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A Double Courtship

Gilbert, parting his hair with some accuracy before his mirror, looked thoughtfully at himself and flushed with pleasure at the thought of the previous evening. He picked out a necktie Kittie had once referred to appreciatively.

"Hullo!"

"It's odly Bister Webbe, sir," said Emyrntrude. "Shall I ask hib to wait?"

"Tell him to come in here," said Gilbert. And Bradley Webbe stamped into the bedroom.

"I say," said Webbe, "I want to go away for a week rather urgently, and I want you, Gilbert, to look out. You can manage, can't you? Lucas will give you a hand."

"I've got two already," said Gilbert. "When do you come back?"

"I shan't be longer than I can help, old chap. Fact is, there's some money affair going on down where my people uead to live; and if it comes out right it will be rather a fine thing for me."

"Good luck!" said Gilbert.

Gilbert waltzed a few steps to the cupboard for his coat.

"Anything happened?" asked Bradley Webbe.

"What do you mean?"

"This gayety of manner—this Gaiety Theater manner—is not usual with you. You are generally a sedate youth."

Gilbert took Bradley Webbe's arm and led him into the sitting-room.

"Have one cup of coffee," he said; "and if you'll promise to keep the information secret, perhaps I'll tell you."

"Is it worth printing?" asked the journalist cautiously.

"Oh, no! It interests no one but the parties concerned."

"I've had breakfast," said Bradley Webbe, "and I want to be off; but your air of mystery, young sir, attracts me." He sat down with a fine, mock dramatic air. "Tell me the story, fair youth."

"Sugar?"

"Tons," said Bradley Webbe.

They talked about the current number of the Budget and the relative value of the younger black-and-white artists. Bradley Webbe, being one of the shrewd fellows of this world, had ever a wary eye for youths who had not yet arrived.

"It won't be a bad number," said Webbe, summing up, "and so long as the proprietor is satisfied, nothing matters."

"What would happen if he were not satisfied? I suppose he would stop the whole concern?"

"Capital, my dear Gilbert, is able to do just what it darn well likes."

"I shouldn't care to be thrown out of a berth just now," said Gilbert, apprehensively. "That would lack all elements of fun."

"I, too, should feel more independent if I had money to fall back upon. You see," Bradley Webbe turned and looked out of one of the windows, "one might get married."

"More than one. Say two."

"Well, two then. I suppose that is the correct total."

"But why get married? Has some one given you a white waistcoat?"

"The question has not yet arrived at that stage. In fact, I—I haven't asked the lady."

"You mustn't forget to do that," advised Gilbert. He took a second egg and tapped it to the rhythm of his quotation:

"'Fair ladies by faint hearts were never won;
Win their love swiftly, lest they turn and run.'"

"These matters are not to be settled," said Bradley Webbe, "by irresponsible youths of no experience."

"My good chap," said Gilbert joyously, "I have had more experience in this world than—— I beg pardon. I ought not to brag. Does the damsel like you?"

"That's rather difficult to say—for certain."

"She has never thrown anything at you?"

Webbe shook his head.

"Come, now, that's encouraging. Can I help the matter to a happy conclusion?"

"Why, do you know, Gilbert," cried Webbe, starting up, "I rather think you could. I can rely on you?"

"The Bank of England is, as compared to me, a mere reed."

"You might help me," went on Webbe, speaking quickly, "by saying something to her about me in a casual way when opportunity offered. Of course, you wouldn't let her see that it was intentional."

"Of course not."

"But a word or two might make a lot of difference. I'm not a bad sort of fellow, and I think I should make a fairly good husband. And I'm energetic and——"

"One moment, Webbe. I must put these things down or I shall forget them."

"It sounds rather stupid, I know," said Webbe, apologetically, "but I'm rather anxious about the matter. It makes a lot of difference to a man whether he gets the wife he wants, or whether he gets one——"

"Whom nobody wants. Is there anything else?"

"Let me think," said Bradley Webbe, with a pleasant laugh; "I had one or two other virtues, I think."

"Try your waistcoat pocket."

"Well, you might bear in mind generaly that I'm steady, and," Bradley Webbe ran his hand through his thick red hair, and laughed a little awkwardly, "and—I'm fairly honest, and——"

"You're a very good chap," said Gilbert earnestly, "and I'll do all I can. Are you off now? I shan't see you before you leave, I suppose?"

"I am going at once. Here's an address than you can send letters to. And don't forget to do that article on the Chinese shop, will you? We've got the illustrations."

"I—I was going to make a call, but I'll do it this evening—the Chinese thing. Good-by."

Bradley Webbe found his hat and stood at the doorway.

"And, Gilbert, if you have a chance, you will do what I asked you?"

"There's only one detail that you have forgotten; you haven't mentioned the name."

"Haven't I, really? Perhaps I thought you had guessed. But I quite thought I had mentioned that Miss Reade——"

"Kittie Reade?"

"I shall call her Kittie some day, if all goes well. Good-by, Gilbert. Keep a good look out, won't you?"

The door closed, but the footsteps returned hurriedly.

"I say, Gilbert! I beg your pardon, really. I'm absolutely selfish when I am thinking of this particular subject. What was your secret?"

"My secret!"

"You said you had something to tell me when I came in."

Gilbert went toward the excellent Webbe with much gravity of demeanor, and put his hand upon his shoulder.

"Since I spoke," said Gilbert, "the affairs of Europe has assumed a more complicated attitute ,and it would ill become a wary Cabinet Minister like myself to disclose imperial secrets. The honorable member will therefore kindly allow me to postpone my answer to the question on the paper."

The door closed again on Webbe's good-tempered laugh. Gilbert whistled very slowly a rollicking air and took his pipe and his newspaper.

"Poor old Webbe!" he said, with genuine concern. "Upon my word, I feel quite sorry for him. But I'm glad the dearest possible is mine. I'm not going to lose her."

Nevertheless, it did occur to Gilbert, late in the day, that he had acted in a perfectly conventional manner in his affair of the heart; that he had exhibited none of the calmness and forethought which a man of his ripe experence should have exhibited. A note from Kittie, inclosing a cabinet photograph of herself, dispelled the shadow of these thoughts. It was such a very charming note that it was capable of doing almost anything. Gilbert took an opportunity, when Master Barling left the room, to press the photograph to his lips and to place it with much care in his breast pocket. The arrival of the letter had, indeed, a most disturbing effect upon the infatuated youth. He found himself drawing her face on the blotting-pad; he began a letter to an archdeacon, returning a humorous story, with "My dearest and loveliest girl," and detected the clerical error just in time.

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Toronto World.

Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk system, and the Hon. Lady Rivers-Wilson arrived in the city last evening.

They came up from Montreal in the new car Violet, being accompanied by General Manager Hays, Assistant General Manager G. B. Reeve, General Superintendent McGuigan, Assistant Superintendent Riddell and Chief Engineer Hobson. The party registered at the Queen's.

On his way up from Montreal Sir Charles inspected the scene of the Newcastle culvert accident, where the road is now being repaired. He will remain in town a day or two to inspect the local offices of the system, and proceed hence to Niagara Falls to see about the new international bridge which is being constructed there. Afterwards he will visit Hamilton and Owen Sound, whence he will go to the Pacific coast over the C. P. R., returning to Chicago via the Northern Pacific.

In the Windy City he will be again met by Manager Hays, and the two will proceed to a general inspection of the Michigan branches of the road. Sir Charles expects to be in Toronto again about the end of June.

The president expressed himself as well pleased with the roadbed, rolling stock and officials of the line so far as he has gone, and does not think the staff being too freely Americanized.

Asked as to what he thought of the immediate financial prospects of the Grand Trunk, Sir Charles spoke in a sanguine vein. He hoped for good harvests, and a consequent heavy traffic over the road, and, thanks to the action of the Joint Traffic Association, he looked for the maintenance of the carrying rates. Besides this, he said, that when the general election in Canada and the Presidential election in the United States were gotten through with, business in both countries would settle down and improve on a sounder basis.

While upon this topic, Sir Charles would not be drawn into committing himself as to which party he would like to see win in either contest. The Grand Trunk would, as a corporation, remain neutral during both elections, but personally he hoped to see no extreme tariff raised between Canada and the United States.

THE RAILWAYS.

Canadian Roads Show Increased Receipts—Movements of Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson.

President Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and his party, which includes Lady Wilson, C. M. Hayes, general manager, Geo. B. Reeve, general traffic manager, F. H. McGuigan, general superintendent, and Joseph Hobson, chief engineer, will be in Hamilton today and go on to Niagara Falls. It is thought the party will not remain long there.

Return of G. T. R. traffic for the week ending May 21, 1896:

	1896.	1895.
Passenger train earnings	$108,226	$113,004
Freight train earnings	238,601	216,075
Total train earnings	$346,827	$329,079

Increase, 1896, $17,748.

Returns of traffic on the C. P. R. for April 1896: Gross earnings, $1,455,906; working expenses, $964,676; net profits, $491,230. In April, 1895, the net profits were $450,646, and for the four months ending April 30, 1896, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, $5,759,563; working expenses, $3,962,120; net profits, $1,797,443. For the four months ending April 30, 1895, there was a net profit of $1,397,275. The gain in net profits over the same period last year is, therefore, for April, $39,583, and from Jan. 1 to April 30, $400,168.

SUICIDE AT ST. THOMAS.

St. Thomas, Ont., May 30.—Mary Campbell, a 14-year-old girl, who died very suddenly here Thursday, wanted a friend to insure her life a short time ago. A post-mortem was held and it was found she had taken "rough on rats." No inquest was held.

LOST WITH THIRTY LIVES.

San Francisco, May 30.—The schooner Albion brings news of the loss of the schooner Lincoln in Alaskan waters. The Lincoln had on board about 30 persons, all of whom undoubtedly lost their lives. Most of the passengers were gold seekers.

A RAILWAY SINKS.

St. Paul, Minn., May 30.—Three hundred feet of roadway of the Northern Pacific Railway sank in Bumars' Lake, near Aitken, before daylight Thursday morning, and twenty feet of water now washes over the spot where heavy trains were running on Wednesday. The grade was built up on the north shore. The whole track simply dropped out of sight.

JACKSON SENTENCED TO HANG.

Newport, Ky., May 30.—Judge Helm yesterday overruled the motion for a new trial for Scott Jackson, convicted of the murder of Pearl Bryan, and sentenced Jackson to be hanged June 30. Subsequently the court granted a motion for a stay of execution for sixty days to enable the defendant to take the case before the Court of Appeals.

A CYCLIST'S PERIL.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 30.—Mr. Frank Barnett, of this city, had a very narrow escape from death Thursday afternoon. He was riding on the Michigan Central tracks on the Canadian side from Chippewa to Niagara Falls, Ont., and had just reached the bridge spanning the gully, a short distance east of Falls View, when he saw a Michigan Central train, westbound, round the curve, and bear down upon him at full speed. Realizing that it might cost him his life to stay on the narrow bridge, the young man in an instant picked up his bicycle and threw it into the gully beneath, a distance of about forty feet, and jumped after it. There he was found by some passers-by a few moments later, unconscious, while his wheel was very badly smashed. Medical aid was summoned, and, beyond a few scratches, he is none the worse for his adventure.

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St. John Shoe Factories and Tanneries Died Under the High Tax Policy.

During the course of the address of Hon. Geo. E. Foster at the Institute, says the St. John Telegraph, a few weeks ago, an elector, who was evidently indignant at the absence of live issues in the discussion, suddenly shouted:

"Mr. Foster, we had nine or ten shoe factories here a few years ago. Where are they now?"

The fact that Mr. Foster was at that moment expanding upon a subject which had no relation to St. John and its industries made the question somewhat irrelevant at the time, and the inquirer was summarily hustled out of the hall. The question remained unanswered, and it would have remained without a satisfactory answer had the speaker been perfectly in order and sought for information in the most conventional form. Only one boot and shoe factory is now found of the eleven which came to the front in St. John in the period between 1860, when the first was started, and 1889, when the National Policy began to show what it could do.

The boot and shoe industry is only one of a number which were inaugurated under favorable auspices and flourished for a time until killed out by protection, which made St. John a slaughter market for the Upper Provinces. In the year 1875, according to statistics furnished to the merchants and manufacturers by Mr. W. E. Everitt, there were no less than 73 shoemaking establishments in the city and county of St. John, employing 1,071 hands. The annual wages paid out amounted to $262,000; the raw material used was of the value of $311,506, and the goods produced were valued at $717,632. At the same period St. John had five large steam tanneries, in which capital was invested to the amount of $189,000. Skins to the value of more than $75,000 were annually manufactured into leather of the value of more than $150,000, while the tanneries gave steady work to about 75 hands, whose yearly wages amounted to about $30,000.

The large factories and the tanneries have alike joined the exodus, while very many of the custom shoemakers have been driven out of business in St. John by cheap labor of French-Canadians in the Upper Provinces. The good old times have gone, and there is no prospect of their return so long as St. John continues to suffer from the effects of Conservative rule.

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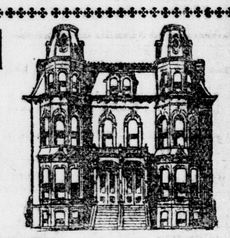

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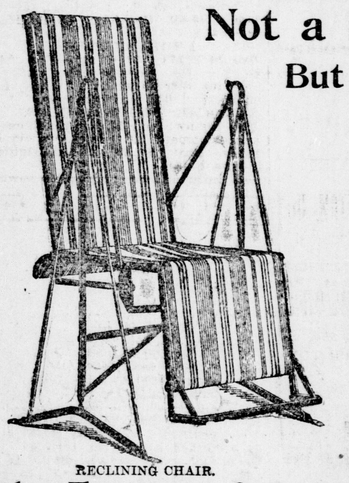

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