

THE GREY COTTAGE.

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The apparition, for such I now felt it to be, stood looking out of the window, with a worn, sad expression, such as his face might often have borne in the lonely, loveless life he had chosen for himself. After a moment or two of perfect stillness I could bear it no longer. Springing to the fire I stirred it vigorously; the flames rose up into the chimney and the little room was in a blaze of light.

The old man was gone! Cecily grasped my hands in both her own, for she had seen it too; every trace of the usual bright color had vanished from her lips and face, and she was trembling from head to foot.

I went up with them the next day, and took old Martha with me, I could not stay in the place any more. The agent was informed of these facts, and he let me off easily, and made no remonstrance; so we thought mine could not have been the first complaint of the sort.

It is said the grey cottage is to be a cottage no longer; that it is to be pulled down. And I sincerely hope it will be.

A PRETTY SOUVENIR.

A pretty souvenir of the Historical Ball held at Rideau Hall in February last will appear during December, issued by Durie. The price will be one dollar. It will contain pictures of all the different Courts that took part, including the vice-legal court of to-day; and also an historical sketch by Dr. Bourinot. The whole will be bound in an artistic cover, printed in seven colors. The fact that the British North American Note Company is doing the work will be sufficient guarantee of its high merit.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

FASHIONS.

A. B.—The firm you mention is thoroughly reliable. You had better write them direct, and they will furnish you with all information.

S. J.—Look in our fashion hints this month. Do not hurry your skirt garnishings; the plain skirt will remain for at least several months. A foot trimming of braid or fur is quite permissible.

L. L.—(1). Deep frills of lace or lissaire still worn, falling over the hands, for long sleeved dress bodices. (2). Buy a pattern.

HOUSEHOLD.

Frank Barnett.—Under the circumstances, I should advise that you take a sample of the milk to a chemist, and ask him to analyze it. I would also pay a visit to the milkman's establishment. You cannot be too careful.

Jessie S.—There are mince meat recipes given in the Household page this month. It is not desirable food for young children nor people with weak digestion. It is all right for boys. Look to the same page this month for Christmas suggestions.

Mother.—It is quite correct for a woman to carve if she chooses. As a rule she takes the lighter meat at the informal dinner. She should retain her seat while so doing.

LITERARY.

Epsila.—It is somewhat difficult to read and return manuscripts promptly where the office staff is small, and much work devolves on each. In our office they usually have to await the week of leisure that follows the issue of the month.

Puzzled Woman.—I should suggest a volume of Kipling's ballads; or Parker's "Seats of the Mighty," as a gift book for your man friend.

L. S., St. John N.B.—Write to the business manager of the Canada Home Journal.

Young Writer.—In sending a manuscript, let your accompanying letter be brief. Always write name and address at the head of the manuscript.

MISCELLANEOUS.

T. D., Toronto.—(1). X rays are used in the Toronto General Hospital, and probably all others in the Canadian cities. (2). They are "obtained" by apparatus, and "cost" the value of the same plus the patience and skill of the operator. Better write to General Hospital for further information. (3). It depends upon the cause of the weakness and aching, whether constitutional or from overtaxing. Inquire of any druggist, or go to your doctor.

Wants to Know.—Princess Alix, now Czarina of Russia. Her baby daughter the Grand Duchess Olga.

Local Council.—Any such questions should be put to your own secretary or president; or else write to Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, corresponding secretary of National Council.



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