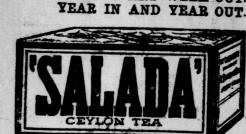
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One summer's morning a young girl was scampering down the Torbay road, Penzance. She was swinging her large oun hat in her dainty little hand and ginging gaily as she made her way toward her home. She was a sweet picture of young English girlhood. The soft curls which rested playfully on the delicate brow were bronze-brown. Her blue eyes were sweet and pretty, and her complexion fair and healthful.
This was Elsie Travers, only daughter

of Mrs. Travers, an officer's widow. They lived in a charming little villa in perfect love and unison. Mrs. Travers had been a handsome brunette of commanding appearance and stately manners. She had only one other child, Gerald, who was then in India with his regiment. He was 25, just seven years older than Elsie. It was getting toward the hour of luncheon, and Elsie somewhat hurriedly proceeded toward home, for Mrs.

Travers liked not to be kept waiting

for her midday repast. As the girl passed the Bay Hotel she became aware that a gentleman was gazing admiringly at her from one of In silence the windows. He was a handsome fellow with soft sunny hair and bright blue eyes. Although in age about 40, he was of fascinating manners and address. Later in the day Mrs. Travers announced to her daughter that it was her intention to take her to a garden party, which was to be held on the following Friday.

Mary Travers gazed admiringly on her pretty daughter as she flitted about in her own graceful way, now chatting to one and now to another. She looked indeed a veritable fairy, enveloped as she was in a soft white dress which suited her slim, girlish figure to perfection.

Presently she encountered the gaze of the blue eyes which had haunted her for the last few days, as in the distance and coming toward her she recognized man whom she had seen at the hotel window. Walking at his side was the hostess of the party, Lady Noel. On seeing Elsie she left her companion, and, running toward the girl, cried, in her habitually jocular tones:

"Dearest! Mr. Elmswood is dying to make your acquaintance," and then she went on to introduce him. Alfred Elmswood proved to be a pleasant companion. Evidently he was what the world calls "taken" with his newly-made friend. She was so different from the London drawing-room butterflies, he thought, as he fixed his admiring gaze on the lovely face which

nature's brush only had tinted. Elsie, too, was peculiarly shy while in this man's presence. She felt drawn toward him—she did not know why. It seemed as though she had known him all her life, although in reality this was their first meeting. But it was not to be their last.

Before the party drew to a close Alfred Elmswood succeeded in gaining an invitation to call on Mrs. Travers. That night, when Elsie retired to rest, she lay thinking and dreaming of the blue eyes which had become so familiar The next day Mr. Elmswood made

his appearance at Sea View Villa,

where he was warmly welcomed by his hostess and her fair daughter. He stayed as long as courtesy would allow. When at last he arose to go he invited Mrs. Travers and her daughter to accompany him to a picnic which had been arranged between himself and some of his friends at the hotel. And so time passed; not a day went by without Alfred Elmswood and Elsie Travers meeting; at parties, "at homes," dinners, races, whether walking, riding or driving, they were sure to come against one another. It seemed as though one was a part of the other's existence; indeed, it was useless to deny the truth any longer time had strengthened their ordinary friendship into a strong and lasting love. And yet Elsie felt that her love for this man was very different from that love which she had bestowed on Gerald Travers; but, then, that was as it should be; he was her brother, and this man-well, time would prove whether he was ever to be more than a mere acquaintance or even o brother. That time was not long in coming. One sunny morning Alfred Elmswood

Travers, asking her permission for her "As my wife," he said, "you need have no fear for your child's future. It would be ridiculous for a man of my years to profess love, but I would make her a good husband, indeed I would." It is needless to say that she gave

stood before the stately form of Mrs.

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him that permission which he came to obtain.

Me proposed to Elsie in a tender, manly way, and yet it was not the kind of proposal she had always pictured to herself. But then he was so many years her senior, how could he be expected to go into those raptures which a fellow her own age would have done? However, his offer was accepted; there was no reason why it should not be; he was rich and she loved him, if not as a husband, at least as some very dear friend.

One evening a few weeks later two adies were sitting by an open casement in a pretty drawing room.

There was a radiant fondness beaming in Mrs. Travers' eyes as she gazed lovingly on her child's pretty face.

"Yes!" she said, "yes, he'll soon be here now, I hope. Dear Gerald, how I long to see him once again. It is two years since last I beheld his bonny

"He did not mention on which day he expected to arrive?" Elsie said, interrogatively.

Mrs. Travers consulted the letter, which she had read at least a hundred times, then repeated her son's words, "If all is well, dear mother, I hope to be with you almost as soon as you receive this."
"Which was three days ago," Elsie

"My own darling boy—why! there he is," And throwing back the casement she rushed with open arms toward

It was a pathetic scene this meeting of mother and son, and one too sacred to recall. When at last the welcome was ended the young fellow led his mother back to the room. As they neared the window the girl heard him say:
"And our little Elsie, how and where There was a peculiarly tender pathos in his manly voice, as he inquired after

"There she is; let her answer for her-But already he was at her side. Pillowing her sunny head on his broad shoulder, he cried:

"My own little Elsie! How glad I am to see you once again. How beau-tiful you are! Every time I come home I find you prettier and more charming In silence the girl hid her blushing

face on her brother's shoulder. Gerald Travers was indeed a handsome fellow. His large black eyes and dark curly hair were the counterfeits of his mother's. His features well chiseled, his complexion tanned and healthful, and his figure full and broad and well knit.

"It is indeed a joy to have you back again, dear Gerald," Mrs. Travers said, fondly gazing at her son. "You are not more pleased to welcome me than I am to be here." Then, turning to Elsie, he continued: "And have you missed me, little one?" "Ah, Gerald, there is no need to ask; you know that we have missed you.' When dinner was over that night,

"And have you no news to tell memy absence?" "I will begin by informing you of the most important event-that of Elsie's engagement and approaching mar-

Elsie shot an almost angry look at Mrs. Travers. She felt as though she would rather her mother had not have mentioned that yet to Gerald. Why could she not have told him when she was not there to hear his rebuff? she asked herself. Of this she was certain -Gerald would not care to hear of her

"Child, is that true?" Averting her head the girl replied: 'Yes, Gerald, quite true!' "And who is the happy man that has been so fortunate in winning such a prize in life's lottery?"

[To be Continued.] ALL NIGHT ON THE ICE. Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 17.-At noon vesterday word was received that nine of the missing fishermen, who were carried out into the lake on the ice, were safe and sound at Athol Springs, on the lake. Later a dispatch was received at police headquarters saying that all but one-Wm. Thompson-had been located. Most of them passed a

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Thorndale, Feb. 17.-Harding's hall was packed last night, when a Liberal rally was held in the interest of Dr. McWilliam, and sufficient interest was sustained throughout the meeting, and the meeting broke up in the usual which lasted till nearly midnight, to way at a late hour. hold the entire audience. There were a few interruptions, which were for the most part good-natured and added spice to the programme. Dr. McWilliam made a telling speech. The meeting opened at 8 o'clock, and Mr. J. Wheaton was chosen chairman, and in opening the meeting said he was delighted to see so large an attendance.
Mr. R. G. Fisher expressed his
pleasure at being present to indorse

the candidature of Dr. McWilliam, who, he believed, was an exceedingly able man. He would be a credit to the riding as its representative in the legislature, and there was every indication that Dr. McWilliam would be their representative after March 1. (Cheers.) Proceeding to deal with the policy of the two parties, Mr. Fisher spoke of the cry about the separate schools which the Conservatives had dropped publicly, but keep up in private where sectarian appeals can be made. He asked why, if the opposition were honest in that cry a year or two since, was no word heard about it now? (Applause.) They had taken now? (Applause.) They had taken up the piggery question for a change—(laughter)—and Mr. Hodgens had added the ram question. (Much laughter.) The opposition said that Mr. W. R. Meredith was not as shrewd and able a man as Mr. Whitney. This they said of a man who could not be compared with Mr. Whitney in any path or walk in life. The charge that the government was extravagant, Mr.

Fisher said, could best be answered by comparison. He showed how much more economical Ontario's administration had been during the past 25 years than those of the other provinces, largely controlled by Conservatives. Of the educational system the speaker said it was the best in the world. The opposition could not possibly replace Mr. Ross as minister of education. and they were seated in the drawing next speaker. He congratulated the Mr. Themas H. Purdam was the audience upon the very fine hall in which the meeting was heing hall in vents which have taken place since was the best hall in the riding of East Middlesex, and the speaker was confident that Dr. McWilliam would have pleasure in the near future of appearing there again to give an account of his stewardship. (Applause.) Mr. Purdom also referred to the

race and religion cries which the opposition made at the time of the last election. Mr. Edmund Meredith, Mr. Richard M. Toothe, and others were then going about the country screaming that Protestantism needed protection. (Laughter.) Now their guns leaving them. And she was right. He jumped from his chair, and, facing on the other hand, endeavoring to win of 70 years was also voted down. The back the self-respecting Catholics whom they had insuited. The grandest triumph in the record of the Ontario government was its victory for civil and religious liberty. (Cheers.) For that the Liberals stood at the last election, and the country then spoke in their support. (Cheers.) Mr. Pur-dom, after pointing out that there

were in reality no effective issue raised by the opposition, lauded the educational system of Ontario, and to show that Mr. Whitney believed that it re-flected credit on the people who conducted it, quoted from the speech de-London recently. The government, too, not only led in the matter of education of the head but also in educa-tion of the heart. They had led on in ooth ways, setting a pattern in the care of the insane, the blind, the deaf and dumb, the infirm, and the poor and needy, which had been copied the world over. (Cheers.) The manage-ment of the administration of justice was perfect. There was no system of procedure in the world better than it. in this respect Ontario was 50 years thead of many states in the union. (Cheers.) In the matter of municipal law, Ontario was ahead of any other country in the world. The administration had received almost as much praise for it as for their educational system. They had aided the country in every way, and in none greater than by silencing the religious cry. That bone of contention was wiped out for ever. (Applause.) "Where are the opposition leading us?" he asked. All the mile stones of the past are obliterated. They have abandoned their old charges. Of the cry that

there was no surplus, Mr. Purdom said, "Where there is smoke there is fire." The people had seen the moke of \$80,000,000, spent for the public good, and which must have been raised by some means. (Applause.) Mr. P. H. Bartlett, for the opposition, said he took issue with the previous speaker. Mr. Fisher, he said, had shown his ability by raising issues that were not in the campaign. He had never heard Mr. Fisher praise Mr. Meredith while he was opposition leader.

Mr. Fisher rose to explain, but before he could speak an element in the audience, which had until then, remained comparatively quiet raised.

"O! well," he says, "It usually opens in time." Sometimes it doesn't open and he is doomed. This seems foolhardy but no more so than the sick man who says, "O, I guess I'll get well all right!" said he took issue with the previous

fore he could speak an element in the audience, which had until then, remained comparatively quiet, raised considerable din. The treble of some boys constituted the chief part of the disturbance, however, and after a few unsuccessful attempts, Mr. Fisher gained a hearing. "I not only admired W. R. Meredith," he said, "but I

Mr. Bartlett changed his tune, and attacked the surplus and the general policy of the government.

Mr. Bartlett attacked Mr. Ross about Strathroy Dairy School. said, sarcastically, that this school had been started to teach the farmers how to make butter and cheese.

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Mr. Bartlett had made some sweeping, but astounding statements, but had not produced any proof because the facts did not bear him out.

Mr. Bartlett had failed to tell the whole truth about the public accounts, or he would have shown that there was a surplus of over \$5,000,000. (Cheers.) He had found fault with the manner of the purchase of supplies for public institutions, but he did not pretend to tell you that a single dollar had been paid for these supplies more than should have been paid. He said Mr. Bartlett had made some 169 Dundas Street.

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doing? By their silence they indorsed this expenditure, all of which was passed in the legislature by vote, and yet they objected to only one-half per cent of the \$80,000,000. Mr. Bartlett's "little hilarity" about the Strathroy Dairy School and similar subjects was ably and humorously dealt with.

Dr. McWilliam was heartily cheered. He did not begin to speak until late. He did not begin to speak until late, and so was brief. He presented a straightforward, unbiased statement of straightforward, unbiased statement of his claims, and dwelt upon the excellence of the various departments of the government of the province. Our educational system, he pointed, permeated the whole world. In three years, 37 of Canada's brightest young men had been called to the United States to take positions as professors, at big salaries. (Cheere.) Canada was gradually conquering the thought of the country to the south. (Hear, hear.) Of the charge that there was no surplus, he said that it was merely trumped up—a play on words—to make some-Mr. Hodgens' Ram and Mr. St. John's up—a play on words—to make some-thing to talk about. (Applause.) He would support the government in an independent way, he said. The popular candidate was cheered with zest,

THE A. O. U. W.

Rule Adopted in Regard to Klondikers -Important Propositions Dealt With.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen continued its 20th annual session yesterday, Grand Master Fred W.Unitt in the chair. Mr. James B. Nixon, chairman of the committee on laws, presented the report of the committee. One very important recommendation was adopted, which provided that persons contemplating residence in the Yukon district could not be admitted to membership in the A.O.U.W. It was also decided to issue certificates in future for \$500. It was decided to allow the reserve fund of \$48,105 98 to remain in the bank until more profitable investment can be made in government bonds. The executive unanimously op-posed the amendment to the constitution to debar any person engaged in the life insurance business from the

privileges if the order. Social members may now be admitted, provided they become contributors to the regular lodge dues. Lengthy discussion ensued on the claim that the insurance money payable by this order to a member's beneficiary is not liable to be garnisheed for the debts of the beneficiaries. The question was referred back to the committee on laws for further consid-

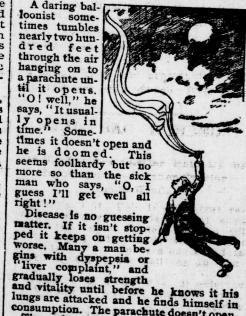
W. H. Shaw, of Granite Lodge, Toronto, championed the proposal of that lodge to debar all members engaged in life insurance business in the old line companies from receiving any emolument or holding official position in this grand lodge or in a subordinate lodge. John Milne, of London, past grand r workman, and past provincial organizer, and George P. Graham, of Brockville, grand foreman, discussed the resolution. The proposal was all but unanimously voted down, not over six delegates voting in favor of Granite Lodge's recommendation.

The proposal to reduce the per capita tax from 50 to 40 cents was not adopted. The attempt to raise the age limit from 45 years to 50 years was likewise voted It was unanimously decided to abolish the junior workman degree. The

recommendation to pay a member who becomes permanently disabled one-half of his beneficiary was not adopted, and the surrender clause, providing that a member may surrender his policy at 70 years of age for a cash equivalent was defeated. The proposal to enforce financiers and receivers taking out bonds with a guarantee company was left optional

with subordinate lodges. The following clause of the report of the committee on state of the order was adopted: "Your committee fully concur with the final remarks of the G. M. W., as to the unprecedented success that has blessed our order during the year past, and agree with him that shis grand lodge made no mistake in the legislation adopted last year. . . . We are very much alive, and as determined as ever to continue the good work during the years to come, until our order shall stand second to none of the Canadian societies with a reserve fund, and an ever-increasing membership, that in the future our members will have no cause to say, that this grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. of Ontario made any mistake when she stepped out from the Supreme Lodge." In the evening a memorial service was held in the pavilion for the late Daniel Spry, P.G.M.W. and the "honored dead of 1897."

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