THE TRIUMPH

He laughted at the pettish words and the pettish tone.

"Nay, my darling," he said, "you are a million times better as you are," and yet, for the second time in his life, Lord Vivian signed and wished his wife were more like Beatrice Leigh. All this discussion arose from the fact that Lord Vivian Selwyn, with the ladies of his household, had come up to London to spend the season there, and it had been decided that Lady Selwyn and Miss Leigh should be presented at the drawing-room to be held on the fourth of June.

Lady Violante had been loath to leave Selwyn Castle; the chestnut trees were all in bloom, the limes were in flower, every tree in the grand old park seemed to thrill with fresh life, the mavis sang in the woods, the ring doves cooed in the trees, the flowers were all springing, the air was full of breath and hope and promise; she was unwilling to leave all these for the turmoil and glare of London life. Above all, she was unwilling to leave the baby. Mrs. Selwyn had said it would be so much better for little Rupert to remain at the castle while they went to London, for his nurse, Mrs. Peters, would take the best possible care of him, and Beatrice Leigh had agreed with her, so that when Lady Violante whispered a few words to her husband, that she did not like leaving her baby. with a prayer that he might accom-pany them, Lord Vivian only smiled

and said: "My mother understands this kind of thing best, Violante; we must give in to her. London would not do for little Rupert.'

There was pride underlying the tender nature, and Lady Violante made no reply. She was beginning to understand that when Mrs. Selwyn and Miss Leigh said anything, all appeals from her were useless. She turned from her husband with a sad face—that he did not notice—and never named the subject again. He even wondered that she never murmured at leaving the child she loved so dearly, but he suspected why.

It was with a sad, sorrowful heart he young mother quitted the babe and the home where she had begun to feel more at ease. What was she go-ing to face? Beatrice talked of pre-sentations, of drawing-rooms, of balls, soirees, operas, as though they were every-day matters, while they filled Lady Violante with vague, dread alarms. How was she to learn the etiquette necessary for all these ceremonies? who was to teach her? How awkward she should be; and then Vivian would be displeased—would perhaps regret that he had married an unformed schoolgirl, instead of a woman of the world. She bade farewell to the blossoming vines and the odorous liles, wishing with all her heart that she could remain amongst them, and never be troubled by hearing of London again. The plain truth was that she did not feel equal to her position and dismiss the position, and, disguise the fact either to herself or to others as she would,

She had but a few days' respite. A week after they came to London it was decided that they should be presented at the drawing-room to be held in the beginning of June. From that time Lady Violante knew

no rest. Miss Leigh was delighted. She would have given all she had to have been spared the ordeal; but it had to be gone through. The drawing-room was expected to be a most brilliant one. The great heiress, Lady Cairns, was to be presented; the beau-tiful sisters, Blanche and Rose Glenarvon, said to be the finest women in England; the pretty bride, the Countess of Hereford, and many others, all noted for rank, wealth or beauty, were to be presented; and Lord Vivian resolved that his wife should not only be fairest of the fair, but that no lady should outshine her in fewels or in

So he, after looking over all the family jewels, ordered for her the mag-nificent tiara, whose grandeur so com-pletely awed Lady Violante. There was a long and anxious consultation about her dress—nothing seemed to him good enough for her. Satin was too old, silk too common. Mrs. Selwyn found something that pleased him at last. A wonderful fabric that looked like sunbeams on snow; a brocade, every alternate thread was white and gold; the effect of the whole was exquisite: Lady Violante was charmed out of her fear

when she saw it.
"The train must be of the same masaid Mrs. Selwyn, and then all of Violante's fear returned in double force. What should she do with a train? She gave a sigh to the memory of the plain, pretty dresses she had thought so grand at home.

"I shall be sure to do wrong," she said to herself. "I shall never learn how to manage a train."

Vivian's voice aroused her. What makes you look so thoughtful. Violante?" he asked. You could not wear a more serious face if you had cares of the world on your pretty shoulders. What is it?"
She clasped her tender arms around his neck, and laid her golden head on

his breast. She must be pardoned—she was but a simple child. "Vivian," she said, earnestly, "must I go? could I not be excused? I am so frightened—so afraid of making some terrible blunder, and then you

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would be ashamed of me. For once no smile came to her husband's lips. He raised the sweet, young face from his breast and said gravely:

"Violante, you are childish. Your position has its duties; why not look them in the face and discharge them

bravely?"
"I cannot," she cried, the tears filling her wistful eyes. "I told you I could never be a fine lady—do not be angry with me."

"I am not angry," he said. "I am only anxious. If there is anything you do not understand, have no fear-go to my mother or to Miss Leigh."

And at the mention of Miss Leigh's

name the tears dried suddenly on the flushed face, and Lady Violante said CHAPTER XVI.

The morning of the day Lady Violante had dreaded so long dawned at last, bright and beautiful, with sunshine that reminded one of the scent

of roses and mignonette-warm and invigorating. The sky was clear and blue as the heaven that smiles on sunny Italy. Lady Violante awoke with a the day she had feared had sigh; dawned, and must somehow be got through.

They were in the library, ready at last, and Vivian, as he looked on the two ladies before him, felt proud as he had never done before. Mrs. Selwyn had declined going, and her grace the Duchess of Roxminster was to present Lady Selwyn to our most gracious liege lady the Queen. They were dressed now, and waiting. Lady Violante looked, in her delicate loveliness, like "the queen of the lilies"; her dress of what Lord Vivian called May sunbeams, and her tiara of diamonds, with the white plumes, suited her to perfection. She tried to reassure her-self, but the small jeweled hands and the sweet lips quivered as they smiled.

Court dresses suited the imperial beauty of Beatrice Leigh as no other did. Mrs. Selwyn had presented her with a magnificent suite of diamonds and rubles. Her dress was of maize-colored velvet, and the rich, sweeping train was no trouble to her. One could see at a glance that she was at home and well at ease. The white waving plumes added to her patrician beauty. She was herself well satisfied when she saw Vivian's eyes rest admiringly on

her.

A drive through sunlit streets, and then they reached the palace. Carriage after carriage was drawn up there; lovely faces, waving plumes, shining jewels, exquisite dresses. Lady Violante was bewildered.

[To be Continued.]

GREAT SNOWFALL

Traffic in New York Partially Paralyzed in Consequence.

New York, March 16 .- Nine inches of snow and sleet cover the streets of New York today. Traffic was partially paralyzed in some sections of the city from early morning. Brooklyn bridge traffic was at a standstill for several hours. The steel on the third rail supplying electric power to the bridge cars cut off the current, and a general blockade was the result.

Surface traffic w as everywhere de-layed, and the Fifth avenue, Brooklyn. elevated road, which uses the third rati electric system, was almost completely tied up after midnight. In the crow.istalled drays and trucks greatly impeded business, causing many delays. The snowfall began here early yesand continued with increasing

HOG CHOLERA AGAIN. Windsor, March 16.—Hog cholera has again broken out in the township of Sandwich West. Dr. Orchard went to the farm of Wm. Terry on Tues-day and slaughtered fourteen hogs,

valued at \$1 50. BIGGEST BABY ON RECORD. Bridgeport, Conn., March 16 .- Mrs. Patrick Lavery, wife of a merchant, gave birth to a boy weighing 241/2 pounds. This is said to eclipse all records, including that made by a Newark woman, who gave birth to a

24-pound child last week. TWO MORE BEECHERS DEAD. Elmira, N. Y., March 16.-Rev. Thos. K. Beecher, brother of the late Henry Ward Beecher, died Wednesday, aged 76 years. He was pastor of the New England Congregational Church, Brooklyn, and later of the Independent Congregational Church at Elmira Hartford, Conn., March 16.—Mrs. Mary Foote Beecher Perkins died on Wednesday at the home of her son, Hon. Chas. E. Perkins, aged 14 years and 9 months. Mrs. Perkins was a sister of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and of Rev Thomas K. Beecher.

A Utica, N. Y., telegram says: The Mohawk Valley Hotel block at Mo-hawk was burned early this morning.



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Contingent Appropriation Bill Amended and Passed-Preferential Tariff.

Ottawa, March 15 .- In the house today, in committee on the bill to provide for the expenses of the Canadian volunteers serving her majesty in South Africa, Mr. Fielding announced that the government had decided to make the rate of pay of the Canadian Mounted Rifles 75 cents per day, instead of the sliding scale of 50 to 75 cents.

Mr. McNeill asked as to the pay of the first contingent, and was informed that it would be 50 cents per day-24 cents from the imperial treasury and 26 cents from the Canadian

As for the pay of the Canadian Mounted Rines, it would be made up to 28 cents a day from the imperial government and 47 cents from Canada. Mr. McNeill quoted from Hansard the utterances of members on both sides upon the resolution of March 5, 1896, pledging Canada's support to Great Britain in the event of foreign complications.

The opposition leader cited a passage from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech on that occasion, which, he said, afforded the right honorable gentleman the fullest justification for the sending of the Canadian contingents.

The bill as amended was then reported the amendment consumed in

ported, the amendment concurred in and the bill read a third time and

Mr. Quinn brought up the matter of honoring the brave Irish troops of the Transvaal in a public manner throughout Canada on St. Patrick's Day. He referred to the intention of her majesty to visit Ireland, and the gracious privilege given to soldiers to wear the shamrock on the 17th of March. asked if the government had taken any steps to have the Irish flag or the British standard flown from the parliament building, and suggested that the Canadian militia be allowed to take part in St. Patrick's Day processions. Wilfrid Laurier expressed his appreciation of the honorable gentle-man's motives, and agreed that the action of her majesty would go a long way towards settling the unfortunate differences that had so long existed in that country. "I am afraid," he added, laughing, "that our stock of Irish flags is rather short, but I shall be most happy to bring the matter before the minister of militia."

On the motion to go into supply, Dr. Russell, of Halifax, rose to move the resolution regarding tariff, of which he had previously given notice. He ably defended the trade poltey of the government. Liberals had promised to reform the tariff and reduce the duties, and that promise had been fulfilled. Dr. Russell concluded by moving the following resolution:

"This house regrets the principles of British preference in the Canadian customs tariff as one which application has already resulted, and will in an increasing measure continue to result, in material benefit to ed streets down town fallen horses and the mother country and to Canada, and is one which has already aided in welding, and must still more firmly weld together, the ties which now bind them, and desires to express its emphatic approval of such British preference having been granted by the Parliament of Canada."

Sir Charles Tupper followed with lengthy address condemning the trade policy of the government, and Mr. Maxwell followed in support of the resolution. Dr. Montague moved the adjourn-ment of the debate and the house adjourned at midnight.

Amusements.

"REAL WIDOW BROWN" TO-MORROW.

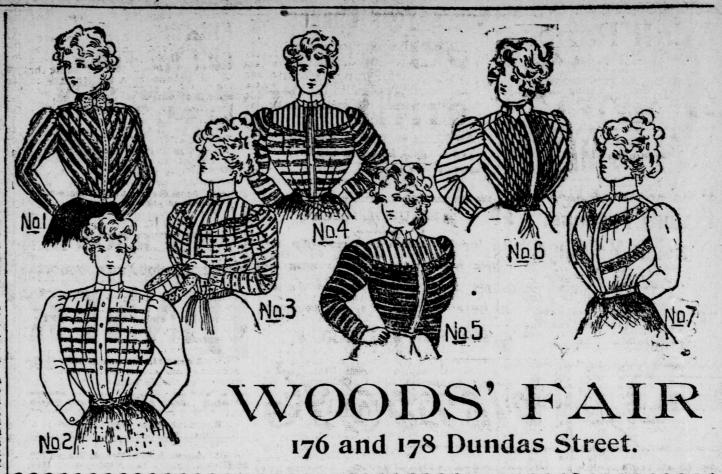
One of the funniest comedies of the day, "The Real Widow Brown," played by a company of unusual merit, will be seen at the opera house tomorrow (matinee and night) at popular prices. The plot rests upon the of substituting a young man disguised as a widow, for the genuine widow, who was to fill the position of gover-ness. The complications arising from such a ludicrous impersonation are to: funny, and can only be greeted with peals of laughter.

"THROUGH THE BREAKERS." The sensational melodrama "Through the Breakers," will be the attraction at the opera house on Monday night Ameng the magnificent displays of the scenic artist's best efforts and the thrilling incidents are the escape in midair of the heroine from the smuggler's cave; the exciting telegraph scene, and the signal on the headboard; the ship in danger and the fight on the cliffs.

FIELD'S MINSTRELS, TUESDAY The Al. G. Field Greater Minstrels play here next Tuesday. In addition to the big minstrel bill, they have a list of specialties which would make an evening entertainment. The people have confidence in Al. G. Field and his popular show. For fifteen years he has ascended the ladder of fame, each succeeding year presenting a better show than the preceding season.

"THREE LITTLE LAMBS." Funny, bright, tuneful and withal clean and amusing, the "Three Little Lambs" has proven to be one of the big successes of the season, and its appearance here at the opera house tonight promises to be the musical comedy event of the year. No more pleasing commingling of nonsense and melody has ever come from the prollic pen of R. A. Barnet, who has regaled us with "1492," "Jack and the Bean-stalk" and other successful pieces of this character. The music by E. W. Corliss is delicious, and in stamping their approval upon the "Three Little Lambs," the critics of New York, Philadelphia and Boston have pronounced it to be the equal of "The Runaway Girl." The story is brimful of interest. The story is brimful of interest, and affords great opportunities for the fun-makers of the Fifth Avenue Theater Musical Company, from the Fifth Avenue Theater, New York city, an organization which has been formed for the purpose of interpreting only the highest class of musical comedies. ON TO PRETORIA.

The second production of "For Can-da and the Empire, or On to Pretoria," which took place at the London Opera House last night in aid of Company B fund, was well attended. The pany B fund, was well attended. The censor's pencil had evidently been at work during the day eliminating superfluous portions of the play, with the result that the performance was shortened over half an hour. The company performed their allotted parts gracefully and naturally, and with ability. The audience were thoroughly satisfied with the performance as was evidenced by the formance, as was evidenced by frequent and hearty applause



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Toronto, March 15 .- In the legislature today the opposition moved for the dismissal of Sheriff Brown, of Elgin, for his connection with the irregularities in the election in the west riding of that county.

C. Berkeley Powell, member for Ottawa, occupied his seat for the first time this session and was heartily ap-

Dr. Jessop, resuming the debate on the budget, alleged that the government had blocked the attempt of the opposition to enlarge the scope of the West Elgin inquiry. He also ridiculed the government's attempts to eradicate the San Jose scale. The scale, he said,

was not the awful thing that had been alleged. He concluded by moving an amendment to the motion "that the speaker do now leave the chair," to the effect that Sheriff Dugald Brown, of Elgin county, should be removed from his position.

Mr. Farwell, East Algoma, said the opposition were disposed to make captal out of the West Elgin matter, but they should remember that the bye-election at which alleged frauds had occurred was rendered necessary by their own corrupt acts.

Mr. A. Hyslop, East Huron, showed the fallacy of the Conservative charges that Liberals had a monopoly of corruption.

Mr. Thompson, Center Simcoe, said that only one member on the other side had yet been satisfied to make a speech without slobbering over the present premier. They should wait for him win his spurs, for he had done nothing yet. The house adjourned at 6 o'clock unIn all the London clubs tipping is



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