## THE ROMANCE OF A GAS-PIPE.

BY MARY R. VANDYNE.
*From Harper's Weekly.*

"Literary people! Faugh! I don't speak of them. If there's anything I detest more than another, it's a man or woman who writes."

I looked at my friend Teddy Jones and smiled. What in the world could have caused this outburst against the fraternity to which it was the height of my ambition to belong!—and from Jones!

Jones and literary people! What could be more absurd? Fancy it! Jones and men and women who spend their time reading Emerson, wondering at Carlyle's "immensities" and "eternities," and asking how far George Eliot really went in her following of Comte! the idea was so preposterous!

But I must introduce Teddy Jones. He was in the dry-goods trade. Originally he had been what people call a "counter-jumper." Now he was the principal buyer of one of our largest dry-goods "emporiums." (I quote Ted in using the word; it was big and imposing, and delighted him.) But as for reading—certainly he had never read anything but a newspaper since I had known him. His conversation—and he was as garrulous as Tennyson's brook, going on forever and forever, until some strong force (usually a reprimand from his wife) stopped him—was always about one of three things, his business, the next election, and what was going on at the theatres. What could Jones know about literary people? Where had he ever met any such, and what could he have had to do with them? I was anxious to know, and the only way to gratify my curiosity was to ask. I did ask. The first answer I got was a suppressed titter from Mrs. Jones.

"Oh! he'll tell the story fast enough," said Ted's loving spouse, "if you'll only listen."

"Let's have the story, by all means," I cried, "if there is one."

Jones looked half pleased, half mortified. Evidently there were features to the story which distinctined him to its relation. Yet between his own fondness for talking, his wife's urging, and my evident interest in what he had to tell, there seemed to be no escape for him. After a little more parleying we both took cigars, and he began:

"You see, Bradford, I was brought up to trade"—as if every cubic inch of his body, line of his face, the set of his collar, and the fit of his trousers had not borne testimony to that fact from the beginning. Never in the course of my life did I have anything to do with people who live by their wits. I take it, which means stealing, or by their imaginations, which I have since found out means writing, until I had got married and come to town to live.

"You must know that at that time I was not as well off as I am now. Eliza and I" (a theatrical gesture of Ted's right arm toward Mrs. Jones assured me that she was the Eliza alluded to) "were obliged to live in a boarding-house.

"The mansion in which we sought refuge was kept by a Mrs. Smith, and we arrived at her establishment one evening just in time for dinner."

"When he stepped into the dining-room we saw a long table with about a dozen people ranged around it. First came Mr. and Mrs. James Sterling, two sons and a daughter—of no interest whatever. Then there was two young men, clerks in a neighboring drug-store; the last two were utterly unimportant. But at the left hand of one of them sat a young lady.

At this point Ted glanced at Mrs. Jones. But apparently that bright little woman had no idea of being jealous. She smiled back at her husband.

"Well, Bradford, if ever I saw a beautiful woman, there was one. You know I am a judge of women."

I thought of Jones's experience behind the counter, and assented.

"Such blue eyes! Such a head of golden hair!" (Another surreptitious glance at Mrs. Jones.) "Well, I won't go on. She was just the very model of that woman with his baby in your room."

Oh dear! oh dear! That was the way in which Jones alluded to my photograph of Raphael's Madonna del Granduca.

"The very moment I looked at her I began to think of angels. But I did not dare look long, for there, right at her elbow, sat the most hideous old woman you ever saw in your life. How could it be? Was that dreadful old woman the mother of that beautiful girl? She was. Our landlady introduced us to Mrs. Marvin and her daughter, Miss Emily Marvin. Oh! how beautiful Miss Emily was when she lifted her eyes! I actually felt my heart go 'pit-a-pat.'"

What a woman Mrs. Jones was! Even this did not disturb her.

"Well, we had not sat at that table long before I began to feel that we were in an atmosphere of romance. At our landlady's left hand, and just about as far from Miss Emily as he could be put, sat a young man. He was a handsome fellow, too. His eyes and hair were dark, and he had a strong, solid look, as if he had been brought up in the country. He was just the kind of man I'd sell a bill of goods to and send them home without any C. O. D. mark. Our landlady introduced him as Mr. William Graham.

"It did not need a very sharp pair of eyes to discover that Mr. Will Graham was in love with Miss Emily. Eliza and I both understood it fully before the evening was out. When we got to our own room we talked it over, and we also decided that the two young people were very unhappy. Eliza said it was because Miss Marvin's mother was opposed to the match. I had not got quite as far as this, but in the course of a few days, when I had seen considerably more of the young couple, I felt sure she was right.

"One day, when I came home from the store a little earlier than usual, Eliza said to me, 'Ted, I think there is something very mysterious about Miss Emily.'

"'What is it?' I asked.

"'Why, she is always so preoccupied. I spoke to her to-day at lunch, and she answered me in such a way that I felt sure she didn't know in the least what I had said. Then she is always so busy! Our landlady asked her to go out for a little walk to-day, by way of recreation, and she made some hurried excuse, saying she couldn't go anywhere, she had so much to do.'

"I told Eliza that women in boarding-houses were always hunting up mysteries to gossip about. There was probably nothing more remarkable about Miss Emily's preoccupation than that she was busy over some new dress, and couldn't make the over-skirt fit. But the next night when I came home Eliza had a new story.

"'Ted,' she exclaimed, as soon as we got up to our room after dinner, 'I tell you I'm sure there is something very wrong about that poor girl.'

"'What now?' I inquired.

"'Well,' said Eliza, 'I was going past their room to-day after luncheon, when I heard a great noise. Somebody was scolding, and somebody was crying. Then the door opened and the old lady came out. I happened to look into the room, and there sat Miss Emily at her writing-desk. The tears were streaming down her cheeks, and her pen was going like wild-fire. The room looked very queer. It was full of books, and newspapers and magazines were lying all over the floor. I heard Miss Emily talking to herself. What she said I couldn't make out. When I got upstairs I lay down for a nap. Presently I heard a queer noise. First I couldn't think what it was, but it seemed to come from the gas fixture. I listened again, and then I made up my mind that somebody was playing on the bracket below as if it were a piano. I've always said her actions were very strange, and Mrs. Smith says so too. Fancy it—quarreling with her mother, and writing like wild-fire, talking to herself, and playing tunes on a gas fixture! I tell you, Edward, that that beautiful young girl, with golden hair, great open blue eyes, and a forehead of a Roman Catholic saint, is crazy—stark, staring crazy!'

"'Fiddlesticks, Eliza!' I cried. 'You're crazy. I tell you there's nothing wrong about that girl's mind any more than there is about mine.' We argued, and argued, and argued. But of course I didn't convince Eliza, and she didn't convince me.

"Now I must tell you, Bradford, how our rooms were situated in that boarding-house. Old lady Marvin, being an invalid, couldn't go up and down stairs, so our landlady had given her a back room on the first floor. Eliza and I occupied the back room on the second floor. Above our heads, on the third floor, was Will Graham's room. We had often seen him going in and out of the door just at the head of the staircase, and Eliza always brought up as an evidence of his love for Miss Emily the way he tramped up and down that room at all hours of the night with his boots on.

"As a matter of course I paid no further attention to what I felt certain was Eliza's nonsense about Miss Emily's mind being out of order. But one evening I went hurriedly up to my room after dinner. I had just seen Miss Emily leave her mother at the table and disappear upstairs. The moment I got into our room I heard a most peculiar noise. What on earth was it? It sounded like 'Tick tick tick—tick—tick tick tick—tick—tick tick tick—tick tick tick,' and it came from the gas-pipe. 'Oho!' thought I, 'there's Eliza's notion. She did hear something, after all. Somebody is knocking on that gas fixture.' 'Playing a tune,' Eliza called it. Then all of a sudden a strange thought came over me. 'Phew!' I gasped. 'It's so—it's so, just as sure as you're born!'

"Now I must tell you, Bradford, that among my earlier experiences in this life I was once a telegraph operator. I didn't work at the business long, and I was extremely stupid at it; but I did learn the sounds; I knew them all, dots and dashes, just the horrid tick and succession of ticks, and spaces between the ticks, that are equivalent to the letters of the alphabet. And here I heard them again. Yes, that was it. I saw through the whole business at once, and as I did so I just lay down on the bed and laughed until I was afraid I'd have every button off my waistcoat.

TO BE CONTINUED.

**Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly**—For February is all that its patrons can desire. The articles vary in character and treatment, are all interesting and timely, and all well illustrated. Mr. Croffut's article on the late William H. Vanderbilt gives a striking picture of the career and life of the greatest American millionaire, and the reader can judge for himself of the man, his palace, his gallery, his stables and his tomb.

—Ill-fitting boots and shoes cause corns. Holloway's Corn Cure is the article to use. Get a bottle at once and cure your corns.

On the body of Rev. Mr. Jardine, the ritualistic clergyman of Kansas City, who died from the effects of chloroform on Monday, was found a small chain one-eighth of an inch thick. It was worn around the loins, probably for penance.

—Mrs. H. Hall, Navarino, N.Y., writes: "For years I have been troubled with liver complaint. The doctors said my liver was hardened and enlarged. I was troubled with dizziness, pain in my shoulder, constipation, and gradually losing flesh all the time. I was under the care of three physicians, but did not get any relief. A friend sent me a bottle of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery, and the benefit I have received from it is far beyond my expectation. I feel better now than I have done for years."

**Catarrh.**

—Catarrh, on account of its prevalence in this country, is attracting a good deal of attention, more especially now when there is a probability of a visit from cholera, for where either is a muco-purulent discharge, such discharge forms a medium very inviting to cholera germs, and very favorable for their reproduction in a more virulent form, thus placing sufferers from catarrh at a great disadvantage in the event of a cholera visitation.

Catarrh is a contagious disease. It is a muco-purulent discharge, caused by the presence of a vegetable parasite in the lining membrane of the nose. These parasites reproduce themselves in great multitudes, and each generation is more virulent. They spread up the nostrils and down the fauces or back of the throat, causing ulceration of the throat, up the eustachian tubes, causing deafness; burrowing in the vocal cords, causing hoarseness; usurping the proper function of the bronchial tubes, ending in pulmonary consumption and death.

The reason that catarrh has become so prevalent a disease is entirely due to the fact that it has not been understood. Physicians have been unanimous in treating it as a simple inflammation of the membrane and have signally failed to produce cures, but microscopic research has revealed the presence of the parasite, and now sufferers from this disease who appreciate the fact that it is by way of its secondary effects a most deadly one, will be glad to learn that a wonderfully successful treatment has been formulated, whereby the most aggravated cases of catarrh have been permanently cured in from one to three simple applications. The interesting pamphlet descriptive of this new treatment, from which we glean the above, is sent free to all applicants on receipt of stamp by A. H. Dixon & Son, 305 King street west, Toronto, Canada.—The Star. 13

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James Russell Lowell is at the head of a Boston committee which is soliciting funds with which to erect a building for the American school of classical study at Athens. The Greek government will give the site, two acres of ground, worth $13,000.

—A. D. Noyes, Newark, Michigan, writes: "I have enquired at the drug stores for Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, but have failed to find it. We brought a bottle with us from Quebec, but it is nearly gone, and we do not want to be without it, as my wife is troubled with a pain in the shoulder, and nothing else gives relief. Can you send us some?"

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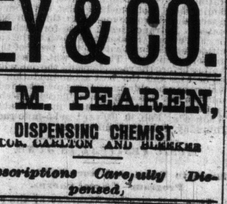


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9.35 a.m.—Limited Express—For Peterboro', Smith's Falls, Ottawa, Montreal, Port Arthur, Winnipeg and the Rockies.
4.25 p.m.—Express—For points east to Peterboro' and Havelock.
8.00 p.m.—Express—For points east to Montreal.

ARRIVALS—MAIN LINE EAST.
8.07 a.m.—Toronto Express—From Montreal, Ottawa, Peterboro' and intermediate stations.
11.25 a.m.—Mixed—From Havelock, Peterboro and stations west of those points.
9.45 p.m.—Toronto Express—From Montreal.

DEPARTURES—MAIN LINE WEST.
8.10 a.m.—Western Express.
1.05 p.m.—Pacific Express.
4.15 p.m.—Local Express—For St. Thomas and intermediate points.

ARRIVALS—MAIN LINE WEST.
8.45 a.m.—Limited Express—From St. Thomas.
11.20 a.m.—Mixed—From St. Thomas.
5.55 p.m.—Atlantic Express.
6.30 p.m.—Montreal Express.

DEPARTURES—OWEN SOUND BRANCH.
7.30 a.m.—Mail and Steamship Express—For Woodbridge, Orangeville and Owen Sound.
4.50 p.m.—Express—For Owen Sound and intermediate stations.

ARRIVALS—OWEN SOUND BRANCH.
10.45 a.m.—Express—From Owen Sound.
8.35 p.m.—Mail—From Owen Sound and intermediate points.

DEPARTURES—ORANGEVILLE, ELORA AND TEESWATER BRANCHES.
8.10 a.m.—Mail—For Brampton, Elora and Orangeville and intermediate points.
4.15 p.m.—Express—For Orangeville and Teeswater.

ARRIVALS—ORANGEVILLE, ELORA AND TEESWATER BRANCHES.
11.35 a.m.—Mixed—From Elora, Brampton, Orangeville and intervening points.
8.30 p.m.—Mail—From Elora, Orangeville and Teeswater.

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DEPARTURES—MAIN LINE EAST.
7.15 a.m.—Mixed—For points as far as Belleville.
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ARRIVE FROM THE EAST.
8.05 a.m.—Express from Montreal.
10.18 a.m.—Local from Belleville.
6.40 p.m.—Mixed—From Belleville and intermediate points.
10.40 p.m.—Express—From Boston, Quebec, Portland, Montreal, Ottawa, etc.

DEPARTURES—MAIN LINE WEST.
9.35 a.m.—Express—For Port Huron, Detroit, Chicago and all western points and all points on the W. G. & B. division.
4.00 p.m.—For Goderich, Stratford and local points. Through car to Palmerston via Guelph to Palmerston, Southampton and Wiarton.
6.25 p.m.—Mixed—For points as far as Guelph.
11.15 p.m.—Express for Port Huron, Detroit, Chicago and all western points.

ARRIVE—MAIN LINE WEST.
8.00 a.m.—Mixed—From Guelph and intermediate points.
3.10 a.m.—Express—From Chicago, Detroit, Port Huron and all western points.
12.32 p.m.—Mixed—From London and Sarnia.
7.10 p.m.—Express, from all points west—Chicago, Detroit, etc.

**Great Western Division.**

LEAVE TORONTO.
6.50 a.m.—Express for Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Lyndon, Chatham, Detroit, Chicago and points west.
9.15 a.m.—Express—To Hamilton.
12.10 p.m.—For Detroit, Chicago and the West, (runs daily).
3.55 p.m.—For Niagara Falls, Buffalo, New York, Boston and local stations between Hamilton and London, and Brantford, St. Thomas, etc.
5.55 p.m.—Local stations between Toronto and Hamilton.
11.00 p.m.—Express—For London, Chatham, Detroit, Chicago and points west.

ARRIVE AT TORONTO.
8.25 a.m.—Express from Chicago, Detroit Hamilton, etc.
10.15 a.m.—Express from London, St. Catharines, Hamilton, etc.
1.55 p.m.—Accommodation — From Kincardine.
4.30 p.m.—Express—From New York, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, London, etc., (runs daily).
7.05 p.m.—Mail—From Buffalo, Detroit, London, Hamilton and intermediate stations.
7.45 p.m.—Express—From Detroit, St. Louis, etc.
11.10 p.m.—Mixed—From Hamilton.

SUNDAY TRAINS—G. W. DIV.
The train leaving Toronto for Hamilton at 12.15 p.m., and arriving at Hamilton at 1.45 p.m., will run on Sundays, but will not stop at intermediate stations.

SUBURBAN TRAINS.
Leave Toronto at 7.05, 10.55 a.m., and 2.00, 4.00, p.m. Returning — Leave Mimico 8.35 and 11.40 a.m., and 2.35, 4.35 p.m., calling at Queen's Wharf, Parkdale, High Park, Humber and Humber Grove, both going and returning.

**Midland Division.**

TRAINS LEAVE TORONTO.
7.35 a.m.—Mail—Sutton, Midland, Orillia, Coboconk, Haliburton, Lindsay, Port Perry, Whitby, Peterboro', Lakefield, Port Hope, Madoc, Belleville, Hastings, Campbellford and intermediate stations.
2.15 a.m.—Express—For Peterboro' and intermediate stations.
3.15 p.m.—Mixed—To Sutton.
4.35 p.m.—Express—Sutton, Midland, Orillia, Coboconk, Lindsay, Port Perry, Whitby, Peterboro', Port Hope and intermediate stations.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT TORONTO.
10.15 a.m.—Mixed—From Sutton.
12.55 p.m.—Express.
6.05 p.m.—Mixed—From Peterboro'.
9.20 p.m.—Mail.

**NORTHERN AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAYS.**

Trains depart from and arrive at City hall station, stopping at Union and Brock street stations.

DEPARTURES.
8.00 a.m.—Mail—For Gravenhurst, Orillia, Meaford, Penetang, Barrie and intermediate stations.
11.45 a.m.—Accommodation—For Gravenhurst, Barrie, Collingwood and Meaford.
5.10 p.m.—Express—For Collingwood, Penetang, Orillia and Barrie.

ARRIVALS.
10.10 a.m.—Express—From Collingwood, Orillia, Barrie and intermediate points.
1.50 p.m.—Accommodation—From Meaford, Collingwood, Penetang, Gravenhurst, Orillia, Barrie and intermediate points.
7.55 p.m.—Mail—From Penetang, Meaford, Collingwood, Gravenhurst, Orillia, Barrie and intermediate stations.

## TORONTO POSTAL GUIDE.

During the month of January mails close and are due as follows:

| | CLOSE. | | DUE. | |
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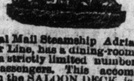
| | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. |
| G. T. R. East | 6.00 | 6.45 | 9.20 | 10.45 |
| G. T. R. West | 8.00 | 6.45 | 8.50 | 10.00 |
| | 8.30 | 3.00 | 12.30 | 7.30 |
| N. & N. W. | 6.30 | 4.00 | 10.20 | 8.10 |
| T. G. & B. | 6.00 | 3.45 | 11.00 | 8.50 |
| Midland | 6.00 | 3.30 | 12.40 | 9.30 |
| C. V. R. | 7.00 | 3.15 | 11.40 | 5.25 |
| | a.m. | a.m. | a.m. | p.m. |
| G. W. R. | 6.00 | 11.30 | 8.40 | 2.00 |
| | p.m. | p.m. | | 4.40 |
| | 2.45 | 9.30 | 10.30 | 7.20 |
| | | | | 11.30 |
| | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. |
| U. S. N. Y. | 6.00 | 2.45 | 8.40 | |
| | | 9.30 | 10.30 | 4.40 |
| U. S. Western States | 6.00 | 9.30 | 8.30 | 4.10 |
| | | | | 7.20 |

British mails depart as follows:
January 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28.
Time for closing English mails, 10 p.m., on January 6, 13, 20, 27 and 9 p.m. on all other days.

OLD COUNTRY PASSAGES,
ECONOMY WITH COMFORT.



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