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'Twixt Love and Duty.

"Why don't the children come, then? It is nearly dark, and the dew falls, and the river mist I like not for them."

"For my part, I am not uneasy, Joris. They were to drink a dish of tea with Madame Semple, and Bram promised to go for them. And see! they are coming, but Bram is not with them—only the Elder. Now, what can be the matter?"

"For everything there are more reasons than one; if there is a bad reason Elder Semple will be sure to croak about it. I could wish that just now he had not come."

"But then he is here, and the welcome must be given to a caller on the threshold. You know that, Joris."

"I will not break a good custom."

Elder Alexander Semple was a great man in his sphere. He had a reputation both for riches and godliness, and was scarcely more respected in the market place than he was in the Middle Kirke. And there was an old tie between the Semples and the Van Heemskirks, a tie going back to the days when the Scotch Covenanters and the Netherland Confessors clasped hands as brothers in their "Churches under the Cross." Then, one of the Semples had fled for life from Scotland to Holland, and been sheltered in the house of a Van Heemskirk; and from generation to generation the friendship had been continued. So there was much real kindness and very little ceremony between the families, and the Elder met his friend Joris with a grumble about having to act as "convoy" for two lasses when the river mist made the duty so unpleasant.

"Not to say dangerous," he added, with a forced cough. "I hae my plaid and my bonnet on, but a coat o' mail couldna stand mists that are a vera shadow o' death to an auld man, wi' a sair shortness o' the breath."

"Sit down, Elder—near the fire. A glass of hot Hollands will take the chill from you."

"You are mair than kind, gudewife, and I'll no say but what a sma' glass is needfu', what wi' the late hour and the thick mists."

"Come, come, Elder! mists in every country you will find, until you reach the New Jerusalem."

"Vera true, but there's a difference in mists. Noo, a Scotch mist isna at all unhealthy. When I was a laddie I hae been out in them for a week thegither, aye, and felt the better o' them." He had taken off his plaid and bonnet as he spoke, and he drew the chair set for him in front of the blazing logs, and stretched out his thin legs to the comforting heat.

In the meantime the girls had gone upstairs together, and their footsteps could be heard distinctly through the open doors. Then Madame called "Joanna!" and the girl came down at once. She was tying on her white apron as she entered the room, and at a word from her mother she began to take from the cupboard various Dutch dainties, and East Indian jars of fruits and sweetmeats and a case of crystal bottles, and some fine lemons. She was a fair, rosy girl, with a kind, cheerful face, a pleasant voice, and a smile that was at once innocent and bright. Her fine light hair was rolled high and backward, and no one could have imagined a dress more suitable to her than the trig dark bodice, the quaint skirt, and the white apron she wore.

Her father and mother watched her with a loving satisfaction; and though Elder Semple was discoursing on that memorable dispute between the Caetus and Conferentiae parties, which had resulted in the establishment of an independent Dutch church in America, he was quite sensible of Joanna's presence, and of what she was doing.

"I was aye for the ordaining o' American ministers in America," he said, as he touched the finger tips of his left hand with those of his right; and then in an aside full of personal interest—"Joanna, my dearie, I'll hae a Holland bloater and noe other thing—and I was a proud man when I got the invite to be secretary of the first meeting o' the new Caetus. Maybe, it is praising green barley to say just yet that it was a wise departure, but I think sae, I think sae."

At this point, Katharine Van Heemskirk came into the room, and the Elder slightly moved his chair and said, "Come awa,' my bonnie lassie, and let us hae a look at you." And Katherine laughingly pushed a stool toward the fire, and sat down between the two men on the hearthstone. She was the daintiest little Dutch maiden that ever latched a shoe—very diminutive, with a complexion like a sea-shell, great blue eyes, and such a quantity of pale yellow hair that it made light of its ribbon snood, and rippled over her brow and slender white neck in bewildering curls. She dearly loved fine clothes, and she had not removed her visiting dress of Indian silk nor her necklace of amber beads. And in her hands she held a great mass of lilies of the valley which she caressed almost as if they were living things.

"Father," she said, nestling close to his side, 'look at the lilies! How straight they are! How strong! Oh, the white bells full of sweet scent! In them put your face, father. They smell of the spring." Her fingers could scarcely hold the bunch she had gathered, and she buried her lovely face in them, and then lifted it, with a charming look of delight, and with cries of "Oh, oh, how delicious!"

Long before supper was over Madame Van Heemskirk had discovered that this night Elder Semple had a special reason for his call. His talk of Mennon, and the Anabaptists, and the objectionable Lutherans, she perceived was all surface talk; and when the meal was finished, and the girls gone to their room, she was not astonished to hear him say: "Joris, let us light another pipe. I hae something to speak anent. Sit still, gudewife; we shall want your word on the matter."

"On what matter, Elder?"

"Anent a marriage between my son Neil and your daughter Katharine."

The words fell with a sharp distinctness, not unkindly, but as if they were more than common words. They were followed by a marked silence, a silence which in no way disturbed Semple. He knew his friends well, and therefore he expected it. He puffed his pipe slowly, and glanced at Joris and Lysbet Van Heemskirk. The father's face had not moved a muscle; the mother's was like a handsome closed book. She went on with her knitting, and only showed that she had heard the proposal by a small pretense of finding it necessary to count the stitches in the heel she was turning. Still, there had been some faint, evanescent flicker on her face, some droop or lift of the evelide which Joris understood; for after a glance at her, he said, slowly, "For Katherine the marriage would be good, and Lysbet and I would like it. However we will think a little about it: there is time and to spare. One should not run on a new road—the first step is what I like to be sure of; as you know, Elder, to the second step it often binds you. Say what you think, Lysbet."

"Neil is to my mind when the time comes. But yet the child knows not perfectly her Heidelberg. And there is more: she must learn to help here mother about the house before she can manage a house of her own. So in time, I say, it would be a good thing. We have been long true friends."

"We have been friends for four generations, and we may safely tie the knot tighter now. There are wise folks that say that the Dutch and the Lowland Scotch are of the same stock—and a vera gude stock it is—the women o' baith being fair as lilies and thrifty as bees, and the men just a wonder o' everything wise and weel-spoken o'. When I think o' our John Kno——"

"First came Erasmus, Elder.'

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A new and important railway deal affecting Brantford has just been consummated, and will come into operation on Monday next. On and after that date the T., H. and B. will issue tickets to Toronto, traveling by way of the T., H. and B. to Hamilton, thence across that city in street cars to Stuart street depot, and thence by Grand Trunk Railway to Toronto. The single and return fare, which will include the street car ride to and from the T., H. and B. and Stuart street stations in Hamilton, will be the same as if traveling by G. T. R. all the way.

Miss Barton at Budapest.

Budapest, Aug. 24.—Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross Society, who has been in Turkey since the early part of the year making efforts to relieve the distressed Armenians, passed through here yesterday, accompanied by her staff, Geo. H. Pullman and Dr. Hubell, on her homeward journey to the United States. During her stay here she visited the springs of the Hunyadi Janos Natural Aperient Water, where she was received by the eldest son of Andreas Saxlehner and shown over the establishment. The extensive scale on which these springs are conducted, and the cleanliness and careful methods of bottling, compelled her admiration, which was freely expressed to Mr. Saxlehner, whose name is so well known in connection with this well-tried mineral water.

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Thousands Slain.

German Account of the Latest Turkish Atrocities.

An Ultimatum from the Italian Government

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PLUNDERED BY MOSLEMS.

London, Aug. 29.—A dispatch from Athens, giving an account of the recent trouble in Crete, says that the Moslems plundered the offices of the British consulate at Heraklion.

PAID THEIR FINES.

London, Aug. 29.—The British South Africa Company paid all of the $25,000 fines of the five Pretoria prisoners. Three of the South African millionaire released prisoners have just bought extensive country places. Four prisoners whose fines were smaller have rented handsome seats at Chiselhurst and in its neighborhood.

WHITEHEAD STILL MISSING.

Skibbereen, Aug. 29. — Although searching parties are still scouring the country in this vicinity in search of Albert George Whitehead, the recently liberated dynamiter, who escaped from the home of his relatives in this place the other night, no trace of him has been found, and it is now believed he has committed suicide.

LOCK-OUT IMPENDING.

London, Aug. 29.—The English, Irish and Scotch shipbuilding masters have notified the executive committee of their employes that unless the striking workmen of the Govan shipyards, on the Clyde, resume work prior to Saturday, Sept. 12, 25 per cent of the number of their employes will be dismissed on that date and a like number on each of three succeeding Saturdays.

LAURIER WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED.

London, Aug. 29.—It is expected in official quarters that Hon. W. Laurier, Canada's Premier, will visit London late in October or early in November, when Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, will be back from his private visit to his wife's relatives at Salem, Mass. Mr. Laurier will receive a warm welcome as the first French Premier of Federal Canada. The Birmingham Post, Mr. Chamberlain's organ, announces that Mr. Chamberlain has specially arranged to return in time to meet Mr. Laurier in London.

AN ITALIAN ULTIMATUM

Causes an Exciting Time in the Brazilian Chamber.

London, Aug. 29.—A special cable from Buenos Ayres says: It is believed that Italy sent to the Brazilian Government yesterday an ultimatum covering all the questions at issue. The greatest secrecy is observed by all parties concerned, but it is understood that Italy asks what Brazil intends to do, and fixes a time within which an answer to the ultimatum may be made.

At a Cabinet meeting in Rio Janeiro yesterday there was a sharp debate as a result of which the Minister of the Interior retired. Minister of Foreign Affairs Carvalho insisted upon his dismissal. Three steamers carrying Italian immigrants arrived at Rio Janeiro yesterday, and the Italian legation asked for an official guarantee of their safety.

Deputy Medeiros made a speech in the Chamber, criticising Minister Carvalho. There was an angry dispute, which culminated in Dr. Carvalho's slapping the deputy in the face. A select meeting of the Chamber of Deputies was held, at which the dismissal of the Minister was accepted.

The Government is seeking to reach a peaceful solution of the difficulty.

During a conflict between Brazilians of the Jacobin faction and Italians yesterday, in the Minas Estate in Pessauha, two men were killed and eleven wounded, some of them seriously.

In Bahia a large meeting was held, at which insults were heaped upon the Italians.

The Brazilian cruiser Tiradentes sailed yesterday for Trinidad for the purpose of taking possession of that island.

It is reported here that the Brazilian minister to Italy has left Rome and gone to Paris in consequence of the strained relations between Italy and Brazil.

THOUSANDS MASSACRED!

German Account of the Atrocities of the Turks.

Berlin, Aug. 29.—The Tageblatt's Constantinople correspondent details many acts of savage barbarity which he witnessed during the rioting which began on Wednesday, which were similar to those he had seen during previous occasions.

Another dispatch says: Among the officials who were in the Ottoman Bank when it was attacked by the mob on Wednesday was Sir Edgar Vincent, the governor of the institution, but he was among the number who succeeded in making their escape. Two of the bank directors and several of the employes, however, were not so fortunate, and were seized by the Armenians, who held them as prisoners with a view of enabling them to come to terms with the authorities. The Armenians demanded that they be allowed to retain their revolvers and be furnished with safe conduct out of Turkey, and when these terms were conceded they yielded themselves to Sir Edgar Vincent, and were conveyed by the dragomen of the Russian embassy on board of the bank governor's yacht.

Concurrent with the attack on the bank a circular issued by the Armenian revolutionary committee was delivered at the various embassies announcing the intention of the Armenians to seize the bank and hold it for two days, during which time the powers must interfere to secure a settlement of the Armenian affairs. The circular stated that if the authorities attempted to force an entrance to the bank the captors of the buildings would destroy all securities in the bank and blow up the building.

The principal slaughter in the recent rioting was done by a Moslem mob in revenge for Armenian outrages. No effort to check the mob in their murderous work was made by the police. Numerous arrests of Armenians were made, and this led to further rioting, which, however, was of a less serious character. The hospitals are crowded. All of the guardships have landed parties of marines to assist in preserving order. Besides bombs which they possessed, the seizers of the Ottoman Bank had sixteen pounds of dynamite. Only nine of the number forming the party that seized the bank were alive when a decision to surrender was reached. Fearful scenes, the dispatch says, were enacted Wednesday night, especially in the Topanes, Hasskeni and Kissim Pasha districts, where mobs of Lazes and Kurds of the worst character looted ships and residences, and murdered everybody whom they suspected of being an Armenian or sympathizer with the Armenians. A moderate estimate places the number of killed at between three and four thousand.

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The Rossland Red Mountain is being developed by a tunnel 400 feet long to meet a shaft 200 feet deep. In this shaft the richest copper ore of the camp is being mined.

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