



### King's Son Who Vanished.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JAMES DE LA CLOCHE IS A RIDDLE WHICH HAS PUZZLED HISTORIANS.

Simply speaking, James de la Cloche, natural son of the Prince of Wales, who later became Charles II. of England, was a near-king, rather than a king, but his unexplained disappearance is one of the riddles of history for more than two and a half centuries.

De la Cloche, which was the self-named name of the son of Charles II. was recognized by that monarch as his son, for there are records which show expenses for the boy's education in France, and of an annuity of £500 granted upon him by his royal father.

#### Became a Priest.

In addition, Charles II. in the course of several letters, assured de la Cloche that he intended some day publicly to recognize him as his son, even going as far as to hint that the boy might make the heir to the throne, as Charles and his Queen had no children.

Meanwhile, however, the King of England imposed the seal of secrecy upon his son for political reasons, but the youth broke this when he confided the story of his parentage to Queen Christina of Sweden, who he met at Hamburg, and also when he visited the Pope at Rome.

In spite of the fact that Charles II. was a Catholic at heart, it was politic for him to appear publicly as a Protestant, and his annuity to James de la Cloche was made dependent upon the latter's keeping to the Protestant faith—a ruling, which, was broken when James went to Rome, for, shortly afterwards the Jesuit order of St. Ignace.

Here, again, we find proof of his identity, for in the Jesuit archives at Rome is a letter from Charles II. to his honored son, the Prince Stuart, written under the name of Signor de la Cloche.

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Late in 1658 the young priest, disguised under an assumed name, went to London where he confidently expected to be declared the heir to the British throne, provided he severed his official connection with the Church of Rome, but Charles II. had other plans in mind.

In the first place he did not feel that the time was ripe to announce his parentage of the unknown heir and, secondly, he desired to have the benefit of a private messenger between the throne of England and that of the Pope.

#### Suddenly Vanished Completely.

Accordingly, de la Cloche was put off with further promises of future favours and entrusted with a message to the Holy See stating that Charles II., the Duchess Henriette of Orleans and Louis XIV. of France had agreed to combine against Holland with the view eventually to restore Catholicism in England.

De la Cloche left London. That much is certain, but he never arrived in Rome, as is clearly indicated by the records of the Vatican and the statements of historians of his day. Somewhere en route he disappeared, vanished completely, never to be heard of again save in the wildest of rumours.

Some maintain that the impostor Giacompo Stuardo, who appeared at Naples shortly after de la Cloche's disappearance, was the son of Charles II., but this is disproved by the fact that the real son of the King of England would have no reason for posing as other than what he was, particularly as he confidently entertained the hope of one day being ruler of England.

#### Was the Young Man Killed?

Other writers hint that Charles himself, fearing the reaction which would follow his recognition of an illegitimate son and his formal adoption of Catholic faith, saw to it that the young man was made away with, and there are several who see in this theory a possible explanation.

According to this solution of the two riddles, Charles II. appealed to Louis XIV. to help him out of his difficulty, and the Grand Monarch had de la Cloche kidnapped and sent to Pignerol, whence he was later transferred to the Bastille, the French prison.

This, of course, would explain the fact that the masked prisoner was undoubtedly of royal parentage, but like the disappearance of de la Cloche himself, the precise explanation of the entire affair must remain concealed behind the veils of royal intrigue and official mystery.—Pearson's Weekly.



#### THE BOY'S IDEAL.

I must be fit for a child to play with.  
Fit for youngster to walk away with.  
Fit for his trust and fit to be  
Ready to take him upon my knees;  
Whether I win or lose I lose my fight,  
I must be fit for my boy at night.

I must be fit for a child to come to.  
Speech there is that I must be dumb  
to.  
I must be fit for his eyes to see.  
He must find nothing of shame in  
me;  
Whatever I make of myself, I must  
Square to my boy's unflinching trust.

I must be fit for a child to follow.  
Scorning the places where loose men  
wallow.

Knowing how much he shall learn  
from me.  
I must be fair as I'd have him be;  
I must come home to him, day by day  
Clean as the morning I went away.

I must be fit for a child's glad greeting.  
His are eyes that there is no  
cheating.

He must behold me in every test.  
Not at my worst, but my very best;  
He must be proud when my life is  
done  
To have men know that he is my son.

#### There Was An Election.

As "The Sentinel" Remembers It.

"There was an election recently that nobody called anywhere near right except the men in the right trust. They knew what was going to happen two weeks before the voting, but their predictions were not believed. It was current gossip that Mr. Meighen had called the election at their request. They argued that a general election would clear the air and begin a revival of trade. Perhaps Mr. Meighen thought that by acting on their advice their influence would at least not be shown against him. But once they got him into it they threw all their weight on the Liberal side, not for Mr. King's, but for Sir Lower Gouin's, sake. He is the darling of the Money Power, Big Business, the Corporations. It was Sir Lower Gouin's turn the trick. He is a man the corporations can trust. Mr. Meighen is not so dependable. And Sir Lower Gouin is quite sincere in his support of the corporations. He believes that their prosperity is synonymous with the national welfare. It was rough on the sincere man who led the Government forces. But that is politics.

The Sentinel made a guess at the result last week. The only part of it that turned out to be correct was the

estimate of the strength of the farmers' party. We guessed it would number sixty. It has sixty-three. That is not so bad on such a hazard. A perfectly solid Quebec was not anticipated. Never before in our history has prejudice been quite so all-embracing in that province. Not a rift is seen in the happy family of Jean Baptiste. Even Laurier could not do that. Or perhaps he didn't want to. It doesn't look like good tactics. And then Nova Scotia in a thoroughly Liberal manner turned to Sir Lower Gouin. That province gave him every seat;

and so did Prince Edward Island. East of the Ottawa River the Conservative party can hardly be found. It is a great tribute to the combination that consists of the organizing genius of Sir Lower Gouin, the Money Power, and the Roman Catholic Church. Those three operated together with a high degree of efficiency. The West ran true to form. The Grain Growers made a regular clean up. The Liberals didn't do much better. All they have west of the great lakes will not fatten the division list to any alarming degree. Sir Lower had to get his following from the east. He couldn't depend on any other section. Hence the concentration of power in Quebec and the Maritime.

The only provinces in the Dominion that showed a division of opinion were Ontario and British Columbia. The latter gave Mr. Meighen one more than less than half. The other half was about evenly divided between the Farmers and Liberals. Racial prejudices secured for Sir Lower Gouin, all the seats where there is a considerable French vote. Counties like Russell, Prescott, Nipissing, Algoma, East Simcoe, the two Essex and Kent—all controlled by the French vote—sent Liberals to Ottawa. It was a

great day for the French.—The Sentinel, Toronto.

#### Weird Facts About Light.

SEEING THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS.

If you glance up at the sun, you see him not as he is, but as he was eight and a half minutes before; for the ray of light that dazzles your eyes, requires that amount of time to traverse the ninety odd million miles that separate him from us.

Light is the speediest thing that exists. It rushes onward at the appalling rate of 186,000 miles a second.

In a single second of time a light-ray would flash right round this earth of ours no less than seven and a half times.

The sun is regarded by astronomers as being very near indeed to the earth! They are as used to dealing with the vast distances of stars that they regard Old Sol's 93,000,000 miles as a mere nothing.

Compared with the Pole Star or the Dog Star he is almost on the earth's doorstep. They are so far away that to express their distance in miles is useless; it gives a huge string of figures that no human intelligence can grasp. To meet this difficulty it is usual to measure their distance by the time which light takes to travel from them to us.

We speak of light years, that is the number of years that light takes to cover these stupendous distances, travelling continually at the same terrific speed.

Things That Could be Seen.

One of the nearest of the stars is Betelgeuse. He is 300 light years away! If an astronomer on Betelgeuse, armed with an enormously powerful telescope, were looking at the earth to-day he would see it as it was in the year 1621.

He might see King James I. riding through the narrow streets of old London accompanied by his gaily-dressed court. Not until A.D. 2214 would observers on that distant sphere know of the outbreak of the Great War.

But Betelgeuse is, as we have said, a comparatively near star. The Pole Star that shines high overhead in the north is quite five times as far away. Imagine a telescope of high power situated on the Pole Star, and pointed to-day at our own country. What would it show? The watcher would see a fleet of quaint ships, each packed with armed men, reaching our southern coasts after a journey from France. He would watch them disembark and fight a battle—the Battle of Hastings!

To such an observer William the Conqueror and King Harold would to-day be living men, though they have been dead for nearly a thousand years. If he thought that light travelled instantaneously, he would be prepared to swear that the Battle of Hastings was fought in 1921.

Domestic Trouble Causes Suicide.

Joseph Ayotte, aged 32, Saint St. Marie, shot himself in the head with his rifle, and died immediately after. The suicide followed domestic trouble between Mr. Ayotte and his wife, who left the city about a week ago taking with her their two children. The couple had not been agreeing very well for some time past, and Mr. Ayotte felt very bad about the differences which existed.

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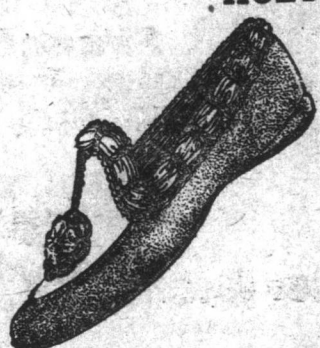


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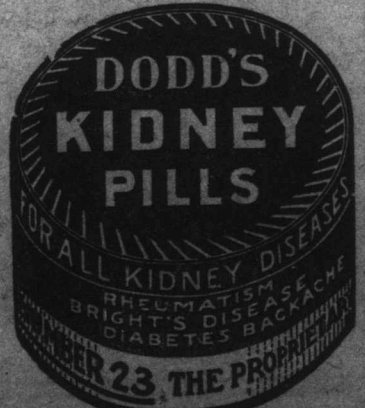
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