Lover's

"It is to me, and I hope it will prove the same to you. What do you suppose our paterfamilias has been proposing to me this morning?" the young man asked, with a luminous face. The beautiful girl thought a moment before replying, the quick color leap-

"I believe I can gues it!" she exclaimed, clasping her hands with a gesture of delight. "Oh, Geoffrey, is he going to take us all to Europe? That is it," she added exultingly. "I know by your tell-tale face. How perfectly charming!"

Geoffrey smiled wisely.
"You have guessed too much and too little, my sunbeam," he said. "What a paradoxical statement, my learned Bachelor of Arts! I expected better things of you," retorted Gladys,

true, in spite of the seeming paradox," he replied, with mock dignity.

"Somebody is going to Europe—we are not all going, however."

"Oh, Geon, you are not to be left at home, are you?" cried his betrothed in a disappointed tone, her face paling "Guess again, my lady," he said,

"Well, I know that papa would not go without mamma, and I am sure she would never cross the ocean without him, and they certainly would not take such a trip and leave me behind," responded Gladys, with a puzzled air. "'Plato, thou reasonest well,'" quoted Geoffrey, an amused twinkle in his eyes; "and not to keep you longer in suspense, I will inform you that Uncle August has some business abroad, which, as he cannot make up his mind to the voyage, he thinks I can attend to, and he has proposed that I take you along with me. We are to have a six months' trip, combine business with pleasure, and get all the enjoyment we can out of it."
Gladys gave one startled, astonishconcluded, and then her face clouded and her eyes dropped beneath his. "Did papa propose that to you?" she asked, in a low tone, a burning blush

suffusing her face.
"Yes, dear. He said you had long wanted to go abroad, and he thought this would be a fine opportunity for both of us. Doesn't the idea please

Geoffrey knew well enough what was passing in her mind, but he was so jubilant and so confident of the issue of the interview that a spirit of mischief possessed him to tease her a

"I should love to go abroad-I have always longed to go, as papa says," Gladys answered gravely, and with still downcast eyes; "but-I do not think I can go without papa and

'Why?" returned Geoffrey, in a pretended surprise. "Uncle August thought, as you and I were both fresh from school, we should appreciate and enjoy the sight-seeing much better to

"It would be lovely, but—Geoff, you know I cannot go—so," she persisted, with a crimson face, and a suspicious tremor in her voice.

He gathered her close in his arms, and laid her head against his breast. "Darling, forgive me for teasing you," he said. "Of course you cannot go-'so'; but, Gladys, will you go with He could feel the quick bounding of

her heart at this unexpected proposition, and he knew well enough that she would raise no more objections to the trip abroad.

He then repeated the conversation that had passed betwen her father and himself that morning, telling her how surprised he had been at the

plan, and how, at first, he had hardly felt it right to adopt it, considering his rather doubtful position in life. Still, he had reasoned, if he could save Mr. Huntress from a dreaded ourney in the dead of winter, and if his services were to be worth the generous sum he had named as his sal-ary, he might feel justified in waiving his own scruples, and in accepting the great happiness offered him, though he never would have dreamed of proposing such a measure himself. "My Gladys," he said, in conclusion, "it is very sudden, and there is only a little time before I must go. you come with me, or must I go by

There was a minute of silence, and then Gladys raised her head, and laid her lips softly against her lover's "Under such circumstances, you

may be sure that I shall not let you go alone," she murmured, with a happy little laugh. His arms closed more fondly about her. He bent and kissed her lips, his face radiant with joy.

"Oh, my darling, who would have believed eight or nine years ago that such happiness could fall to the lot of the poor boy whom you rescued from a mob in the street," he said, in a tremulous tone.

They discussed their anticipated

trip fully and freely after this, laid out their route, and formed many a pleasant plan for the coming years. The whole family held a council that evening, and it was decided that preparations for the wedding should be entered upon immediately, and that the marriage should occur just previous to the sailing of the steamer on which the young couple would embark

Mr. and Mrs. Huntress found it somewhat trying to contemplate the loneliness which they knew would fol-

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low the departure of their children, but they believed that the arrange-ment would be for their interest and happiness, and they would not mar their joy by giving expression to any

feeling of sorrow or regret.

Geoffrey at once entered upon his duties, and with an enthusiasm and energy that promised well for the future; while Mrs. Huntress and Gladybusied themselves about the interesting mysteries of a wedding trousseau and preparations for the grand recep-tion that was to follow the marriage ceremony in Plymouth Church some-where about the last of December or the first of January.

While all these events were transpiring in Brooklyn, Everet Mapleson was living in a state of depression and unrest in his beautiful home near

After his trip to that mining dis-trict in New Mexico, where he had visited the grave and former home of Annie Dale, he returned immediately to Vue de l'Eau, where he remained, appearing very little like the free and easy student who had been so full of life and hope at the conclusion of his

college course. Colonel Mapleson and his wife re-turned from Newport about the same time, and both wondered what could have occurred to change their son thus in so short a time.

Mrs. Mapleson attributed it to his hopeless attachment to the beautiful girl whom she had seen at Yale, and for whom Everet had confessed his love; but she could not get one word from him on the subject, authough she had tried to gain his confidence upon several occasions.

"Father," said the young man, coming into the library one morning, after the household had settled into its usual routine, "while you were away I visited the Hermitage, and made a singu-"Ah! I imagined everything of a sin-

gular character had disappeared from that place when Robert Dale departed this life. What was the nature of your discovery, pray?" Colonel Ma-pleson remarked, looking up from the newspaper that he was reading, and emoving his spectacles.

Everet described his visit to the place, told of his energetic blow upon the desk and its results and then produced the package of certificates

and the picture which he had found, to prove his statements. Well, this is a singular discovery, I confess," said his father, when he had finished. "Let me have a look

He held out his hand, and upon re-

ceiving it he turned to the light to 'Yes, this must be a likeness of Mrs. Dale; it resembles her strikingly, although she was greatly changed, and this must have been taken many years previous to my acquaintance with

"Then you knew her?" said his son. "Oh, yes; I've eaten many a fine cookie baked by her hands during my boyhood," replied Colonel Mapleson, musingly. "Poor Robert Dale! so he musingly. "Poor Robert Dale! so he treasured his love for her as long as "And he has left all his money to

the package of certificates that lay on the table "It would have been more to the purpose if he had given the family some of it while they were suffering the remarked, his attention still riveted upon the picture.

her daughter," said Everet, touching

"Did you know the daughter?" Ev-'Yes; I had some acquaintance with

"Were they so very poor?"
"Well, they had a pretty hard time of it, I reckon, for a while; but I did not realize it at the time, for I was ery young; only visited Uncle Jabez during my vacation; you know he sent me to Baltimore to school. Uncle Jabez gave them a cottage rent free, and gave them something besides to help eke out a small annuity that Mrs. Dale had, and that was all they had to live upon until they opened a small private school. After I came into possession of the estate I allowed them to remain in the cottage, the same as before, although they would not accept from me the money they had received from Uncle Jabez; they

> (To be continued.) A CASE OF DIABETES.

were very proud.'

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Western Ontario.

Charges Against a Presbyterian Minister Unsustained.

There are fifteen cases of diphtheria More than \$12,000 has been raised for the Sandwich sanitarium scheme. The belliff is in possession of the stock of Story & Co., butchers, Ridge-

The candidates on the mayoralty of Walkerville will be Mayor Bott and Ald. Thos. Reid. J. E. Meddaugh, manufacturer of

Joseph Julien. Thomas Brighty, sen., South street west, Aylmer, who has been ill for some time, died on Tuesday. Peter Grant and Wm. Nisbet were elected by acclamation on Monday to represent division No. 3 in the Lambton County Council, comprising the townships of Dawn and Sombra.

bricks, Wheatley, has assigned to

The Daughters of Rebekah, Windsor, at their "pound social" on Tuesday night, received 220 parcels of tea, butter and other articles, which have been distributed among the poor. A number of Toronto firms are interested in the estate of J. J. Thompson, merchant tailor, Sarnia, who has consulted his creditors. Thompson's liabilities are in the neighborhood of

Hart and Levine were convicted at Sarnia on Tuesday on five charges of theft of bedelothing and wearing ap-Hart was sentenced to four years in the Provincial Penitentiary. and Levine to two years.

Mr. Pattullo, of Woodstock, on Tuesday received a telegram from Owen Sound saying that his sister, Mrs. Geo. Rennie, was seriously ill, in fact in a dying condition. Mrs. Rennie moved from Woodstock last spring with her

Ira Vanderlip, aged 78 years, a very highly respected citizen of Langford, was found dead in his stable Wednes-Deceased had driven to Cains On his return he put the horse afterwards was found dead. A meeting of creditors of the estate of R. T. Phillips & Co., Chatham, manufacturers of staves and headings, was held on Tuesday. The liabilities of the firm are about \$8,000, and it is

believed the estate will not realize more than 10 cents on the dollar On Monday evening Wallacetown presented one of the gayest times it has seen for many years in the way of an oyster supper held in honor of two of its boys, Duncan Forbes and Ben Sutherland, who were shipwrecked on the coast of Ireland some six

weeks ago.

The death occurred on Monday evening at the residence of George Bailey, South Yarmouth, of Mrs. Loretta Jerden, wife of Edgar Jerden, in her 28th year. Death resulted from blood poisoning. Deceased leaves two children, the eldest 3 years and the young-The Government veterinary surgeons

visited Walkerville yesterday, but found no new cases of hog cholera among the Walker herds. No new cases have been reported in any part of Essex county for several days past, and the surgeons think they have the disease under control. The preliminary trial of Joseph Dumas, who is charged with attempting

to murder old Mrs. Snook, of Dover, on Dec. 7, was held on Wednesday before Magistrates Houston and Forham, at Chatham. The defense offered no evidence, and Dumas was com-mitted to stand his trial. At Sarnia on Monday Harry Neal

was before the mayor charged with setting fire to the Congregational Church. The mayor dismissed the first charge (the Lawrence fire), and committed him for trial on the south ward school house and two Congregational Church fires. Bail was taken.

As the Brantford fire department was leaving the station Wednesday morning, Fireman John Brown was thrown from the aerial truck to the ground, and seriously injured. As the truck came out of the door the wheels swung around in the snow, and Brown, who was jumping on, missed his footing and fell, the wheels passing over his knee.

The special meeting of Chatham Presbytery to inquire into serious charges made by Mrs. Tremells against her pastor, the Rev. S. E. Greathead, of Dawn circuit, was held on Tuesday. In the charges against the minister were included "back-biting, raving like a madman, using opiates, encour-The charges aging dancing." etc. were thoroughly investigated, and after much deliberation the Presbytery decided that they were not sustained, and a recommendation was made looking to a peaceable Mrs. Tremells, with her husband and mother, conducted the prosecution.

Westley Simmons, aged 50 years, single, stood before Judge Finkle, of Woodstock, Tuesday morning, charged with disposing of obscene literature He was elected to be tried summarily. Chief Pow, of Tilsonburg, arrested Simmons last Saturday. It is alleged that the accused was showing a number of cards with immoral verses printed thereon to school children at Tilsonburg. On the man's house searched no less than 3,000 of these cards were found. According to the samples in Chief Pow's possession, the literature is of the vilest description.

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