

FOR A MILLION OF MONEY

By Arthur W. Marchmont.

(Continued.)

This story of the old marriage was true, after all. Even in the face of death as the alternative to telling her the truth, Merridew had held to that. And it was impossible to think he would have done that, did he himself believe it.

That was as bitter as between her teeth and robbed her of all exultation in her victory. If he kept his word—and she had the means of forcing him, of course—the marriage would be denied, but she would only be living a false life after all. The fact remained, and it was the fact that burned into her soul with a fire that would consume all hope of happiness.

There was, of course just one chance ahead. It was possible that the mother had kept the secret from the son. He might believe it, but she might know its falseness and still be forced to reveal it. It was but small comfort, but it was sufficient to save Olive from total despair.

As soon as the time of grace had expired, she would set to work on that discovery, and she regretted now that she had not from the first made her attack upon the mother instead of Merridew himself. Then all the complications which might result from her investigations of the German girl would have been avoided, and precious time saved.

She was in the midst of such thoughts as these when the cab stopped at her house in Markham street and around her from her reflections. Merridew got out and offered his hand to help her, but she avoided it, with a little shudder and ran up the steps of the house without a thought of ill consequences.

Of all the ideas that had flashed across her mind in that eventful night, the last to occur to her was that, in escaping from the danger which threatened her in the house in Clerkenwell, she had but stopped into a net infinitely more perilous and deadly, against the cruel meshes of which she would struggle in vain.

CHAPTER XXVIII

From Bad to Worse.

The man who admitted Olive to Mrs. Taunton's knew Merridew well enough, of course, and told his mistress who the visitors were, and she was thus well on her guard when she went to receive them.

She knew that something very unusual must have taken place to bring them to the house together at such a time, but her astonishment was intense when she saw Olive's disguise, she stared at her for a moment, as if not recognizing her.

"I am in a little trouble, Mrs. Taunton, and have come to you," said Olive. "This is Mr. Merridew and some things have happened tonight of which I shall tell you at another time, which necessitates my remaining very quiet for a day or two," she paused, at a loss how to explain the situation.

"I have of course heard of Mr. Merridew," said Mrs. Taunton very gravely bowing to him, as if she had never set eyes on him before that night, she returned the bow with equal gravity.

"What you have heard, madam, is not likely to have been very favorable, I fear, if it has come from this young lady."

"To be candid, sir, it has not." He smiled at the reply. "It is a deep regret of mine that Miss Parmenter takes such a view. But the matter is that she has adopted her present dress in order to carry on some inquiries. This has led her in a very awkward predicament from which she has escaped—the result of a mutual arrangement between us—by agreeing to remain in a friend's house, seeing no one, and saying nothing of what she has learned for three days. She mentioned you as someone likely to help her in this fix by pledging your word to me that she should remain with you for such a period under precisely those conditions."

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had closed behind him. "But now tell me what all this means, my dear. I am just dying with impatience. This extraordinary disguise and all the rest of it."

"You shall know all about it, but not tonight, please," replied Olive, throwing herself into a chair. "I am completely done up with all I have gone through."

"Then you shall go to bed, and tomorrow we'll have regular head chat. Now, let me see which is the most comfortable position I can give you," and she laughed merrily as she used the word.

"I have promised not to leave the room for all the three days," said Olive. "Then you shall have my pet room. Not the one I showed you before, but that above it—more air up there—and Panton herself shall wait upon you. This was Mrs. Taunton's own maid and confidante. "You shall be a state prisoner, Olive," and with another merry laugh, as if the whole affair were the merest joke, she went down and kissed Olive affectionately and warmly.

Then she rang the bell, and sending for her maid, gave her orders to have the room prepared for "one" and some light supper carried up.

"Now, as you're too tired to talk, I'll tell you a piece of news. Of course we must keep our word to that terrible handsome man, but there's one thing we must manage to do somehow, even if it involves a little teeny-weeny evasion. There's someone who is terribly anxious about you."

Olive looked up quickly, and Mrs. Taunton smiled and nodded. "Yes, Jack, of course. He was here for a few minutes this afternoon. There is some sort of bother at his office; at least, I understand something of the sort; and he has somehow or other mixed you up in it—you know what men are, dear, sometimes—and he's got it into his poor head that you are in danger. Now, we must manage to let him know you are all right. Try and think of some way between now and tomorrow, and then we'll see what we can do."

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P.E.I. MAN ON TRIAL FOR LIFE

Much Interest in Case of
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Accused of Murder of His Father at
Lynn Last November—Men Drafted
on Street for Jury.

SALEM, Mass., May 20.—For the first time in the history of Massachusetts, deputy sheriffs went out upon the streets today to draft men to serve upon a jury in a capital case. This unprecedented act was ordered by the court when the list of tallesemen summoned as the case of Edgar G. Meikle, a sixteen year old boy who is accused of the murder of his father, Charles G. Meikle, at Lynn on the evening of November 7, 1905, was exhausted at the Essex county superior court here today.

The draft was successful, however, the panel being completed after forty men had been summoned into court. The action, however, created consternation, and as soon as the people of Salem realized that the deputies were picking a panel resulted, the streets in the vicinity of the court house becoming deserted within a short time. The panel as completed followed: Arthur Knight, Newbury (West); W. Tracy Gatchell, Salisbury; Edward C. John, Lawrence; Charles M. Hoyt, Haverhill; Everett A. Smith, Hamilton; John Nice, Andover; Frank W. Foss, Saugus; George A. Parkhurst, Bedford; John Gilmartin, Haverhill; William F. Ireland, Gloucester; Michael G. Lucey, Salem; James S. Crowley, Salem.

Most of the tallesemen were excused on account of their prejudice against the infliction of the death penalty.

BOSTON, May 20.—There is much interest in the trial of Edgar Meikle at Salem. The Lynn police and medical examiner insist that Charles Meikle committed suicide by shooting himself in the head, and the case was reopened by the state police by a brother of the dead man, who came from Charlottetown at the time.

I. C. R. OFFICIALS TALK OVER TRANSFER OF PICTOU BRANCH OPERATIONS

TRURO, N. S., May 20.—An important meeting of the Intercolonial railway officials and representatives of the various branches of employees on the eastern and Truro and Halifax divisions was held here today. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the long standing dispute connected with the transfer of the operations of the Pictou branch from the Truro-Halifax division to the Oxford-Sydney division. The following were present: Deputy Minister of Railways Butler, General Manager Pottinger, Mechanical Superintendent Foggins, Chief Locomotive Engineer N. L. Rand, district superintendent of the Oxford-Sydney division, Yorton C. Campbell, district superintendent of the Halifax-Truro division, George M. Jarvis, the private secretary of Deputy Minister Butler and General Manager Pottinger, P. A. Lawrence, M. P. for Colchester county. Mr. Lawrence occupied the role of spectator and took no part in the proceedings. Then came representatives of the eastern division acting for the branches of the service as follows: Rood Macdonald of the Order of Railway Conductors; J. K. Kelly, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; Brakemen, etc.; M. Cullen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. A third party deputized by the branches of the service in the Halifax-Truro division lined up as follows: John H. Fisher, Order of Railway Conductors; J. W. Nairn, Brotherhood of Railway Engineers; George F. Hill, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. The session lasted for several hours, during which all parties representing the two contending divisions were listened to by Mr. Butler and his associates and full stenographic reports taken of the matter in dispute. Also the claims of the men of all branches of the service and other useful data. At the close of the session Mr. Butler promised to take the subject up with a view to an amicable settlement, and said he hoped to be able to soon render a decision.

"Oh, no; anything will do."

"To begin with, you must have some decent clothes, child!" and she examined very curiously the disguise of Rosa Baumstein. Then they discussed dress and such matters for an hour, and at the end the American insisted upon sending her some of her frocks for Panton to alter for her, until Olive could get some others made.

That day passed very quietly and pleasantly for Olive. She was, as she had said, glad of the rest after the excitement and stress of the previous time.

On the Friday, a little incident annoyed her. She was gazing out of the window when she saw that the young man she had before noticed at the back window of the house in the next street, was watching her closely.

He appeared to be a secretary or clerk; and in her idle hours of the previous day she had seen that occasionally some one came into the room where he was and appeared to dictate to him. And afterwards he would be busy with his typewriter; and as the windows were open, the click click of the machine was distinctly audible.

She had taken note but the latest interest in his movements; but now he rose, and standing at the open window stared hard at her and smiled.

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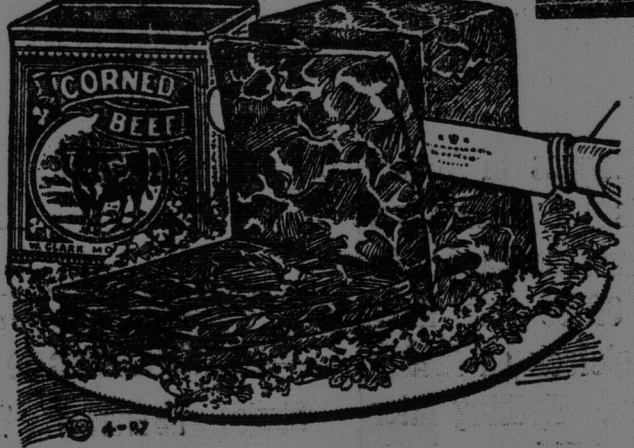
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POSTMASTER GENERAL TURNS DOWN U.S. REQUEST

Canadian Postal Department Will Not Handle Second-Class Mail Matter Sent from the States by Express or Freight and Mailed Here—United States Authorities Anxious to do This.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Through Postmaster General Lemoine, the government of Canada has notified the post office department that it will not be possible for the Canadian postal department to handle second class mail matter sent to that country from the United States by either express or freight and mailed here.

Some time ago a commission was sent to Canada to adjust, if possible, the differences between the two countries respecting the handling of second class mail. The result of the commission's work was unsatisfactory. Afterward American publishers suggested that they might send their publications from this country to Canada either by express or by freight and then have them mailed in that country at the second class rate, one cent for four ounces.

Postmaster General Meyer took the matter up with the Canadian officials, urging strongly that the suggested arrangement be made. The Canadian postal department, however, replied that the facilities and equipment would not admit of it.

In his letter to Postmaster General

CANADIAN GIRLS ARE IN THE LIST

Several Included in the Graduating Class of the New York Hospital.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Miss Alice Burbridge, daughter of Mr. Justice Burbridge, Ottawa; Miss Edith Campbell, daughter of the late Alex. Campbell, Montreal; Miss Marguerite Carr-Harris, daughter of Professor Carr-Harris; Miss Edith Tilley Hegan, of New Brunswick; Miss Emma De Veeber Clarke, of Kingston, and Miss Olive Howell Kirby, another Ontario girl, were all members of the graduating class of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, at the thirteenth graduation of nurses, which took place last night in the Florence Nightingale Hall of the hospital.

Bishop Courtney, a former Canadian, and now rector of St. James' Church, New York, opened the exercises with prayer. The address was given by Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborne, of Columbia University. John S. Kennedy, president of the board of managers, presented the diploma, and Frederick Sturge, chairman of the School of Nursing Committee, presented the badges.

Canadian present were Mrs. George Burns and Miss Burn, of Ottawa; Mrs. Scarth and Miss Scarth, Mrs. and Miss Lindsay, Mrs. Longley, James Longley, Mrs. Eva Harrison, Dr. F. Carr-Harris and Miss Savary.

LOWELL, Mass., May 20.—The textile council sent letters to the cotton manufacturers requesting an advance of 10 per cent. in wages May 27. It is thought that the local mill interests will act upon the wage question during the week.

QUEENS CO. GIRL WINS GOLD MEDAL

Miss Clara M. Robinson Carries Off English Prize at U. N. B.—Water Going Down.

FREDERICTON, May 20.—It has been announced that Miss Clara M. Robinson of Cambridge, Queens county, has been awarded the Douglas gold medal for the best English essay. The subject was history and problems of Canadian immigration. The examinations at the University are now going on and will be finished by the 28th of the month.

The fire department was called out this evening when the roof of John G. Adams' undertaking establishment, Queen street, was slightly scorched. No serious damage was done.

The river has risen about six inches during the day, but as tonight is rather cold little rise is expected.

John Russell, sr., of St. John is registered at the Queen tonight. Bishop Richardson left by this evening's train for Winnipeg to attend the annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

HILLSBORO, N. B., BOY PICKED UP IN LOWELL

BOSTON, May 19.—A thirteen year old lad, giving the name of Harry McLachy of Hillsboro, N. B., has been picked up by the police of Lowell, Mass. He is in a weak condition from improper nourishment, and is believed to have made his way the greater part by foot. He talks little, but says, "I left Hillsboro because it was a dull town."

The boy claims to have relatives in Somerville, Mass., but can tell nothing definite about them. New Brunswick authorities are being communicated with. Harry had, when found, an air-gun, a small sized revolver, a razor and a pair of brass knuckles.

SALESMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

MANCHESTER, N. H., May 20.—Ralph W. MacDonald, a well known travelling salesman connected with the drug trade, committed suicide at a hotel here today by shooting himself through the right temple. He left a note in which he said he was discouraged and decided to end his life.

He leaves a widow, one son and two brothers, one of them a clergyman at Lowell, Mass.

MISS KATE BARTLETT COMMITTEE'S CHOICE

Former Popular Teacher Here, Will be Offered Position of Teacher of Domestic Science.

The teachers' committee of the school board met last evening. The appointment of a teacher for the domestic science department was considered and the specifications with regard to the manual training school discussed.

Dr. H. S. Bridges was instructed to write to Miss Katharine A. Bartlett informing her that she was the choice of the committee for the position of teacher of domestic science. In the event, not expected, of Miss Bartlett refusing to take the position it will be offered to Miss M. Pauline Shaw.

The specifications of the manual training department have been altered to be forwarded to Fredericton for the approval of T. B. Kidner.

Miss Bartlett formerly taught in the public schools here and was very popular. At present she is on the staff of the Halifax Ladies' College.

ABE HUMMELL GOES TO PENITENTIARY

NEW YORK, May 20.—In a large town near Abraham Hummell left his home in East 72nd street today to go to Blackwell's Island to serve a year in the penitentiary for conspiracy in the celebrated Dodge-Morse divorce case. A few years ago Hummell enjoyed an extensive practice as a lawyer, having as clients many well known actors and actresses, but his conduct of the now famous divorce case resulted in disbarment as well as the humiliation he suffered today. At the island he will work in the bakery.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any enumerated section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 25, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

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(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of the homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

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