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25 to 30	40c	65c	98c	1.30
30 to 35	45c	70c	$1.05	1.40
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40 to 45	55c	1.00	1.50	2.00

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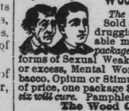
Wilkins—Made ten?

Bilkins—Yes; she's the one and I'm the cipher.



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The low iron-studded door was locked, but the key had not been removed from the outside.

On Esmond's entrance, Essie—a mere shadow of her former self—flew to him and threw her arms round his neck in a transport of almost delirious joy. He held her in his arms, and endeavored to soothe her into quietude, telling her how much depended now on her discretion and strength of mind.

'My dearest girl—my poor love! How you must have suffered!' said John, releasing, as he scrutinized her by the flickering candle light, the full extent of the change that darkness and solitude had wrought in his darling.

'I have forgotten it, John, in the joy of having you near me,' she cried, laying her head against his arm and looking into the brave handsome face bending over her. 'I have forgotten the darkness in the brightness of the coming dawn!'

'Come, dearest, my light will not last much longer; we must make the best of our way out of this vile hole! Now, remember, don't for a moment lose your presence of mind; I will pledge myself to get you safely away if you only trust yourself implicitly to me!'

'Oh, John—I will trust you, dear; but—but I am afraid!' said the girl, trembling, in spite of herself. 'How terrible is the storm—I never remember such a one for years!'

'We must go singly,' said Esmond. 'I will go a step or two in advance, and carry the light—come!'

When they had reached the wine-cellar, they were astonished to hear Mr. Grimwade's voice raised to a perfect shriek.

'John, what in Heaven's name is the matter with him? Is he mad?' cried Esther, her eyes distended with fear.

'He seems rather like it,' returned Esmond, snuffing out the last fragment of the candle and drawing Essie out of the cellar into the hall. 'Listen! What is he saying?'

'I heard him utter the name of 'Richard Prothero,' I think,' answered the girl, in a low whisper. 'He seems to be wandering.'

'He's hors de combat, at any rate,' said Esmond; 'and I'm a match in most circumstances for Besant. I don't understand the hold that fellow has on your uncle. If you can screw up your courage, my darling, we'll just steal up the stairs and see what's going on.'

Esther nodded and followed him noiselessly up the stairs to the square hall above, which was in shadow. Esmond drew the trembling girl into the darkest corner, from which they could see and hear all that passed in the laboratory.

A fire was lighted summer and winter on the broad hearth, for Mr. Grimwade felt the chill of evening. The flames leaped up the chimney, the cheerful blaze flooding the room with a ruddy glow. One lamp burned on a table near the windows the shutters of which were still unclosed. On one side of the fireplace, with his back to the door, sat Besant smoking moodily. On the other, his attenuated hands clasping the arms of the oaken elbow-chair in which he sat, was Mr. Grimwade, his eyes bloodshot and wild, his face lividly pale, and his whole aspect so terribly suggestive of mania that Essie with difficulty repressed a cry of consternation.

'Robert, Robert,' the old man murmured, 'he'll not be here yet! No, no—it's a good six miles! How high the sun is yet! It dazzles my eyes; Here cut this one; it is the heaviest. Now, now, don't you hear him? Keep close, man; don't be nervous, or the game's up!' A low exclamation broke from Grimwade's lips. 'It's no use, Robert; I couldn't help it! The mare's off! The bridle slipped from my hand. Never mind; unfasten his belt! Ah, the notes! Yes, yes—I'll take them! How dirty they are! He must have kept them a lifetime! Ten thousand pounds! Ten thousand pounds! Ah, how he stares upwards at the sky! Cover his eyes, Robert, or the sight of them will drive me mad!

'Hold your place you fool!' said Besant, wiping the moisture from his brow. 'Do you want to enlighten the world with your senile ravings?'

'See, Robert—see; you're leaving the pocket-flask—solid silver! The initials 'R. P.' can easily be effaced. Yes, yes, and his handkerchief—'twil look like a footpad's work.' What a strange pattern and look—there is a stain on the gay border! What is it? Something dark; my hands are dyed the same color!'

'I'll give you something to quiet you in a few minutes if you don't stop your chatter!' responded Besant, with a dangerous gleam in his eyes.

'Ah, Robert, there he is, standing over there by the drug-chest! His face is terrible, dreadful! There, there, we'll go shares; we'll not quarrel, Robert my boy! Half and half—five thousand each! What could be fairer? Ah, I feel his cold hands about my throat! He is killing me! I—I——'

The old man's quivering voice broke into an unearthly shriek of terror, and, starting to his feet, he rushed to the window, uttering yell after yell.

Esmond turned the half-fainting girl and bade her run and take shelter in Martha's room until he came for her. At the last instant Besant, who had watched the old man's frenzy with livid apprehension on his evil face, strode forward to close the window, when Grimwade, with foaming lips and eyes wild with madness, shouted—

'Keep back! Don't touch me, murderer! I will call the world to witness that it was you who struck the first blow!'

A maniac's laugh broke from him, followed by shrieks that woke the echoes; and Besant, who had been roused to fury by fear that the old man's damning words might be heard, muttered, with a fierce imprecation—

'Dead men tell no tales!'

Before Esmond realised his intention he had drawn his hand suddenly from behind his back, the report of a pistol rang out in the room, and Isaac Grimwade, with an agonized cry, fell back—dead!

Besant turned his head stiffly towards the door, the pistol still in his hand. His startled glance fell upon the silent witness on the threshold. Esmond stood for one instant paralysed by the terrible sight, but his indecision was only momentary. He darted forward and closed with the murderer in a deadly struggle.

The revolver was dashed from Besant's hand and lay upon the floor at some distance from the two men. Essie, whose presence of mind returned to her when she saw Esmond's danger, rushed forward, seized the weapon and, throwing open the window, discharged the contents of the remaining barrels into the air.

The struggle between the men was for life or death. Besant's evil eyes fell upon Essie with a glance of malice that made her sick at heart. Esmond freed his left arm with a mighty effort, and, with one desperate blow, stunned his opponent. Besant's grasp relaxed; he swayed and fell heavily to the ground, where he lay, almost as inanimate as his victim.

(To be continued.)

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OVER THE WIRES

Paragraphs Cut Down for Advocate Readers.

Russia is showing Her Hand.

Wedding of Captain Lascelles and Lady Beauclerc.

It is understood that Secretary Hay will retire from the United States navy department.

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Essington, the principal town of northern British Columbia was destroyed by fire on the 15th.

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Members of women's clubs are planning the education of "Europe and the world" at the Paris Exposition, which they propose invading on a grand scale. The exhibit of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will be entirely educational in aim and will probably be in charge of the Director of Education, instead of in the Women's Building. It is determined "to show Europe and the world what American women's clubs really are, what objects they are working for and their importance as a national institution.

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The most important feature of the Parliament session was the Queen's prorogation speech for it contains the assertion that the Transvaal is already part of her Empire. The phraseology passed almost unnoticed, but the sentence, "I trust that divine blessing will rest on the efforts to restore peace and government to that portion of my Empire," cannot be taken to mean anything but that Great Britain regards the Transvaal as already reverted to her direct sovereignity. Another interesting point of the speech was that the war was referred to as "Military operations.'

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Russia is now showing her hand without reserve on the continent. Liatung peninsular, which Japan was forced to cede to China, is now Russian territory. Its government is administered by the commandant of the Russian naval and military forces under order of the minister of the treasury at St. Petersburg. Port Arthur is the seat of goverment. A Russian diplomatic agent and a financial commissioner are appointed and judicial procedure of the reign of Alexander II. is enforced throughout the whole territory.

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Just before the adjournment of the International Congress recently, former Senator Anderson, of Pittsburg, Pa., offered the following resolution, which was referred to the appropriate committee without debate:

"Resolved, by the International Congress now assembled, that it is the consensus of judgment of its representatives that there should be placed upon record an earnest desire to secure lasting peace among nations.

"Resolved, further, that war should never be declared until diplomacy has exhausted its powers and arbitration failed in adjusting differences that may arise; also that as far as possible international courts of arbitration should be created, to which all differences among nations shall be submitted, so that peace and prosperity shall go hand in hand, that wars shall cease, or be declared only as a last resort and when all other means have failed to secure peaceful settlement."

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The London Daily Telegraph af November 4th. says: The wedding which takes place to-day between Captain Lascelles, Scots Guards, Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General of Canada, and Lady Sybil Beauclerc, is one of much interest. The bride is the sister of the Duke of St. Albans, and of Lady Louise Loder, wife of the popular member for Brighton; she is also the granddaughter on her mother's side of the Lieut. General the Hon. Chas. Grey, who was private secetary to the Prince Consort and afterwards the Queen. Her Majesty has always shown her respect for the faithful friend and servant's memory by interest in his children and grandchildren. With the Prince of Wales she was sponsor for the present Duke of St. Albans. The Duchess of Albans, her stepmother, was one of two Miss Osbornes, who were co-heiresses of Mr. Bernal Osborne, from whom the Duchess inherited the beautiful place Newtown Anner, county Tipperary, which will pass to her eldest son. Lord Osborn Beauclerc, who is in the 17th Lancers, is stepbrother to the bride. Her stepsisters are Lady Mayra Cavendish, Lady Katherine Somerset, and Lady Alexandra Beauclerc, who is unmarried. Captain Lascelles, the bridegroom of to-day, is the elder of the two sons of the Right Hon. Sir Frank Lascelles, P. C., G. C. M. G., the British ambassador in Berlin. His wife, Lady Lascelles, died, to the extreme regret of a very wide circle of friends, early in Diamond Jubilee year. Two of his sisters were Maids of Honour to the Queen. One, who retired from that position on her marriage with the late Lord Edward Cavendish, is now the Lady of the Bedchamber to Princess Christian, while the youngest sister is the wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Countess of Minto, who is on a visit home from Canada, will be present at her niece's wedding.

LONDON

Queen likes 'Patience,' So Does the Princess.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—'Mainly About People' is responsible for a story to the effect that the Queen has given up her favorite game, whist, and is now an ardent devotee of 'Patience.'

It is said, too, that Her Majesty's example has been followed by the Princess of Wales to such an extent that ladies in waiting have nothing to do but stand and watch the fortunes of their royal mistress on the 'Patience' board.

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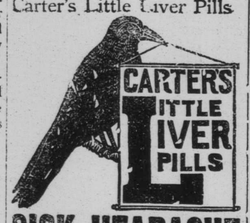

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British Surprise the Boers Near Estcourt.

LONDON Nov. 22. 5 A. M.—The announcement from Durban that communications with Estcourt is interrupted seems to confirm the belief that the Boer command has established itself at Willow Grange or near Mooi river and has cut telegraph wires. It is certain that the work of disembaration is being hurried through. But the preparations for advance to the relief of Ladysmith and Kimberly are not nearly completed.

General Methuen's baggage has arrived at Deaar addressed to Lord Methuen, Pretoria via Cape Town. Colonel Royston's despatch from Ladysmith finally dispels all doubt of another great British victory there on Wednesday. It says that the Boers sent harmless shells into the town but no damage was done. The British did not return the fire. The German farmers in Greytown district have rejected the Boer ultimatum which was to swear allegiance or leave their farms. They have defied the Boers to oust them from their homesteads. The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Pietermaritzburg:—An official communication from Ladysmith dated Nov 18th. says that the garrison is maintaining its position. A Boer force is reported to be in the rear of Boston, which is about a day's ride from here.

DURBAN Nov. 21—The following advices have been received from the volunteers at Ladysmith dated November 16th.:—All the volunteers and police are well and there is a sufficient supply for man and horse. All was quiet here yesterday. The bombardment of the town is considered a trifling matter just now. We are anxious for news from the south.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—The correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt in Rome learns on good authority in Vatican circles that an influantial group tried to influence the Pope against the British policy in South Africa. The Herald's European edition makes this announcement and adds: "The Pope declined to follow their counsels, England had never given the church any ground for complaint, and because an anti-British policy would check the movement in favor of good relations with the Vatican and affect a number of conversions to Catholicism.

CAPE TOWN,—Nov. 19.—A native runner from Herschel, Cape Colony, reports that the Boers left the Cape at Aliwal North on temporary charge of native followers, who bolted, taking with them a number of horses and rifles.

A Queenstown, Cape Colony, dispatch, dated Friday, Nov. 17, says communication is constantly interrupted by Boer incursions, but is restored as soon as interrupted.

LONDON, Nov, 23—Although it is evident that the situation in Natal is again becoming alarming, nothing can be ascertained to allay public anxiety or curiosity.

The war office despatches are continuing to state mere results of a few casualties. Mooi river was the scene of an engagement but no particulars are given. Special correspondents are only permitted to describe battle at Mooi river vaguely. One correspondent says that seven thousand Boers are within twenty five miles of Howick Falls near Pietermaritzburg and the inhabitants are fleeing to the capital.

It is evident that a considerable force of the enemy is now within thirty or forty miles of Pietermaritzburg, but it is officially announced that no anxiety prevails. Garrison numbers one thousand men. General Joubert's plan is apparently a daring attempt to defeat the British relief column from Durban. General White is still defending Ladysmith. It is reported that General Hilyard sent a messenger to General White asking for assistance. Some uneasiness is felt, but it is argued that if General Hilyard's force had not been strong enough to hold out, he would have been ordered to retire to Pietermaritzburg some time ago. Very little credence is given to the story.

PRETORIA, Nov. 22.—In his latest report, General Jaubert says:—I am cutting off the retreat of the Estcourt troops to Pietermaritzburg and driving them back to Tursella river.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The Daily Mail says this morning:—"We are able to confirm the report that orders have been issued to mobilize the sixth division at Aldershot for service in South Africa. The Daily Mail publishes a despatch from South Africa dated Wednesday which says that a large force under General Methuen has crossed the Orange river and is advancing to the relief of Kimberly. A despatch to the Daily News from Nottingham, Natal dated Tuesday, says that the Boers have arrived near there.

DURBAN, Nov. 22.—A despatch from Mooi River says the telegraph line was cut Tuesday evening near the station. The despatch adds that the railroad station is in the possession of a large Boer force, encamped near Mitcheson's cutting. A train bound to Estcourt returned. It only got a mile and a half northward of the Highlands station. The Natal Stud Company's farm has been raided and 300 blooded horses, valued at $75,000, have been captured.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—There has apparently been no communication with Estcourt, Natal, since noon Tuesday and the Boers now control the railroad thence the Mooi river. Consequently momentous developments may be expected at any time. The Boers are swarming southward. Large bodies of them are around Estcourt, and parties of Boers appear even to be threatening Pietermaritzburg.

LONDON, Nov. 24. 5. a. m.—A despatch from General Metheun indicates that he is fighting his way to relieve Kimberly. On Thursday at Belmont he met and defeated the Boers. This despatch is:—"Attacked enemy at Belmont at day brake this morning. The enemy held a strong position. Three ridges were carried in last attack. The infantry behaved splendidly and received lots of support from the naval brigade and artillery. Our victory is complete. We have taken forty Boers prisoners and have buried a great number of their dead.

The report indicates a heavy list of casualties among the officers of the grenadiere and Coldstream Guards. Brig. General Fetherstone was severely wounded in the shoulder and Col. Crabbe of the grenadier guards is seriously wounded. An unfinished despatch from the Orange River indicates a big battle in progress there.

A despatch from Kimberly shows that the place is yet safe and apparently it was never seriously menaced. It is now perfectly safe.

It is estimated that the British forces in South Africa amount to fifty four thousand men.

CAPE TOWN Nov. 23—The military authorities have given permission to the Canadian contingent on arrival to march through the city which will be beautifully decorated and the day will be observed as a public holiday.

LONDON Nov. 22.—The Daily Chronicle says, we learn on good authority that the cabinet has decided on a basis of settlement in the South African difficulty. The details are not settled yet but it is believed that the terms of settlement are that South Africa be united to Great Britain and modeled after the plans of Canada. It is certain that the British government will accept no terms short of the occupation of Pretoria and Bloemfontein.

MOOI RIVER, Nov. 23, 10 a. m.—The Boer guns began to shell the camp at 5 a. m. The British artillery is in position on high ground to the east, west and north of the station. The artillery duel was continued until eight, when it ceased for an hour. The Boers commenced at nine and dropped three shells into the camp. They are still firing at intervals, with no damage, although their aim is good. A patrol of Thorneycroft's horse has returned from the direction of Rosetta and reports all quiet there.

LONDON Nov. 24.—Meagre advices show that the victory at Belmont was decided and complete for the British arms. The strict censorship, however, prevents a definite account being obtained, but it is believed that over five hundred Boers were killed and wounded.

The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Belmont.—The Boers held a position which the British troops would have held a ainst almost any force. The British victory is complete. My estimate of the Boers losses is five hundred in killed and one hundred and fifty wounded. The position at Mafeking is regarded with anxiety, in view of the impossibility of Lord Methuen being able to relieve the town for some time to come. General Buller's destination is kept a strict secret at Cape Town.

DURBAN, Nov. 24. The Natal Advertiser confirms the report of fighting near Willow Grange and says the British after leaving Estcourt on Wednesday afternoon for reconnaissance, surprised the Boers. At 3 o'clock Thursday morning the British occupied the Boer position. At day break, the Boers opened fire with quick fires. The British artillery were unable to reach the Boers, so evacuated the position. Afterwards the artillery was brought into action and the Boers fell back. The British having accomplished their object returned to Escourt.

LONDON, Nov. 24,—A despatch to the Times gives the British casualties in Willew Grange affair as three killed, and forty-four wounded.

MOOI RIVER, Nov. 23.—The Boers have sent only an occasional shell into the British camp since this morning. The range of the British guns is not sufficient for them to be effective.

An official native runner corroborates the report that heavy firing has occurred northward. The runner, who is from Estcourt, says he was captured by the Boers, who infest the heights northward. He adds that they searched him, but failed to discover the despatches, The Boers are in strong forces under the cover of a hill on which are two guns. When the British opened fire the runner escaped in the subsequent confusion. The same runner was at Ladysmith last week. He reiterates that heavy fighting occurred there. The Boers, he claims, made several attempts to capture the British camp, but were repulsed with heavy loss. The native explained the failure of the assault by saying that every time the Boers approached, the British set the whole country ablaze, killing everyone within reach.

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