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By Percy J. Brebner, author of "Princess Maritza," "Vayenne," etc.

"Another of your profession, I presume, Mr. Dubuison," said Evertsen. "For the moment, let that pass; we were speaking of Lady Betty Walmisley. Knowing so much you will easily understand me when I say that I intend to know more. Partly by my own fault, which I most deeply regret, Lady Betty was induced to take some notice of you. Your profession does not display itself outwardly, of course, or you would be likely to have small success in it; I will even allow that you, personally, have certain attractions, which have been exceedingly useful to you. They have inclined Lady Betty to the belief that you are an honest gentleman. I am here to prove to her that you were nothing of the kind."

Pellant had kept his eyes fixed upon Dubuison, who could certainly have broken in upon Evertsen's studied insolence before this, only that he hoped, by letting him talk freely, to gain some information about Lady Betty.

"I think I have done you one injustice," he said quietly, when Evertsen paused. "I came in pursuit, confident that you had run away with Lady Betty Walmisley by force. I have altered my opinion. I wonder if you believe me when I say that Lady Betty's sudden flight is a mystery to me?"

"I should not believe you on your oath," Evertsen replied, his hands still behind him.

"After all I am afraid your good or bad opinion is of little moment to me," Dubuison answered, with a short laugh.

"No," said Evertsen in an insolent, interrogative drawl. "Have you entirely forgotten the events of yesterday, when you had to desert your lodgings to avoid arrest? Have you forgotten a certain night on the coast of Devonshire, when you landed secretly, one of a crew of smuggling vagabonds, whom you had to run, and even then succeeded in playing upon the sympathy of Lady Betty Walmisley? Let me tell you, Mr. Dubuison,

"Your bargain!" said Dubuison, irritably. "What is it?"

"My lips are sealed concerning you; I will make no attempt to follow you. You are free to leave the country, if you give up all pursuit of Lady Betty. Tonight, you shall let Mr. Pellant and myself have your horses—you will be able to get others tomorrow—and we will ride forward. It is a good bargain. Your life probably against an insane ambition. Lady Betty is not for you. She is a royal ward, and her future is already provided for."

Dubuison's calmness had deserted him. He had seized Evertsen by the throat almost before the last word had fallen from his lips, and forced him back against the settle by the fire.

"You miserable huckster! Curse your bargaining!" he said savagely, although his voice was hardly raised. "You are a tool only, a cur which goes yapping at its master's bidding. Were it otherwise, I would strangle the life out of you here and now. You are the man Lady Betty is to marry if your royal master has his way; you are to be the convenient husband who shall not count. I know the whole vile plot you and your master have concocted, the prince's letter, the charge of treason, subtly made, to frighten a girl into obedience. I know the whole scurrilous business from beginning to end, and more far more. You live because you are a tool, a partially deceived tool; if you were otherwise, I would kill you. Curse your bargaining and your insolence. I love Lady Betty Walmisley, love her, do you hear? All your efforts have been wasted. She loves me, do you hear that? She has promised to be my wife, and you will take her name upon your foul lips at your peril. Now raise your cry of spy if you will, but do not attempt to struggle. He had been taken by surprise, and Dubuison's knowledge and accuracy surprised him still more. He continued leaning back against the settle for a moment after Dubuison had released him, with perhaps a vague wonder why Pellant had not interfered. Neither Pellant nor Baxter had moved; they were taken by surprise, too, and the torrent of accusing words

seemed to fascinate them. With a shake of his shoulders to straighten his disordered coat, Evertsen stepped slowly up to Dubuison.

"Before raising an alarm I will at least settle my private quarrel," he said, striking him across the mouth. "Take back your lie."

"This time both Baxter and Pellant came between them."

"You may have your satisfaction at once," said Evertsen. "The moon is up and the light is good enough for me."

Dubuison nodded to Baxter.

"I'll find some other waiting place until you are ready," and he turned and went out.

"It is for us to arrange, sir," said Baxter to Pellant, "and as quickly as possible. We are not giving a show for the benefit of the king's customers. Shall we walk out and choose a likely piece of ground?"

"It's all rather irregular," said Pellant, "but our respective friends seem to have such a pretty quarrel it would be a sin to spoil it."

"Fierce as the quarrel had been, the voices had not been loud enough to arouse any particular attention in the bar on the other side of the house. Two or three men were there, woodcutters probably, and with a view not to attracting notice, Dubuison ordered some wine, which he barely tasted, and asked the landlord about the coach."

"Aye, it passed right through the other gentlemen arrived; going at a great pace it was. I thought the horses were running away, but the driver had them in hand, and was not to be moved."

"I met them a mile away and they had quieted down then," said one of the men.

In the other room Evertsen was standing before the fire when the door opened stealthily, and a man entered, and lifted up his side.

"Why not hurry the two horses, sir, if you're in a hurry to go on?" "Borrow the horses," and there was more of a note of exclamation in Evertsen's tone than of command.

"Easily done, sir. I could lead them round the back of the house to a bit of green sward not thirty yards up the road. The only thing is I couldn't come back here for a bit. It wouldn't be easy to explain the difference between growing and stealing to two angry gentlemen."

"No. What's it worth?" "Would five guineas hurt you, sir?" "Gad, you're a smart fellow." The idea is worth the money, and there it is. I don't suppose I shall use the horses."

"I shall take them there in case you should," said the man, and he went. "All's fair in love," Evertsen reflected, "and the scoundrel lied. Besides, if I have the luck to shoot straight enough, Pellant and I can go on to night. They wouldn't want the horses. Gad, it's a good idea, and Dubuison lied. His wife! Lady Betty's wife! Curse him! A curse on him, who shouldn't have led in every other particular? I shall punish him for the lie, but perhaps not tonight. If the fellow is not responsible, Betty's flight, who is? She may be in deadly peril. It's a good idea about the horses."

He went to the door of the room listening for Pellant and Baxter's return. As they came into the house he called to Pellant.

To Be Continued.

County Engineer Talbot Declares Court House Well Ventilated Throughout.

There is still a great deal of interest taken in the attitude of the grand jury to the charge of Mr. Justice Riddell, and there is a good deal of speculation as to what the next move will be.

Mr. McKillop is of the opinion that his lordship will bring in his bill against the county. Whether it will go beyond that is another question. The bill would, of course, have to go before the grand jury before a true bill could be brought in, and grand juries so far seem to have rather favored the present course.

Otherwise, even if the true bill was brought the charge of maintaining a public nuisance, being a criminal one, would be tried by a jury, and the outcome would be difficult to determine.

On being approached, Engineer Talbot spoke emphatically regarding the assertions as to the condition of the building made in Dr. Hutchinson's last letter.

Dr. Hutchinson, he said, would leave the impression that all the closets ventilated only into the room. If this is true, the city and county engineers who have been observing were so ignorant as to not properly trap the waste pipes and make proper provision to prevent sewer gases escaping into the building.

"The truth of the matter," said Mr. Talbot, "is that the plumbing is properly installed and ventilated and I am prepared to prove that, when it shall be necessary so to do. Every closet and sink in the building is connected with the ventilation pipe and is perfectly sanitary. As far as other ventilation goes, we can see for yourself if it is not the same as that in operation in the city buildings and schools and all public offices."

In Dr. Hutchinson's letter of the 15th, too, continued Mr. Talbot, "he claims that an indictment or something of the kind might be made against the county because the front door of the court house opens into a ward, and is therefore against a public by-law, and might be very dangerous in case of fire. As a matter of fact a little closer observation will prove to Dr. Hutchinson that the doors swing both ways as required."

"Dr. Hutchinson's contentions as to the fall differs widely from the report of the Government Inspector of Jails, Dr. Bruce Smith, who pronounced everything in a first-class condition."

In speaking of the ventilation of the court house, Mr. Talbot said that there was no necessity of remodelling it in order to have it properly ventilated, but at very small expense the present courtroom could be properly aired according to the most advanced opinions.

MISTAKES ORDERS

Two Killed in Collision on the C. P. R. Near Adamsville, Que.

Montreal, March 18.—A fatal accident occurred on the C. P. R. today in the Eastern Townships on the main line to Halifax, between Brigham Junction and West Shefford.

Through mistaken orders the light engine, No. 369, ran into a freight train engine, No. 661, in a property on collision, one mile east of Adamsville, this morning, resulting in the death of Engin-

eer Trux and Roadmaster Gavin Shanks, who was travelling on the light engine.

An investigation into the matter is now in progress.

PARISHES WELL BE RE-ARRANGED

Executive Committee of Diocese of Huron Held Meeting Yesterday.

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The opening prayers were led by the dean.

The minutes of the last meeting which, as usual, were printed, and in the hands of the members, were taken as read.

Business was then proceeded with, according to the order always followed.

The Business.

The finance committee reported the payment of accounts for past quarter. The report was approved.

Missions committee recommended the re-arrangement of the parishes of Lambeth and Ganworth, Melbourne and Carleton Place, and the diocesan commission was requested to visit and report. Carried.

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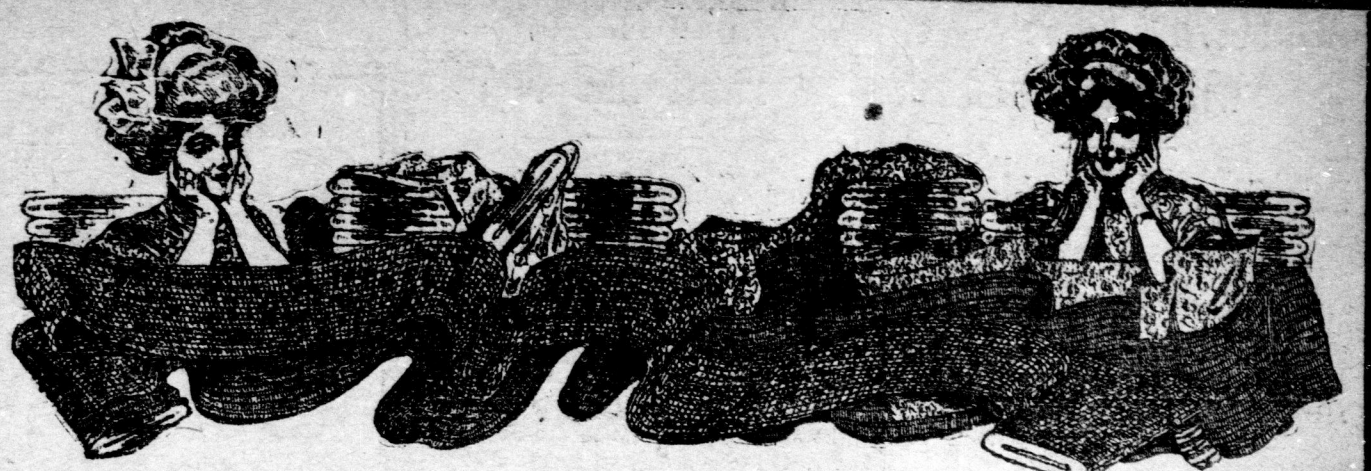
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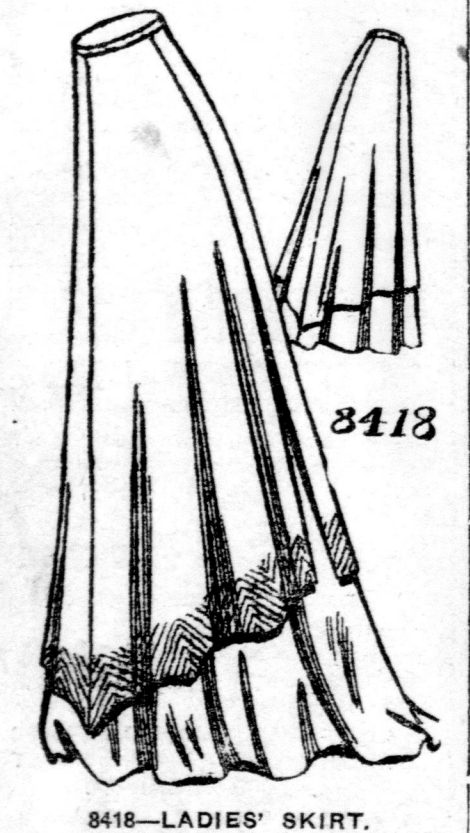
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