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The Secret Out.

"Mr. Gryce," said she, "I have a daughter."

"Yes," I returned, inwardly startled, Miss A. and dishonor seemed so wide apart.

"She is our only child," the mother went on. "We love her, and have always cherished her, but though it is not generally known in the house— and here the poor lady's eyes roamed about her as if she were afraid her words would be overheard, "she has left us; gone away without acquainting us where—suddenly, inexplicably, leaving only the most meagre explanation behind her, and—"

"But, madam," I interrupted, "if she left any explanation—"

"Mrs. A. took a small and crumpled note out of her pocket and handed it to me."

"The letter," she affirmed, "sent through the mail. And I was in the house when she left, and would have listened to any reasonable request she had to make."

"I had already read the four or five lines which the letter contained."

"Dear Mother,—I must have rest. I have gone away for a few days, but will be back on the 27th. Don't worry. Your affectionate daughter."

"What is the matter with this?" I asked. "She says she will be back on the 27th, and today is only the 24th."

"Sir," was the answer, "it is the only time in our experience when our daughter has left us without first gaining our permission. Beside, the time is especially inopportune. My daughter's wedding cards are out."

Mr. Gryce stopped suddenly, for Dr. Cameron had given an anxious start. "Ah, that arouses your interest?" remarked the detective. "Your own wedding day being so near, I am not surprised."

"It was dryly said, and the doctor at once reassured himself. He had no wish to appear unduly moved, but he could not suppress every token of emotion, so he turned his head away from the light. Mr. Gryce let his gaze travel to a new object before proceeding."

"This avowed of Mrs. A. put a new aspect on affairs," said he, "but yet I saw no reason for the extreme anxiety displayed. And on what day does she expect to be married?" I asked.

"On the 27th."

"But she says she will be back."

"That does not comfort me."

"You think she will not come?"

"I have no hope that she will."

"This acknowledgment was uttered with emphasis. There seemed to be but one conclusion to draw."

"Your daughter wishes to escape her engagement?"

"The answer was less doubtful."

"The answer was less emphatic than before. In fact, it expressed doubt."

"I do not know, sir; my daughter is not herself; has not been for some time. My husband and myself have both noticed it, but we never anticipated her taking any such extreme action as this. Where has she gone? What will become of her? How can we face the world? How can we tell her lover?"

"Then you think that—"

"That she is laboring under a temporary aberration of mind, caused perhaps by the excitement of the last few weeks, that she is not responsible for her acts, that she may be anywhere, remote or near; and that we may wait till the hour set for her marriage is past without seeing her."

"To this I could make but one reply. 'Then why not take her lover into your confidence, inform him of your fears, and gain the benefit of his experience in your search for her?'"

"The answer will astonish you."

"Because it is very simple, and he is very proud. To explain our fears, we should be obliged to say much that would be humiliating for us to utter and for him to hear. Besides, we may overstate the situation. She may come back as she says she will, and should this be the case, you can see for yourself what endless regret would follow any such confidences as you suggest."

"But," I began.

"It is this note which causes our dilemma," she interposed. "With this before me I cannot act as if there were no hope of her returning in proper time to take part in the ceremony. Yet I do not trust these lines, nor the promise she has made. Why, I can hardly say for she has always been a woman of her word. But she is not herself, of that I am convinced."

"This repetition of her former assertion made it easy for me to inquire what special change she had perceived in her daughter to lead to such a conclusion. She evidently found it difficult to reply."

"I cannot put it into words," she declared; "I feel the change."

"And how long have you felt it?"

"Not long, since we began active preparations for her wedding. I think."

"And no one else has observed it?"

"I cannot say; I think her lover would."

"Why?"

"Because it has been in reference to him she has shown her peculiarities strongest. For weeks she has received him only on sufferance; and for the last few days has more than absolutely refused to see him."

"And what reason did she assign for this?"

"Follies, fatigue, caprice, a letter to write, a dressmaker to see, anything that came into her head."

"Yet she went on preparing for the wedding?"

"Certainly; her cards were out."

"The tone in which this was said

caused me to reflect. Though affable, kindly and even philanthropic in her dealings towards the world at large, Mrs. A. is, as everyone knows, a woman who would find it very difficult to infringe upon any of the laws of society. Having seen her daughter pledge herself to a man of suitable pretensions, she would consider such a pledge made it only because she could not face the talk and scandal that would follow a rupture. Influenced by this idea, I remarked:

"You must be perfectly frank with me if you want me to help you at this crisis. Has your daughter, or has she not, expressed a wish to break her engagement?"

"She asked me once if I thought it was too late for her to do so. Of course, there was but one reply to this, and she said no more. But, the poor mother continued hastily, 'that was only a symptom of flightiness. She has nothing against her lover, or does not pretend to have.'"

"Only against marriage?"

"Mrs. A. I now boldly asked, 'do you think that she loves the man you expect her to marry?'"

"The answer came hesitatingly. 'She accepted his attentions with pleasure when they were first offered.'"

"Do you think she loves any other man?"

"The mother shrank back in dismay. 'I am sure she does not. How could she? There is not another such gentleman in our circle of acquaintance.'"

"This was flattering to the gentleman, but not exactly satisfactory to me."

"You know girls sometimes take strange whims."

"My daughter is not a girl, sir, she is a woman."

"This silenced me, as it would you, sir, I have no doubt; and seeing the mother was really sincere in believing that her daughter's mind was temporarily affected, I inquired again as to what she had done or failed to do of late, and found that she had shunned the society of the members of her family, as well as that of her lover, finding her sole interest seemingly in the preparation of her wardrobe."

"To that she did attend, said Mrs. A., and it was the only thing that she did help me in. No hour was too late for her to see her dressmaker; no engagement was pressing for her to receive and fit on any of the costumes that kept coming home. Indeed, she showed more than a bride's usual interest in such matters; and it is the one reason I have for not disputing you utterly when you say she may come back. She will want to see her dresses."

"Then she did not take them with her?"

"She took nothing."

"What! not a trunk?"

"Nothing; that is, nothing but a little hand satchel."

"How do you know this?"

"We all saw her go out; she was in shopping costume."

"But she had money?"

"I cannot say. Some, no doubt; but we found a large roll of bills in her drawer, and her father says it contains nearly all he had lately given her. I do not think her pocketbook held more than \$5."

"This was a point. Either the girl was going among friends, or she was really touched in her mind. To make sure that the first supposition was not true, I asked for a list of the houses which Miss A. was in the habit of visiting. Mrs. A. mentioned some half dozen, but added that her daughter's most intimate comparison was in Europe, and that she did not think she cared enough for the others to go to them at this time."

"And she positively carried no baggage with her?"

"None. I have looked over things carefully and find nothing missing. She did not even wear her diamonds."

"And her watch?"

"I left behind."

"I felt troubled. I looked at the mother to ascertain what her real fears were. But they did not seem to be any worse than those she had expressed. Was she blind to the possibilities? I felt it my duty to repeat a former question."

"Mrs. A. said I will try and find your child. The fact that she had too little money to go far from home will facilitate matters. But first I must be sure that there is no third party mixed up in this case, and that party a gentleman. You are certain that she was not secretly interested in some unknown person?"

"(To be Continued.)"

Cleveland for Third Term.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—The possibility of his party uniting on Mr. Cleveland for third term attracts increased attention here, and his nomination, despite its exceptional character, is not an impossibility. Reciprocal trade relations with Canada and the admission into the United States free of duty of that celebrated Canadian product, Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, on account of its painless action and certainty, would be a plank in his platform. Use Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Sure! safe! painless!

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It is estimated that two years are required for the gulf water to travel from Florida to the coast of Norway.

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OIL PRICES.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 15.—The Standard Oil Company's price for crude yesterday was \$1.45.

BURGLARS IN STRATHROY.

Strathroy, Ont., June 15.—About 2 o'clock this morning burglars made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the Bixel and M. Company by blowing open the safe, which fortunately happened to be empty. An attempt was also made to break in W. Cross' grocery store, followed up with another attempt on Alheli, Gil, Malone & Co.'s clothing store, removing the lock from the front door. They were eventually frightened away before gaining an entrance.

Hot weather proves depressing to those who have the blood in such people would enrich their blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

GARDEN OF CANADA.

Latest News From Western Ontario.

Alfred White, of Blenheim, is under arrest on the charge of selling carcasses of beef in Chatham.

The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lonsborough, Lieury, fell into a pail of hot water the other day and died from the scalding.

Miss Florence Scott, a popular young Ingersoll lady, died Friday, aged 20. She was engaged to be married shortly to Mr. W. Berry, of that town.

Richard Rice, aged 10, was drowned in the Grand River at Brantford Saturday. He was caught on a bridge by a railway train and fell off the pier.

Lieut. T. L. Swift, No. 4 company, Twenty-seventh Battalion, Waterloo, has been promoted to the captaincy of the company, to succeed Capt. Johnston.

A new paper will shortly be issued in Hespeler. It will be known as the Hespeler Herald, and will be under the management of the Herald Printing Company.

A jury of the county court at Chatham Friday awarded Arthur McLaughlin, a farmer, \$140 damages for horses killed on the track of the L. E. and D. R.

Solomon Perrigo was sentenced at Woodstock Friday to two years and 35 lashes for indecent assault upon his step-daughter, aged 13. The girl was the chief witness.

While cleaning a revolver Donald Douglas, son of Wm. Douglas, Q.C., Chatham, accidentally pulled the trigger, and the weapon went off, the bullet piercing his left hand.

Frank Henderson and Colin McGee, of Petrolia, who went to Austria in 1892 on a three years' apprenticeship to W. H. McGarvey, have been re-engaged for a term of years.

Little Myrtle McClure, daughter of John McClure, of McKillop, climbed upon a hayrack to look for eggs the other day when the rack fell upon her and crushed her tender life.

Judge Finkle at Woodstock sentenced J. McQuill to the penitentiary for three years for robbing Christopher's liquor store at Ingersoll. A Henderson, for the same offense, was given eighteen months in the central prison.

The following are changes in the Twenty-seventh Lambton Battalion: To be Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant Robert Irwin Towers; to be second Lieutenant, William Leslie Lindsay; to be second Lieutenant, provisionally, John Blair Pardee.

Robertson & McKee, of Chatham, have secured the contract for the erection of a one-story building, 140 by 26 feet, for the Erie and Huron Railway at that town. The building will have large hall and sitting-rooms and sixteen bedrooms.

Mrs. Hartley, of New Durham, has now received \$3,000 of the \$4,000 insurance which her husband had upon his life. The remaining \$1,000 has been paid in full before getting to the court, and a fight for its possession will take place between Mrs. Hartley and her son.

GOOD OLD MIDDLESEX.

Mr. Evan A. Begg, of Strathroy, has been promoted to the responsible position of assistant inspector of the Dominion Bank, Toronto.

A few weeks ago the youngest daughter of Richard Jackson, of Biddulph, was in her room, suffering from rheumatism. On Monday she was a corpse, the result of inflammatory rheumatism. The deceased was an amiable young woman, a devoted Christian, and a dutiful daughter.

Strathroy Age: Miss Frances M. Jennings, daughter of our old friend, Mr. John Jennings, Mount Brydges road, has been appointed, says the Duluth Herald, assistant, superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, Welland, Miss Jennings, that is the way to bring Canada to the front.

MOUNT BRYDGES.

"Advertiser" Agent, T. Pearce, P.M.

Mount Brydges, June 15.—Mrs. (Dr.) Weekes, of London, is visiting at the Methodist parsonage for a few days.

A lawn social will be held on Tuesday evening next on the grounds of Mr. Wilbert Simpson (late A. T. Bolton's), under the auspices of the Epworth League. A choice programme will be provided, as well as ice cream, cake and lemonade.

Mr. Henderson, tinsmith, is building a fine dwelling adjoining his store.

Mrs. Doney, of London, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henderson.

The funeral of Mrs. Corcoran (nee Miss Annie Winter) was held on Tuesday, and was one of the largest seen here for a long time, showing the high respect in which she was held. She left a family of three little children, and a loving husband to mourn the loss of mother and wife.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday. In the absence of (Dr.) Bick, president, it was decided to have a debate in the town hall on June 6 at 8 o'clock. Subject: "Shall the franchise be extended to women?" The pros and cons will be discussed by prominent speakers.

The Mount Brydges public school picnic will be held next Saturday on Lowthian flats. Mr. Stephenson, our popular young teacher, has received a good subscription list for prizes, which will be competed for by the scholars. Races and games of all kinds will be the order of the day.

AN ILLINOIS SENSATION.

A Lady of Union County Recovers Her Health in a Marvelous Manner.

Anna, Ill., June 17.—A very interesting case of recovery from a complicated form of kidney trouble has taken place here, and the details are gradually being made public. The sufferer was Miss M. T. Loomis, who for a long time has been a victim to severe pains in all parts of the body. She consulted a number of doctors, and was treated for a great variety of cases, the diagnosis all proving faulty. At length she determined to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, having read and heard much of their efficacy, and found her expectations justified in a complete cure.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

There has been no loss of life among the missionaries in the province of Seling.

The Czar has conferred on "President Faure of France the Grand Collar of the Order of St. Andrew."

John D. Purcell, of Montreal, has been appointed Judge of the Circuit Court. Vice-Judge Dennis resigned.

Mr. Justice Street, was at the Brunswick Hotel, New York on Friday with his son en route for England.

Six men were killed and 18 injured by a boiler explosion at the Warrenton iron works, at Redcar, York County, Eng., on Friday.

Miss Minnie L. Poole, a Brantford school teacher, is suing Mr. Blackwell Doran, of Brantford township, for breach of promise of marriage—damages \$2,000.

The tug Warren and two mud scoops from Buffalo, were seized Friday, by Dominion officers, for dumping dredging in Niagara river in front of Fort Erie.

Mrs. Nelson Byers, aged 56 years, wife of a well-known lumberman, and her grandson, Nelson Allen, aged 4 years, the latter of Buffalo, were killed Saturday in an accident on the Williamsport, Pa., passenger railway.

Senator George W. Ketcham, of Essex county, N. J., has begun proceedings against the New York World, for alleged libel claiming \$50,000 damages. Mr. Ketcham is secretary and treasurer of the Tin Plate Trust, he was charged by the World with perjury.

Canadian exports during May amounted to \$88,932. Exports in May last year were \$7,863,960, an increase of over a million dollars. Imports in May were \$9,439,957, and increase of \$278,790 compared with May 1894. The duty collected last month was \$1,522,973, an increase of \$137,359, compared with 1894.

SAD SURPRISE.

After a Week's Absence a Husband Returns to Find His Wife a Corpse.

Bowmanville, Ont., June 16.—A sudden death occurred here some time yesterday. Mr. Digory Hayne, who had been away for the week returned home, and finding his house locked up, got in through a window and found his wife lying dead on a lounge. A doctor was summoned, who said she had evidently been dead some hours. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause. Deceased was down town Friday afternoon. She was about 60 years of age.

POISONED BY A CAT SCRATCH.

New York, June 16.—Jennie Roberts, a three-year-old girl living at 530 Central avenue, Kearny, N. J., will probably die from blood poisoning caused by a scratch inflicted by a pet cat. The child was playing in the yard about three weeks ago, when the big yellow cat which belonged to neighbors named Sulzman paid its usual daily visit to play with the child. She picked it up as usual and then put it down. The cat raised its paw and brought it down on the child's leg, making a long, deep scratch. The child ran into the house, where her mother administered some remedies. A fever followed, and three days later blood poisoning set in. Dr. Reid attended the little one, but she grew worse, and her death has been expected. She has lost all power in her lower limbs and cannot move. She suffers from chills and convulsions, and has fallen away almost to a skeleton.

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