

## ROMANCE OF A C. B. GIRL

### Miss Margaret Dickson, of Bateson, Marries One of Boston's Strongest Policemen

A recent issue of the Boston Herald contains notices of the marriage of Miss Margaret Dickson, of Bateson, and Officer Matthew Moreland, of the Brookline police force. The news is accompanied by handsome photographs of the happy young couple. The bride is a sister of Miss Euphemia Dickson, of McKinnon & Moffatt's. The Boston Herald says:—

A very pretty wedding romance was brought to light yesterday when it was announced that Matthew Moreland, a member of the Brookline police force, and Miss Margaret Dickson, also of Brookline, were secretly married last Thursday evening. Mr. Moreland's brother officers did not know that he was even contemplating marriage, while the friends of the bride were kept entirely in the dark.

The marriage took place at the home of the Rev. Alexander McKinnon, on West Concord street, Boston.

The officer and his bride at once returned to a new home he had bought and furnished at 16 Henry street, in Brookline.

At 12 o'clock that night the groom was patrolling his beat, and it was not until the marriage license was returned to the town clerk's office that the news leaked out.

Patrolman Moreland is considered to be a man of nearly perfect build and is one of the strongest men in Massachusetts.

The Boston Globe says:

Brookline's strongest policeman and one of the finest built men in and around Boston doffed his helmet and uniform one day last week and on his return to the station was a benedict. But his fellow policemen didn't know it, and it was not until yesterday that the secret came out, and then not until the marriage license was returned to Brookline town hall. The young woman, now Mrs. Matthew Moreland, was Miss Margaret Dickson, of Brookline, almost a slip of a girl as she stands beside her big, broad-shouldered husband, and their courtship had extended over a period of two years. She is of the blonde type, and formerly lived at 18 Holmer street, Brookline.

They were married during one of the 'long days' of police duty by the Rev. Alexander McKinnon, in this city. The groom is 33 years

## COAL MINES ON FIRE

### Sometimes Smoulders for Years-- Ways and Means of Staying the Blaze.

Deep down in the bowels of the earth fires will sometimes smoulder for years. In 1872 a fire broke out in the Tawd Valley collieries at Skelmersdale, between Liverpool and Preston, and though all sorts of methods were tried in order to extinguish the flames, it was not until December, 1897, that the last spark of fire was stamped out.

When the colliery owners found it impossible to subdue the blaze by ordinary means they had stout walls built to shut off the advance of the flames. The intense heat cracked and burnt up the brickwork as quickly as it was put up, and it was only for the erection of a mass of masonry nearly a hundred yards in thickness, that the fire area was limited.

In December, 1897, the River Tawd burst its banks, and tons of water, flowing down the mine shaft, extinguished the furnace, that had been alight for over twenty-five years. When the flood swept in and reached the fire scene, waterspouts and steam and spray jets were forced into the open air to a height of over 300 feet above the pit-head workings.

A mine in Warwickshire has been alight for years, and man is powerless to check it. The blaze

old and long before he became a guardian of the law was known among his fellows as a man of great physical strength and endurance. After the ceremony 'Matt' brought his wife to a newly purchased home and at midnight went on street duty.

started in a seam of highly combustible coal, and the workings which stretch under parts of Birmingham itself, are gradually being burnt out.

Within Whitwich colliery in Loirestershire, a fire had all its own way for upwards of 25 years, and finally caused a terrible catastrophe.

Refuse heaps from coal pits have been known to burn for years. Coal refuse was responsible for an underground fire at Darlastown in Staffordshire and the town council spent hundreds of pounds in fighting it. The fire involved an acre of ground in the centre of ground and threatened serious damage to houses in the locality. Water had no effect upon it, so the council had deep trenches dug in order to prevent its spreading.

Near Longton a factory was erected on ground which for years had been a kind of rubbish heap. After the building was completed a fire began to smoulder under the ground, and within a comparatively short space of time a slowly burning furnace made its appearance right in the heat of the foundations. Water having proved useless when used in the ordinary way trenches, very deep and wide were dug around the burning area, and into these tons of water were continually poured by means of pipes.

In 1901 a vast peat bog near Bronnitsi, in Moscow, dried out and caught fire and the Russian firemen were unable to cope with it. The fire burned down 30 feet into the moss and the smoke covered an area of many miles. Firemen turned a rivulet into the burning bog, with little or no effect. The fire started in the month of August, and it was only when the Autumn rains came on in October that it was extinguished.

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