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HONORE'S FATE.

Sometimes, receiving this bright answer, Mrs. Payte caught herself smiling into this girl's earnest eyes—but only sometimes. The answer given generally met with a grunt of skeptical surprise, and, but that Honore looked for no thanks, her heart might have grown idle of rebellious impulses. But it never did; and when a month was gone, and October was drawing to its close, Honore was still fulfilling this one duty, her soft voice and step untrifling, and her gentle hands unflinching in their prompt and loving service.

One afternoon, when Honore reached the cottage—Miss Haughton had kept her at home all the morning, darning table-cloths with Phoebe, whose propensity was to keep a novel under her work, and imbibe its contents surreptitiously while her younger cousin worked—she found Theodore Trent with Mrs. Payte in the cottage parlor. Miss Trent had made her duty call as brief as possible, and now was relieved to feel that the ten minutes were over, and she might depart.

"I am very sorry to hear that Mrs. Disbrow is so ill; I hope we shall soon have better tidings of her." So she was saying in her languid tones, when Honore entered the room, and the cold wish, so impossible of fulfillment, made the girl's heart feel hot and angry when she heard it.

"I hope so," rejoined Mrs. Payte, curiously. "She's a good deal of trouble to me, as you may imagine." "Yes, I can imagine it," assented Theodore.

"Anyone with sense can see how hard it is for me," continued the little old lady, waxing saucy at the thought, "yet Honore never will own it. I only hope some day she will have just such a place as mine to fill; she'll understand all about it then."

The shrew eyes raised to Theodore's face had an inexplicable twinkle in them; and Theodore, under the impression that Honore's conduct was deserving ridicule, laughed her short, lazy laugh, and moved a little nearer to the door.

"So Mr. Keith is going away again?" The words stopped Miss Trent.

"Oh, no," she said, from a lofty height of superior knowledge; "he has been away and has returned."

"Oh, that's it, is it? I thought he was going again; but old women are not reliable authorities; the absurdity of their tales is proverbial. I don't wonder he came back, the shooting here is so good; I don't wonder he goes away again, the air is so vile, and Honore ought to invite him to the Larches, Honore; he would like that."

On this quizzical speech, Miss Trent's slow, cold question as she looked from one to the other.

"How do you mean? Is Honore unwomanly enough to try to attract Mr. Keith to the Larches?"

"Unwomanly," smiled Mrs. Payte; "is Honore unwomanly, you ask? I have never known her so long as you have; please to answer your own question. I said I only thought Mr. Keith would be very glad to visit at Honore's home."

"I think not," said Theodore, answering the quizzical words with a suppressed eagerness which sounded almost like fear; "I happen to know, in fact, for Mr. Keith has expressed to me his opinion of Honore."

"What a curious thing," said Honore, laughing. "What was it, Theodore?"

"He said—the words were uttered with but little compunction—that you were not a girl on whom any man could bestow a strong affection. You were very well for an hour's amusement, but any man would be a fool who offered you anything more serious than a passing flirtation—something at any rate, to that effect. Dear me," exclaimed Theodore, with a solo of laughter, "why do you look so hurt-stricken over it? Others have made the same remark before. It is your own fault that men think you vain and flippant; surely his opinion need not have turned you white to the very lips, need it? I told you for your own good."

"Don't be childish enough to understand what is told you for your own good," remarked the old lady, placidly. "Miss Trent, has Lady Lawrence acknowledged the photograph which was so beautifully taken at Abbots-moor the day we were there?"

"Yes, and she admires it very much." "She naturally would. When is she coming to England?"

"She will be here for Christmas, and we are to meet her in London."

"Has she a house in London, or was it old Middleton's?"

"It is her own, I believe," said Theodore.

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dora, the subject of conversation making even the speaker bearable—a beautiful mansion in Kensington. I am glad we are to meet her there; I've been terribly afraid of her coming down here. It would have been awkward for her to have appointed to meet us in this neighborhood.

"Yes," assented Mrs. Payte. "Stay, Honore, that was Selina's bell; I will go. Miss Trent, may I ask you to wait for a couple of minutes?"

Even if Theodore had been inclined to refuse, the little lady did not give her any opportunity; but she kept her scarcely more than the allotted time.

"I wish to goodness," she exclaimed, "that I could see her face. I leave the old lady; and see how it leaves me in this case—alone in the house with two helpless invalids, for that miserable girl belonging to the cottage is of less than no use at all. Now, what am I to do? I ought to go into Mr. Kirby, but Selina is lost without me."

The faintest possible smile of contempt stirred Miss Trent's lips. Could any invalid, without this chattering and restless little worry, be thought of? But she only said aloud, "It is very awkward for you. Why is it that the medicine sent?"

"She wishes for a bottle of medicine she would take. Sick women are so fainthearted. She thinks a dose of that would give her a good night."

Honore looked up brightly at the words.

"I will go, Mrs. Payte," she said; "the little trouble will be well repaid by giving Mrs. Disbrow a good night."

Miss Trent glanced at Honore with unconcealed surprise, but evidently considered the matter beneath argument.

"You must not go, Honore, because, how could you come back?"

"Let me go," pleaded Honore, with the most bright and forgetfulness. "I will come back with Lawrence in the wagonette."

"You are sure you can do so?"

"Quite sure," said the girl, knowing how pleased Lawrence would be to bring her home.

She would not go in to Mrs. Disbrow, she said, for fear of the old lady's begging her not to undertake the walk, and she only nodded a quiet good-bye to Theodore when she set out, singing softly to herself in the wide and unfrequented road, to drown the memory of these words which Theodore's Trent had repeated to her.

"What difference does it make to me?" she said to herself at last, when a funny little shake of the head, when she found that the half-whispered song would not drown the words, "I don't care an atom."

She asserted that fact distinctly twice over; and yet, a faint, tremulous pain seized the girl when Royden came upon his shoulder and his dog ran around him, came through a gate before her, and out into the road.

"I dislike him so," she said, reasoning with herself in marvelous fashion, as the tremor passed and the flash of evil color faded from her face. It was not for me—I do dislike him so."

It was an unnecessary speech, because she could plainly see that Royden had not only waited, but was waiting toward her. He had a smile of pleasure on his face when they met, but before that, it had worn the sorrow of thorough disappointment. Every few days since his dog had saved the life of that child who lived in the solitary cottage among the green lanes, Royden had paid the mother a visit, but the visits—though his voice was good to hear, and his face good to see in her gloomy home, and though his thoughtful gifts were luxuries, and his attentions to the little child was now the little fellow's one idea of happiness—brought a growing gloom instead of brightness to the mother's face. And this very day he had found the cottage locked and empty, though on his last visit no mention had been made of the probable departure.

Royden mused deeply over the circumstance, recalling how, on that last visit, he had once again talked to Margaret Terrill, and had noticed with what eager, petulant haste the mother turned aside from his presence, hurrying to say, as she had said before, that she had no neighbor Margaret no neighbor at all—and that she wanted no chat on the day after-ward she had left, and had taken her child no one knew whether. How could Royden help musing upon this, and feeling that the one—the one which he had for a moment held within his hand, was lost again? Still the smile broke in his eyes as Honore came very lingeringly—up to meet him.

(To be Continued.)

The Baby Covered With Eczema and Cured by Dr. Chase.

Mrs. Jas. Brown, of Moleworth, Ont., tells how her boy (8 months old) was cured of torturing Eczema. Mother writes that the little fellow was written her regarding the great cure, Dr. Chase's Ointment. Her child was afflicted from birth, and three boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment cured him.

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There was no show on Ben Nevis at the end of October—a circumstance that has not occurred for years.

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The Public Health.

London Leads in Point of Immunity From Disease.

Consumption Still More Deadly Than Smallpox, Typhoid and Diphtheria Combined.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—The annual report of Dr. Bryce, secretary of the municipal board of health, on the births, deaths and marriages in the province for 1904, will shortly be presented to the house. It will show that under the new act of last session better returns than ever before have been obtained regarding vital statistics. The estimated population of Ontario, based on the increase of births over deaths, is 2,263,492.

To indicate how much more generally the return is being made, it need only be said that while in 1903, 73,079 births, marriages and deaths were registered, the number last year was 56,923. The increase in returns is chiefly as regards births and deaths, for so far the clergy have been negligent about complying with the law, which requires them to make returns as to marriages to the registrar-general. Under the new act, all license-issuers have now to make returns of licenses issued, and the registrar-general, by means of this provision it has been discovered that the clergy have neglected to report no more than 1,600 marriages in 1904.

THE DEATH RATE.

The death rate for the entire province is 19.9 per 1,000. England's rate is 18.7 per 1,000. Toronto's rate is 13.1; Hamilton's, 14.1; Ottawa's, 21.1, and London's, 11.9.

There were 6.5 marriages for 1,000 of population, i. e., 13 persons in every thousand got married during the year. More wedded in towns than in rural districts, and more in border towns than in other parts of the province.

In Windsor the marriage rate was 3.2 per 1,000, i. e., 106 persons out of every 1,000 entered matrimony during the year. This is probably due to the fact that Windsor has a large number of line to marry under the laws of Canada.

DECREASE IN CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

The report indicates a marked decline in deaths from contagious diseases or diseases under the public health act. From 1892 to 1897 the decreases of deaths from four different diseases were: Smallpox, 53 per cent; scarlatina, 60 per cent; diphtheria, 9 per cent, and typhoid, 46 per cent.

The decrease in deaths from typhoid is largely due to the introduction of waterworks systems in 100 different places.

In the cities the diphtheria death rate has steadily gone down. The improved situation is due to the use of anti-toxin treatment.

The report shows that tuberculosis keeps up its deadly work. In 1904 Ontario showed a mortality of 3,783 persons from the "white plague of the north," or 11 per cent of all deaths. In the cities the mortality from tuberculosis is 13.2 per cent of deaths from all causes.

Muskoka and Algoma are freest from this disease, the Lake Huron and central counties next, and those on Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence and the Lower Ottawa have most of the epidemic.

The deaths from consumption in fact amount to more than double those from scarlet fever, smallpox, measles, whooping cough, diphtheria and typhoid combined.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Rev. C. H. Phillimore, of Chesley, has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church in the village of Chesley.

Mrs. Wm. Lindsay, of Aylmer, is very ill, and little hope of her recovery is entertained by her family.

Mr. Jacob Frederick, for 60 years a highly respected citizen of Chatham, died on Wednesday, aged 82 years.

W. L. Baby, ex-customs officer at Windsor, Ont., is ill, and the attending physician has given up all hope of his recovery.

Mr. E. A. Burgess, of Sparta, received a telegram announcing the sudden death of his brother at Lakeside. He left at once to attend the funeral.

Nixon's country, Ingersoll, has again started operations, which will be a great boon to the many laborers who depend upon this work for their daily bread.

Mr. J. Burke, V. S., of Bendheim, has sold his fruit farm and residence to Mr. Rowe, of Ridgeway, who takes possession next week. It is Mr. Burke's intention to start in the spring for the Klondike.

Mr. Robert Mitchell, secretary of the Guelph St. Andrew's Society for many years, was honored by the members on Tuesday evening by the presentation of a complimentary address and handsome silver tea service.

Lemuel Purdy, Chatham township, was convicted before Judge Houston, of defrauding the John Douglas estate by the removal of goods from the farm while the rent was unpaid. Purdy, while the rent was unpaid, Purdy offered to make restitution and was sentenced to the reformatory for six months.

Mrs. M. Hayes, of Downie, daughter of the late Joseph Richardson, has bought the old Boyd homestead farm.

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on the St. Marys road, 100 acres, from Robert Boyd, for \$5,800. Mr. Boyd purposes going to Stratford to reside.

The Chatham Banner having editorially charged Mayor Smyth with receiving and withholding from his colleagues certain public documents, the aggrieved chief magistrate has written to the publisher demanding retraction on pain of an action for libel.

Wednesday evening the marriage of Frederick House, of Aylmer, Ont., to Miss Laura C. Burkholder, of Hamilton, was solemnized at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, the bride's maid was Miss Alice Forest, of Jarvis. The bridesmaids were Miss Bingham, Burkholder and Miss Phoebe Bingham. Thomas Fleetham was best man.

A crate of plate glass, which was being removed from a dray in front of Coffey's new hotel, Macdonnell street, Guelph, on Tuesday evening, tipped over, and Alex. Cormie, one of the workmen, was pinned beneath it. At first it was thought he was fatally injured, but he is now doing well at the general hospital.

The death occurred at her husband's residence, Woodstock, of Sarah, wife of James McMichael, in the 76th year of her age. Deceased was the daughter of John Palmer, a well known Quaker of the township of Norwich. A husband, one son, Albert, and five step-sons, survive. The sons are now settled in Minneapolis, London, St. Thomas and Hamilton.

The following real estate changes have recently taken place in the township of Brooke: Mr. Duncan Munro, of Alvinston, has bought the east half of lot 4, con. 8. Mr. Archie Bell has bought the south half of lot 5, con. 8. Mr. Stewart Gardner has bought fifty acres of lot 5, price \$1,500; Mr. John has bought 60 acres of lot 5, con. 8, price \$1,200. Mr. John has rented Nathaniel Tait's farm for a term of years. Mr. Tait having started a blacksmith shop at Aberfeldy.

Old residents called away: Mrs. Ellen Allison, widow of Mr. David Allison, passed away Wednesday night at her home, 22, con. 4, South-west, in the 84th year of her age. Deceased had lived in the township for over 50 years.—Mrs. Catherine McPherson, mother of Mr. Daniel McPherson, of Dutton, died at her home in Yorkmouth on Sunday, at the age of 81 years.—The death occurred at Iona Station, of Mr. John Stevenson at the age of 78 years.

TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS.

Rhode Island Man Whips His Wife to Rid Her of Evil Spirits.

Barrington, R. I., Dec. 2.—Judge Mark H. Wood, dean of the Congregational Church, town treasurer and clerk for the past quarter of a century, and one of the village's most solid citizens, met before the court and church and state tribuna, and explain charges of cruelty and non-support strongly pressed against him by Mr. Wood.

Up to five years ago Miss Virginia Hess was a shorthand reporter in the courts of St. Paul, Minn., and an enthusiastic member of the Red Cross Society. She met her husband, Judge Wood in 1891. It was a case of love at first sight, and she relinquished her position of honor to become his third wife and cheer his declining years.

Two friends of the judge say he told her to get up and go to the Red Cross Society, and administered personal chastisement to his wife several times to drive out a demon that possessed her. Mrs. Wood says she refused to go to her husband's house, and that she has since been driven out of the village, including the Red Cross Society.

OYSTERS ON TREES.

Mr. Kemp Pulls a Branch Out of the Water With Fat Oysters on It.

An Ottawa dispatch says: Ernest Kemp, reporter of the marine and fisheries department for the Dominion, has returned to the capital. He has lately been inspecting the oyster beds of the Bras d'Or lakes in Cape Breton, northern Nova Scotia. In alluding to this latter field of operations he reports upon the peculiarity of the oyster beds in that region, of oysters growing upon the trees bordering on the lakes. He says: "One of the few places in the world, I believe, where the spat of the oyster is found deposited on seaweed and on the branches of trees that extend down or have fallen into the brackish waters of the bays. Not long ago, at River Dennis, I surprised and convinced a skeptic on that score by pulling up a tree branch with several fine, flat oysters growing upon it."

CHRONIC PAUPERISM.

Experts Find It Exists to a Large Degree.

New York, Dec. 3.—A report that is probably the only one of the kind made in this country was completed today by the committee on statistics of the charity organization society. The committee is composed of Richmond Mayo Smith, professor of political economy and social science at Columbia University; Franklin H. Giddings, professor of sociology at Columbia University; and Frederick W. Halls. The report consists of a careful analysis of the extent of chronic pauperism.

There is a disclosure of chronic pauperism. This pauperism exists to a large degree because of the incapacity of men and women to support themselves. Their condition is, in investigation shows, to a lack of mental and moral development.

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the largest number were married men and women. Widows with children came next. Of the 500 applicants, 170 were Irish, and 152 were natives of the United States. Many of the latter were persons who had lived in this city less than a year. The list includes 122 men of good character, and 231 women of good character. The remainder were professional beggars, criminals and chronic paupers."

Hypnotism in a School.

Pupils Taught the Dangerous Science of Suggestion.

Children Hypnotize Each Other—The School Board Is Asked to Stop the Practice.

Sheboygan, Wis., Dec. 3.—One-third of the pupils of the Sheboygan schools hypnotizing the other two-thirds is the spectacle revealed today in the exposure of the science of suggestion in the educational institutions of the city.

The practical demonstrations of the science made in the presence of pupils, with other pupils as the subjects, coupled with discourses on the subject and hints on how to place the persons in a state of hypnotism, have developed many amateurs in the art. They include the larger boys and many girls among the students.

A special meeting of the school board was held the other night to investigate the matter. The complaint is made by Adolph Kuhlmann, superintendent of Matoon Manufacturing Company, and is against George F. Ferguson, instructor in drawing, who has found many subjects for hypnotic experiments among the public school children.

It is charged that recently Mr. Ferguson took eight pupils from the home playing with his children, she and her husband, where he gave an exhibition of hypnotism. Many of the children were hypnotized. They were made to do various things under suggestion and were brought out of hypnosis in the usual manner.

When the children went to their homes they told where they had been and what had been done. In several of the homes the facts aroused the feeling of the parents.

It is said by the mother of a little girl attending the first ward school that while she was at Mr. Ferguson's home playing with his children, she and the artist's children were hypnotized. The mother was informed that while she was in the audience the child was told that does were chasing her, and that accepting the suggestion, the child was greatly alarmed.

Prof. Ferguson is an artist of unusual talent, and spent some time in pursuing his art studies. He became a student of hypnotism, and has made a study of the science as an amateur and has become an expert in suggestion.

There are several young men in the city who have become experts in hypnotism, and at many social entertainments experiments are made.

The common council will be next in order to take the matter up and pass an ordinance to prohibit the practice of hypnotism in the city.

Prof. George F. Ferguson was compelled to tender his resignation.

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