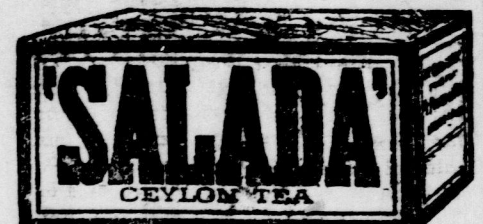


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"Come," he said, "Esmer, you are the creator of your own misery. No, I do not fear Lady Westbrook, as you shall see."

They met, exchanging a few words; Lucille genuinely praised Esmer's toilet, but the girl's happiness had gone. She danced first with Gerard, then he danced with Lucille. Esmer was their vis-a-vis, and she could not keep her eye off them. Her evening's pleasure was ruined. Whenever both went out of her sight she grew restless and fidgety. She was sure they must be together. Thus with a mean, jealous, suspicious mind create, as Gerard said, its own causeless misery. Such is the fruit of jealousy.

It was about midnight when Esmer's self-torture reached its height. Leaning on the arm of a partner she was promenading the ball room, her brilliant eyes searching restlessly for Gerard and Lucille. Everybody seemed there but those two. They had been dancing together last—they must be together now. Where could they be? Oh, if she could but find them.

Her veins throbbled with the fever of restrained passion, and, finally, sinking on a couch in the conservatory, she begged her companion to fetch her an ice.

It was merely an excuse to be alone. Directly she was she crossed to one of the open glass doors leading to the grounds, and, leaning there, let the air blow on her hot temples.

The night was misty, yet with a chill in its breath that felt refreshing. As the girl stood gazing out over the lawn to where the trees and shrubs commenced, she saw the shadow, apparently of a man, pass quickly into them. Esmer started up. Her desire, her prayer, was answered. She had found them. They had sought the grounds, where they were sure of not being disturbed.

Without an instant's reflection she drew her velvet mantle about her, and, cunningly keeping in the shade, swiftly crossed the grass and penetrated the alley wherein she had fancied the figure had disappeared.

Noislessly, every pulse throbbing with expectancy, she proceeded, searching, listening, but in vain—all was darkness, silence, solitude.

"They avoid me—they are hiding," she murmured, in a burst of fury. "Yet I will find them."

She renewed her quest unconscious in her excitement that her sailor's pearl-worked slippers were little suited for the damp ground. All was futile, and twenty minutes afterward she found herself on the lawn.

"It is useless," she said, "time, they have, no doubt, returned."

She drew her mantle closer, shivering, for the first time she felt the chilliness of the night. It was still as when she had hastened back to the bright, warm ballroom.

As she stepped through the glass door she perceived two gentlemen coming out of the conservatory, while extended along the whole length of the house. They were Lord Vavasour and Gerard. Perceiving her they hastened forward.

"My dear Esmer," said the earl, "do not stand by the door. The night is damp, you will catch cold."

"I was so warm, I wanted a little air," she said, adding, with forced gaiety, "but where have you been hiding?"

"Scold me, not him," laughed Lord Vavasour. "I carried him off for a chat in the library, where we forgot time in politics. You look cold; allow me to lead you back to the warmer apartments."

Esmer took his arm, and, as they went, said:

"Where is the queen of the ball, fair Berengaria, my lord? I have not seen her lately."

"Oh! Lady Westbrook? She had to leave nearly a week's trip to his wife," answered Maria, taking up her coffee cup; "but owing to circumstances I should prefer this employment. It is less public. A lady's maid's radius need not go beyond her employer's dressing-room."

"True," Miss Pyefinch paused meditatively. Then, a wistful woman's curiosity in her eyes, blended with a little pain, perhaps at her friend's reticence, she said:

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A MOTORMAN'S ESCAPE
How Benjamin Bacon Escaped From a Terrible Position.

Toronto, Sept. 19.—Mr. Benjamin Bacon, motorman No. 150, in the employ of the Toronto Street Railway Company, tells the following story of his escape from a situation in which death menaced him daily.

"I have for a year past been a great sufferer from severe pains in my back. My doctor told me I had the first stages of Bright's Disease. He could not help me, nor did the many advertised medicines do me any good. At length, I read Dodd's Kidney Pills, a trial, and lo! today I am a new man, sound and well and strong in every respect."

"Yes, sir," said the man in cell 711, "time was when I was admitted to the very best houses." "And what brought you here?" "They caught me coming out."

When T. Coleman, a Bradford traveler, left on a three weeks' trip his wife was a yellow-faced, ragged-looking woman. When he returned he didn't know her. Her eyes were bright and her skin clear, and she walked differently. Merrill's System Tonic did it. Sold at 50c. Sold at W. T. Strong's drug store.

Germans weigh nearly ten pounds, man for man, more than Frenchmen. Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What is has done once it will do again.

med, leaning back, her eyes closed. "I shall be Countess of Lethbridge."

CHAPTER XXVI.

"I never was so surprised in my life, dear, never. You were so very comfortable, I thought you were a fixture."

The speaker was a slightly-made little woman of over 40, with bird-like eyes, a chirpy voice, and the kindest nature in the world.

The scene was a parlor in the house in Percy street, the time morning, and a neat, plain breakfast was on the table; one side was occupied by the small, bird-like lady, the other by no less a person than Maria Saprone.

She was, perhaps, a trifle paler, but a smile was on her lips as she sat leaning over the pages of the Times and tracing down the columns of "Wanted."

"Miss Pyefinch, for this proved the hostess' name, was the Italian's only friend. Chance had thrown them together years before.

Maria in her loneliness had eagerly clung to the kindly soul, and had made her her confidante respecting one of her engagements wherein she was not happy. Whereupon Miss Pyefinch, drawing herself to her full height, four-foot-four, and looking as if she were going to peck some one, had exclaimed resolutely:

"My dear, you must not stop there—you shall not. It's a shame to see a young girl, and a foreigner. How can you help your pretty face? and it is very pretty. If these men will make love to you, and these ladyships hasn't the nerve or power to protect you, I say you shall not stop."

"I will not," had responded Maria quite as decisively. "And her ladyship approves, she pities, and does not blame me. But—now helplessly and despairingly—where can I go? I am friendless and a stranger in London."

"Not friendless," pecked Miss Pyefinch. "Where can you go? Why, my house, of course. It isn't rich, apologetically, then—neither am I. I too, have few friends, and only a small annuity, but it's enough to afford me the pleasure of your company, my dear—that is, if you don't object to plain furniture and plain living, when they are graced with a hearty welcome."

Concluding, Miss Pyefinch, according to a habit she had, pushed up the knot of hair ornamenting the back of her head, which knot had a propensity for getting into the nap of her neck.

Maria had gratefully caught at the offer, since when the little annuitant's home had always been hers when she was out of an engagement.

"I was so comfortable, as happy as I, remarked Maria, answering Miss Pyefinch's speech opening this chapter.

"Yet you have left. Peculiar, and the little woman pushed up the lace cap, which now, in later years, covered the knot of hair, until it gave her the appearance of a cockatoo."

"Never mind its peculiarity, dear friend," smiled Maria, apologetically. "I have left, and now must look out for another situation. Please listen to this:

"Wanted by a lady, single, a companion. Nothing menial. Must be amiable and obliging, also must like dogs."

"Stop—stop—stop!" interrupted Miss Pyefinch, putting her fingers in her ears. "Won't do at all, my dear. Nothing menial, only you'd have to wash hands and feet every morning, cut up your diurnal chop, and take them—poor asmatial creatures—for their constitutional."

"Well," proceeded Maria, laughing merrily, "what do you think of this:

"Wanted, by a lady, female amanuensis. Must write rapidly and distinctly from dictation. If possessing literary powers, an admirer of the works of John Stuart Mill and an upholder of 'Woman's Rights' preferred. Address, Miss Tomasina Amazon."

Miss Pyefinch fell back, uttering a musical peal of chirruping laughter.

"Oh, my love, what a contrast you and Miss Tomasina Amazon would be!" she cried. "I can see her, I'm sure. Hat and mantle of as masculine a cut as possible; boots with soles defying damp, blue spectacles, umbrella, black bag, handbag, and bag, and my dear, a grave suspicion of a mustache. You'd have to write all her lectures, and worse, to hear them. Save us from female stump orators. Nor, better wash feet than that."

"If I'm so difficult to please I shall never get on," smiled Maria. "Beggars must not be choosers. Ah! stay, here is another one:

"Wanted, a lady's maid; must be lady-like in manner and appearance. Apply between 11 and 12 at No. — Chester Square."

"Ah-h-h!" ejaculated Miss Pyefinch, slowly and reflectively as she pushed her cap on to her forehead, "that sounds something better. Chester Square is a nice locality. But you should try after something higher than a lady's maid, my love—indeed you should."

"I would; and such was my intention," answered Maria, taking up her coffee cup; "but owing to circumstances I should prefer this employment. It is less public. A lady's maid's radius need not go beyond her employer's dressing-room."

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LABOR CONGRESS
Chooses Officers and Concludes Its Business.

Chinese Capitulation Tax Discussed at Length—One Delegate Wanted Icelanders Included.

Winnipeg, Sept. 20.—At yesterday's meeting of the Labor Congress the Chinese question was taken up and occupied the attention of the members all day, being discussed at length. It was resolved that the congress again urge upon the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of increasing the present head tax upon Chinese emigrants entering this country from \$50 to \$500.

Whereas, the extensive employment of Japanese and Chinese on coast steamships in the capacity of stokers and other responsible positions is a menace to the safety of the traveling public, therefore, be it resolved that this congress urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of enacting legislation as will effectually prohibit their employment in such capacity.

Delegate Little, of Quebec, wished to have Icelanders included in the motion.

In regard to the pay of letter carriers, it was resolved to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of doubling the present rate of \$2 a day for eight hours of work, and so regulating the department that letter carriers may depend upon promotion for faithful service.

Winnipeg, Sept. 20.—At the Dominion Labor Congress today the competition of convict labor was strongly condemned. Some of the delegates favored sending convicts into the backwoods to make colonization roads. The importation of labor under contract also was denounced, and a motion passed to forward a resolution containing the views of the council to the international commission at Seattle.

Following were the officers elected this afternoon: President, Ralph Smith, Nanaimo, B. C.; Vice-president, J. A. Flett, Hamilton. Vice-president for Ontario, J. E. Fitzpatrick; secretary, treasurer, G. W. Dower, Executive for Ontario, C. Marsh, J. T. Later, W. R. McDonald.

D. A. Carey, president, for last year, will represent this body at Kansas City in December.

Montreal was chosen as the next place of meeting. A banquet was held tonight, which closed the convention.

LASTERS ON STRIKE.
Brockton, Mass., Sept. 20.—Nearly 1,500 lasters in the big shoe factories of Brockton, Rockland, Whitman, Stoughton, East Weymouth, Middleboro and Randolph were ordered out Monday afternoon, the manufacturers, with the exception of W. L. Douglas & Company, having declined to accede to the demands of the lasters for a new price list, providing for an increase over the old rates.

27,500 FEET ABOVE EARTH.
The Highest Balloon Ascent But One Ever Made.

The Aeronauts Nearly Frozen at a Temperature of 29 Degrees Below Zero Five Miles Above England's South Coast—A Unique Experience.

London, Sept. 21.—Great interest has been excited by the remarkable balloon ascent by Prof. Berson, of Berlin, and Mr. Spencer, an aeronaut, from the Crystal Palace, on Thursday. The large balloon, filled with hydrogen, reached a height of 27,500 feet—more than five miles. Prof. Berson carried a complete equipment of instruments for all manner of purposes. The observations and scientific results were most satisfactory. This altitude has only once been exceeded, and that was by Glaisher and Coxwell, in 1862, when they ascended 37,000 feet. Mr. Spencer says:

"When the balloon was let go it shot straight up at a perpendicular rate of 1,000 feet in a minute for 10,000 feet, when an air current bore it in a southeasterly direction. When the balloon was 15,000 feet high it took a southwesterly direction. When we were over the Isle of Dogs we saw a magnificent panorama. The English Channel lay at our feet. Ships were little black dots. The coast of France was distinctly visible, and the vast expanse of the North Sea touched the horizon."

"At 25,000 feet we had a decided feeling of dizziness. Breathing became difficult. I was about to remark to Prof. Berson that I felt a peculiar sensation, when he called:

"Spencer, oxygen, oxygen!"

AGUINALDO'S STATEMENT

Denies the Stories of Friction Between Filipinos and Americans.

Reported Attempt to Poison the Famous Leader—Adverse Criticism of a Leading London Daily—Preparations to Evacuate Cuba and Porto Rico.

New York, Sept. 20.—The following dispatch has been received at the office here of the Associated Press:

"The Filipino government desires to inform the American government and people that the many rumors circulated regarding the strained relations between the Filipino and American forces are base, malicious slanders of the enemy to both parties; are without any truth, and are circulated for the purpose of prejudicing the appeal of the Filipinos for their release from the oppression and cruelty of Spain."

"The relations of our people and yours have been, and will continue to be, of the most friendly nature, and we have withdrawn our forces from the suburbs of Manila as an additional evidence of our confidence in the great American public."

AGUINALDO, the message was regarded with much interest at the White House.

POISON IN THE SOUP.
The Republica Filipina of Manila, asserts that an attempt was made to poison Aguinaldo on Friday night. A steward, it is added, saw Spanish prisoners, who had been allowed his freedom, make a movement which appeared like tampering with a bowl of soup for Aguinaldo, whereupon the steward tasted a spoonful, and fell dead. The populace, it is further stated, attempted to lynch all the Spanish prisoners, but Aguinaldo intervened. Members of the National assembly, who had been allowed his freedom, make a movement which appeared like tampering with a bowl of soup for Aguinaldo, whereupon the steward tasted a spoonful, and fell dead. The populace, it is further stated, attempted to lynch all the Spanish prisoners, but Aguinaldo intervened. Members of the National assembly, who had been allowed his freedom, make a movement which appeared like tampering with a bowl of soup for Aguinaldo, whereupon the steward tasted a spoonful, and fell dead. 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