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## UNION CLOTHING CO.

...That...  
**Preposterous**  
..Will..

BY L. G. MOBERLY.

(Continued.)

"Mrs. Mannering, sir," she said; "and I'm sure Molly would be pleased for me."

"Thank you, Mrs. Mannering," Mr. Bray broke in again, "I will explain my business to Miss Miranda Hume hereafter; but I must ascertain whether she is actually the person of whom I am in search." Then, without giving Mrs. Mannering an opportunity of saying the words which were evidently hovering on her lips, he turned to the girl and continued—

"Can you tell me anything about yourself? Do you know who your parents were? and whether you had any godparents or so?"

He had seated himself upon a chair pushed forward by Mrs. Mannering out of the way of the furniture, while Miranda stood in front of him, looking at him with round puzzled eyes and bewildered face.

"My father's name was Godfrey Haines," she answered; "and my mother's name was Mrs. Haines. I was thirteen, and I mean to make my own way now." While she spoke Mr. Bray became aware of a certain dogged strength in her face and eyes which he had not at first noticed; and at the end of her sentence her lips closed in a straight firm line, giving evidence of no small determination and force of character.

"Where did your parents live?" was his next question.

"In Lime street, three turnings down from the left from here," was the prompt reply; "but they weren't no Londoners, nor to begin with. They came from the country down Simley way." Mr. Bray started imperceptibly. That this girl's parents should have belonged to the village of which Mr. Godfrey Haines was the squire had brought the possibility of her being the person he sought into the range of the actual.

"And you were born in London?" he pursued.

"No, I wasn't; I was born at Simley, and the squire—Mr. Haines his name was—was my godfather."

Mr. Bray with difficulty suppressed an expression of excitement before he asked: "Have you ever seen your godfather since you left Simley?"

"Only once. 'E come 'ere one day six months ago—asked me me age, and gave me a Bible."

"Yes—'ave the landlady put in indignantly—'only give 'er a Bible, and him will do gentlemen as any one could see by his clothes; downright mean I called it, not so much as to hand the poor girl a half a crown, and good 'er as I've bin too."

The connexion between the two parts of the sentence was not quite obvious, but

"Lor!" ejaculated Miranda; and "Goodness gracious, lawk a mussy!" exclaimed Mrs. Mannering, adding: "you don't mean 'ave 'eft Mirander a little legacy, do you, sir?"

"He has left her a legacy," said the lawyer drily; "I don't know that I could call it a very little one; it will effectually help her in that climbing process of which she has been speaking."

"Lor! Lor! women exclaimed again, only half understanding the words but vaguely catching at their meaning, and Mr. Bray, seeing that Mrs. Mannering was preparing to pour out a torrent of words, went on speaking hastily—

"I can give you no particulars until I have more exactly investigated the facts which Miranda has just given me. For this investigation some days may be necessary. He drew one from his case and handed it to the girl before Mrs. Mannering's evident intention of taking it could be carried out.

"And so the shall," the landlady cried eagerly, "and I'd be pleased to come along with 'er if I could, which I can't, 'cept I must 'ave 'ouse when Molly, that is Mirander, I should say, is out."

"Quite so, quite so," answered the lawyer pleasantly, greatly relieved to find that so excellent a reason would keep Mrs. Mannering away, "it would naturally be impossible for you to leave your house, but if you will kindly allow Miranda to come to me at eleven o'clock on Thursday, I shall be much obliged to you."

Miranda looked at him shyly as she turned to go away.

"And I'm sure I take it very kind of you to come yourself," she said, "and you'll find all I've said is gospel truth."

"This is a pretty little fish upon my word," Mr. Bray thought grimly as the cab whirled him away, "and the wicket practical joke I ever heard of in my whole life. A hundred thousand pounds put into the hands of an ignorant, dirty, uneducated servant girl—poor Dayrell!—near the house of a lady's house."

Not a ray of light had come to relieve Mr. Bray's gloomy reflections during the two days he spent in waiting for Miranda. Every word spoken by the girl had proved to be correct, and the lawyer was fain to admit that the great property of Mr. Godfrey Haines, deceased, was infallibly bound to pass into the keeping of a maid of all work of seventeen, whose highest ambition was a course of her short life had been eight pounds a year, and whose wildest aspirations hitherto had led her to look upon a cook's place in a lady's house as the height of her ambition.

"I wish to goodness Dayrell had the smallest atom of ground for opposing the will on the plea of insanity," he reflected, when on Thursday morning the lawyer sat in his room awaiting Miranda's arrival, "and it would never have suggested anything so absurd as that his property should be administered by an utterly incompetent girl—and that Dayrell should marry her. Preposterous," and he shrugged his shoulders impatiently. "Did the fellow offend him in some way. Had these Humes any claim on him? It is altogether monstrous and incomprehensible." But when an hour later his clerk ushered "Miss Miranda Hume" into his employer's room, Mr. Bray started violently, and the words "incompetent girl," that a short time before had seemed so accurately to describe Miranda, no longer appeared applicable.

The girl's clothes left everything to be desired. She wore a shirt many inches too short for her, revealing thick black-lace of boots. Her jacket was abnormally large and hung quaintly round her slight person, and her hat had not only seen better days—much better days—but it was also of a shape that Mrs. Noah might have fashioned when she quitted the ark; yet in spite of her incongruous clothes the girl's face, shining with soap and water, wore a look that no incompetent person's face ever wore; there was a new alertness in her eyes, and her mouth was set in the firm lines that so plainly marked a determined mind.

"The girl's no fool," was the thought that flashed instantly into the lawyer's mind; "perhaps—after all—"

But he did not let that thought go on to its conclusion, and pushing a chair forward to Miranda he said briskly—

"Good morning, Miss Hume; please sit down, and we will talk over things quietly."

On hearing his term of address she looked up sharply, and the ghost of a smile crept round her mouth, but she said nothing, only sitting down quietly on the chair to which he had pointed.

(To be continued.)

### Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers



THE FRENCH IDEA OF ELABORATION.

Elaborate to an extreme degree is this exquisite little blouse of Parisian origin. That it is all brought together by hand goes without saying, although one might need a microscope to discern the tiny stitches that serve to hold it together. German Valenciennes, embroidered net, chiffon cloth and Chantilly lace are so intermingled that in spite of the variety of materials there is no hint of patchiness or of the sum-of-counter-the-thing result. A pointed yoke with much elaboration fits well over the shoulders, and to this the chiffon is applied in tiny hand-run tucks. The sleeve offers quite a novelty with its fitted cap in creamy Chantilly over the top, and the mousseline effect from there to below the elbow, where the sleeve ends in a dainty frill.

### NO EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR GRAND FALLS POWER CO.

Treasury Board Does Not Favor Their Request—City Expenditures Exceed Estimates in Many Departments—Grants for Clocks in Church Steeples.

At a meeting of the treasury board last evening a committee was appointed to devise a scheme to pay civic employees at their work and to obviate the loss of time going to the chamberlain's office. The dates for the semi-monthly payment of salaries were changed to the 15th and 20th. St. Luke's vestry were given \$80 a year to keep the church clock in repair and illuminate it at night. A committee of the board will wait on the fire underwriters to ask for a reduction in insurance rates owing to the increased pressure of the water supply. An application from the Grand Falls Power Company for an exclusive franchise in the city was refused. The statements of the expenditures in the various departments, as submitted by the directors, with the chamberlain's compared and were found to contain many discrepancies. A joint exhibit was ordered. The chamberlain reported an average increase in the collection of taxes over any previous year.

A communication from H. B. Nason, vestry clerk of St. Luke's church, with reference to the city's grant for the church clock, stated that the annual grant was \$10, and that an increase was asked for in September, 1906, but the matter was left over until the year was up. The fact that Trinity church received \$100, St. George's church, \$24, and the Sheffield House \$25 was referred to. Mr. Nason pointed out that the clock was not illuminated as the grant was inadequate. The charge was now out of repair, and owing to lack of funds the vestry would be unable to place it in order, unless they receive a sufficient allowance.

Ald. Rowan referred to the old city of Portland as having given a grant of \$65 to St. Luke's, and only to cover the winding. He moved that a grant of \$60 a year be given.

The mayor moved that Trinity church receive the usual grant of \$100.

Ald. Rowan's motion with regard to St. Luke's and the mayor's reference to Trinity were carried.

A communication from the Grand Falls Power Company with reference to obtaining an exclusive franchise in the city in return for supplying power at certain rates was taken up. The substance of the application has already been published. Ald. Baxter said, in view of the

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- Further reductions at considerable loss and every coat must go:
- \$18.00 Black Beaver Fitted Coats for \$8.50
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  - 11.85 Ladies' Tweed Tourist Coats, 5.50
  - 11.00 Ladies' Black Coats for 5.00
  - 6.90 Misses' Tweed Tourist Coats for 3.50
  - 10.25 Misses' Tweed Tourist Coats, 4.90

### Great Bargains in Ladies' Driving Capes or Wraps.

Fine beaver cloth Long Wraps, in green, black or navy, with black thibet fur collar and fur down front.

Price \$10.50. Sale price **\$3.50**

## January Sale

### Men's and Boys' Furnishings at Great Clearing Bargains.

A saving of from 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. by securing any of these broken lines.

- Broken Lines Men's Regatta Shirts, - - - 49c.
- Men's light and dark pattern regatta shirts in sizes 14 1-2, 15, 15 1-2, were up to \$1.00. Sale price 49c.
- Broken Lines Boys' Shirts, - - - 38c.
- Boys' Shirts, unlaundered, with linen fronts, value 65c and 75c. Sale price 38c.
- Great Bargains, Men's Lined Gloves.
- Excellent lined mocha gloves which we do not wish to carry over, are to be cleared.
- \$1.50 and \$1.25 Fine Mocha Lined Gloves, now 95c.
- \$1.00 Fine Mocha Lined Gloves, now 69c.
- \$2.25 Men's Fur Lined Gloves, now \$1.75.
- \$1.85 Dent's Fur Lined Gloves, for \$1.25.
- \$1.75 Dent's Lined Cape Gloves, for \$1.25.
- Boys' Mocha Lined Gloves, Sale Price - - 35c.
- Good Mocha Gloves in boys' sizes, 4, 6, 6 1-2, 7 1-2, 8, were up to 60c. and 75c. Sale price 35c. pr.
- Men's New Cardigan Jackets Reduced.
- Black Wool Cardigan Jackets, good quality, to be sold as follows:
- \$2.50 Fine Knit Cardigans for \$1.49.
- \$1.50 Wool Knit Cardigans for \$1.00.
- A Great Turn for You in Men's Wool Underwear - - - 49c. Garment
- Nice soft, natural color wool shirts and drawers, full men's sizes. Sale price 49c. garment.
- Closing of Lot, Men's Neckwear, 33c. Each.
- 50c. and 75c. Flowing End Ties and English Squares, that were double this sale price, now 33c. each.

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Memorandum sundry expenditures, etc., of St. John for sundry departmental accounts and for period ending 31 December, 1906.

FERRY STEAMER ACCOUNT.	
Warrant for year 1906, \$5,000.	\$5,000.00
Dr. Balance at 31 December, 1905.	\$8,296.13
Revenue collected to 31 Dec., 1906, \$19,852.97, assessments \$4,570.04, \$29,123.01	440.15
Expenditures.	28,112.86
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1906.	\$7,764.80
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.	
Warrant for year 1906, \$50,000; Expenditure Limit, \$50,000.	\$50,000.00
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1905.	\$17,889.89
Revenue, assessments, permits, sales, etc., to 31 Dec., 1906, \$50,381.50	1,643.56
Expenditures.	60,667.94
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1906.	\$16,246.45
LAMP DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.	
Warrant for year 1906, \$70,000; Expenditure Limit, \$2,504.	\$2,504.00
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1905.	\$3,067.10
Revenue, assessments, etc., to 31 Dec., 1906, \$1,736.79	3,318.94
Expenditures.	2,188.84
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1906.	\$531.84.
POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.	
Warrant, 1906, \$25,000.	\$25,000.00
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1905.	\$2,261.53
Revenue, assessments, police court fines, etc., to 31 Dec., 1906, \$8,415.37	1,365.56
Expenditures.	31,046.93
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1906.	\$3,627.60
STREET DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.	
Warrant for year 1906, \$70,000; Expenditure Limit, \$63,000.	\$63,000.00
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1905.	\$4,731.17
Revenue assessment, sundry asphalt work, etc., to 31 Dec., 1906, \$71,836.73	1,022.55
Expenditures.	79,944.02
Dr. Balance 31 Dec., 1906.	\$3,708.41
SEWERAGE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.	
Warrant of 1906, \$10,000; Interest \$13,909.	\$23,909.00
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1905.	\$9,736.97
Revenue assessments, sundry permits to enter sewers, etc., to 31 Dec., 1906, \$27,081.81	284.89
Expenditures.	37,668.80
Dr. Balance 31 Dec., 1906.	\$10,173.96
WATER MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.	
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1905.	\$26,061.51
Revenue water supply to steamers, assessments, etc., to 31 Dec., 1906, \$22,305.63	6,044.56
Expenditures.	32,367.64
Dr. Balance 31 Dec., 1906.	\$23,098.37

The statement of taxes collected during 1906 was as follows:

General assessment collected to 31 December, 1906.	\$412,076.50
Total default collected to 31 Dec., 1906.	81,772.72
.....	\$493,849.22
General assessment collected to Dec., 1905.	809,614.72
Total default collected to 31 Dec., 1905.	67,834.83
.....	\$441,779.89
Increase January, year 1906.	\$10,829.33

The chairman and the chamberlain were congratulated on the excellent showing over previous years. It was the general opinion that the additional collections were the result of the system instituted by Ald. Bullock.

The board then adjourned.