uncle Benjie has reached the reminiscent age, and he always seizes with avidity upon the chance to describe "the most remarkable experience of my life, sir."

If his listener happens to be a skeptic who has nothing but a veiled sneer for the Broxton ghost, Uncle Benjie will refer him to "Major Dan Mercer, sir. I guess nobody ever cast discredit on a statement of his, or Simon, who was care taker at the Hall after Colonel Rufus Broxton died. They saw what I saw, and I take it that three more unimaginative men can't be picked up in all Melton county."

And so, whether you believe it or not, stranger, it will be well to compare your respectfulness toward the Broxton ghost so long as you are in the neighborhood of Major Dan Mercer. The people who live in the handsome old house itself are not such old world aristocrats as to consider a ghost good form in shape of family indorsement. Whatever they may know or think about this elusive member of their fine old family they keep strictly to themselves.

## CHAPTER I.

THE SHADOW OF DEATH.  
When Miss Malvina Spillman, who lived midway between the small town of Mandeville and the large estate of Broxton Hall, saw Dr. Govan for the second time that day drive rapidly up the avenue of laurel trees that stretched from the big outer gates to the very doorstep of the Broxton house, she lifted up her voice:

"I think Colonel Broxton must be worse, mother. Dr. Govan's gone by again."  
"Me, me, my, my!"  
"That makes twice since breakfast, and he does not often drive that old sorrel of his fast enough to latter him. He is doing it now, though."

"Twice, Malvina? Me, me! And that poor motherless boy off at school the Lord only knows how many miles!"  
"I think Thomas has been sent for, mother. When I was up to ask about the colonel yesterday, Jessy told me he had."

"But maybe he won't get here in time. Go back to the window, Malvina. Something else might happen."

Miss Malvina's mother was getting old and had got deaf. Just now she was pinned to her armchair with a sprained ankle. To use her own pathos, she was nothing like the woman she used to be.

Sometimes Miss Malvina could project a bit of gossip across the room without having to leave her sewing machine or ironing board. It depended largely on the state of the atmosphere. As a rule, she had to filter it carefully through the perforated car trumpet that was swung by a black ribbon about her mother's neck.

The wheel of Miss Malvina's sewing machine filled the little cottage with its pleasant whirr for a few moments of renewed activity. Then something else did happen, and she bustled across the room once more to report it. Her mother held the trumpet in a state of eager readiness.

"And Daniel has just gone galloping by on the colonel's black mare, mother."

"Which way?"  
"Toward town. He'll just kill that mare, and the colonel loves her next best to Tom."

"You say he's on the black mare? Why, Broxton never would have let Daniel or any other man get astride that brute if he had his senses about him." "Mother" Spillman shook her white head dolorously and added: "Gone after Horace Matthews, I suppose. Broxton had better be sending for the minister, if he is but a poor crooked stick, and settling his account with heaven instead of worrying with the lawyers at such a time."

Mrs. Spillman could afford to put her own estimate upon the new preacher. She spoke as one who had been in an-

thority. Mandeville had but one church, and for years her husband had filled its pulpit. She knew every foot of the ground between Broxton Hall and the little church over which the "crooked stick" now presided, to her austere dissatisfaction.

The window in which her big armchair was immovably planted gave her a glimpse of the tiny, but she knew they were there, so she lost nothing.

The front of the Spillman cottage was pierced by one door and two windows. Miss Malvina's sewing machine occupied one of these. Evidently events were not moving rapidly enough for the older woman. She interrupted the resumed whirr of the sewing machine querulously.

"I think you might give over tucking a white petticoat when a neighbor's soul is passing, Malvina, and that neighbor Rufus Broxton. It is a sorry day for us."

Miss Malvina looked penitent and put the lid on her machine as softly as if the sick man had been in the spare room of the little cottage instead of in his own stately four poster a half mile away.

"I meant no disrespect, mother. Nobody thinks more of Colonel Broxton than I do or will miss him worse. It's just my way to keep busy."

"Ah, ah, we'll miss him, Malvina. You'll miss him, I'll miss him, and all Mandeville will miss him. But what does he want with Horace Matthews at such a time? Oh, if your own dear father was only here now!"  
"I guess he wants the lawyer to get Tom's affairs well in hand. Colonel Broxton is rich, mother, and Tom is young—so young and helpless."

"Only 14 years old, poor lad!"  
"And I suppose the colonel is trying to arrange everything for Tom's best interests. I guess he never once thought, being so well and strong just a week ago, but what he would be here himself to look after Tom for many a long year yet. Jessy says Mr. Matthews and the colonel are just like brothers."

"Mother" Spillman jerked her trumpet away from Miss Malvina's lips with fierce petulance.

"Jessy is a gossiping simpleton. Brothers, indeed! Don't speak of them in the same breath. I know Horace Matthews. Then, with shrill rising voice, "I know more about Horace Matthews and Rufus Broxton than Jessy could ever find out if her mother cooked at Broxton Hall till kingdom come."

"I know my father prepared them both for college," said Malvina proudly. Then quietly she seated herself on a hassock near her mother and possessed herself of the pile of gray wool the old lady worked up into articles of doubtful beauty and undoubted utility, just as the whim seized her. In moments Miss Malvina would seize the needle and hasten the hour of completion.

Confident of a flood of familiar reminiscence, she settled resignedly to her stitching. It was her way to keep busy. Once fairly launched on the backward flowing tide, she could trust her mother to entertain herself for an indefinite period of time.

"I have known Horace Matthews and Rufus Broxton since they were both boys in knickerbockers and round-bottomed shoes. Mr. Spillman for Latin and mathematics. That was before you ever saw the light, Malvina. They were always together as boys, and I marveled at it then. Rufus was a handsome, high spirited, clean souled lad who would have cut off his right hand if he detected it doing a dishonest thing. Matthews was just everything that Rufus wasn't. I never understood the liking Broxton had for him."

Malvina put in a word for the maligned. "Mr. Matthews must have been very winning in his young days, mother. He's got such friendly manners and he is so dreadfully good looking even now."

"Oh, there's no gainsaying his good looks. They came pretty near landing him on the topmost round of his ambition once upon a time. He just missed being Rufus Broxton's brother-in-law and coming in for half of old Marsden Broxton's estate. When Lucetta Broxton came home from boarding school, but she was something to look at!—Horace Matthews did not let the grass grow on the road from Mandeville to Broxton Hall."

"He was a struggling young lawyer then, waiting for his first client. She was the handsomest girl in the country and the richest. Before she had been home a half year they were engaged to be married. Before she had been home a whole year she was dead of pleurisy, contracted by going to a come out party at Butterworths', ten miles from Broxton, wearing her ball dress and slippers in the carriage."

As Miss Malvina had not come to woman's estate without achieving perfect familiarity with the melancholy fate of beautiful Lucetta Broxton, she

did not intermit the motion of her needle to exclaim or bemoan over the threadbare story.

"Horace Matthews was married in less than two years after to a girl who had expectations that were never realized, and Rufus was married a month later. Both of them lost their wives about six years later within a month of each other. Queer, wasn't it?"

To be Continued.

## FAIRGROUND.

Crowded out last week.

Mr. W. Lindsay is spending a few weeks visiting friends in Aylmer.

We are glad to see our pastor, Rev. Mr. Jones out again, after a few weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall, of Vittoria, were the guests of Mr. Fulton a few days last week.

Florence Messier has returned home, after spending a few weeks visiting relatives in Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. Coates spent Saturday and Sunday with the latter's brother, Mr. T. Smith, who is very low with inflammation on the lungs.

Our new teacher, Mr. Jones, of Flamboro, commenced his duties here on Monday, the 15th. We all wish him success.

## OTTAWA VALLEY.

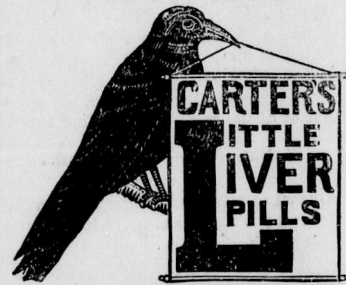
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The merry jingle of the sleigh bells is a thing of the past in this section.

Mr. S. McCurdy has been engaged by Mr. R. McCurdy to work the latter's farm, he having secured the situation of teacher in the school at Jacksonburg.

Mr. A. Bradley attended market at St. Thomas on Saturday.

Rev. Mr. France, our former pastor, is making us a visit, after enduring a long siege of sickness. We are glad to know that he has recovered.



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## POMERANIAN IS UNDER WAY

Halifax City Did Herself Credit on Saturday Afternoon.

She Gave the Mounted Police and Cowboys a Great Send Off—The Procession Was a Thing to Be Remembered—Some of the Second Contingent Take Canine Mascots With Them—From Other Points.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 29. — The steamship Pomeranian sailed on Saturday at 5.30 p.m. for South Africa, with the second contingent of the second battalion of the Canadian Mounted Rifles on board. The event was marked by a great display of enthusiasm on the part of the people. Thousands cheered the brave horse as the gallant stalwarts of the Northwest Mounted Police and the cowboys from the ranches marched on board the transport. The band of the Leinster regiment, furnished music, and as the troops marched to the wharf and embarked there were cheers from tens of thousands of throats. The departing troops were in good spirits, and responded with vigor to the cheers which were given on their departure.

Taking Mascots With Them.  
This instalment of the battalion consists of men enrolled at Prince Albert, Battleford, Regina, Moosehead, Fort McLeod, Qu'Appelle, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Maple Creek, Calgary and Edmonton.

The men wore their khaki uniforms all accoutrements, including revolvers, cartridges, belts and pouches, rifles, etc., and it was the intention for the men to march through the streets with their great coats over their arms, but on account of the cold weather the men were ordered to don their heavy coats. This was done, and the khaki uniforms were consequently hidden from the view of the people who gathered on the line of march. Rifles were strapped across the men's backs.

"D" squadron are taking with them a large, fierce looking boarhound as a mascot. "C" squadron, the reverse, a pretty little Irish terrier, which, in the procession, was bedecked with ribbons and several ladies dancing slippers dangling around its neck.

Will Have Fresh Lamb.  
The Pomeranian is taking 100 live lambs from Halifax to be killed on the trip out. Best of order prevailed at embarkation, there being a guard of 120 from Leinster and 25 men from R.A.R., respectively, under command by Majors Buck and Stafford. After the men had embarked, which did not take as long as expected, those who had admission tickets went into the dockyard and the parting scenes. To look upon the decks and bulwarks of the troopship lined with men, who returned the deafening cheers of the assembly, inspired a deeper feeling of patriotism. From all along the water front in the vicinity of the dockyard, round after round of continuous cheering could be heard echoing across the water.

THE STRATHCONA HORSE  
Will Comprise 536 Men of All Ranks and 563 Horses.

Ottawa, Jan. 29. — The Strathcona Horse will comprise three squadrons. There will be 25 officers, 36 non-commissioned and 475 men, or 536 men and 563 horses.

By the Monterey.  
Montreal, Jan. 29. — The Elder Dempster Steamship Company has been notified that the steamship Monterey of this line will transport the Strathcona contingent to South Africa. The Monterey will sail from Halifax about the end of February.

FRENCH LAWYERS SANG  
"God Save the Queen," in Rousing Style at Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 29. — A very pleasant incident took place on Saturday evening at the Windsor, where the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the Quebec Province bar was being celebrated by banquet, some 150 guests, mostly French-Canadians, being present. French-Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick, who presided proposed "The Queen" there was the greatest enthusiasm, all singing the National Anthem with right loyal will. Just as the guests were about to take their seats Hon. Judge Mathieu of the Superior Court suddenly rose and declaimed a fine French translation of "God Save The Queen."

As French-Canadians always use the English tongue when they sing the National Anthem, few of the guests had ever heard the French version, and it created the wildest enthusiasm. In fact, the learned judge was again requested later in the evening to repeat the French version of "God Save The Queen," and was once more cheered to the echo.

CONTINGENT CURRENCY.  
Lakeland Village raised \$25 by a concert for the patriotic fund.

Woodville Council voted \$30 to the National Patriotic Fund.

Hamilton's patriotic fund, for the benefit of the members of the Fourth Field Battery, is now \$10,607.97 and has been closed.

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