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The Strange Metamorphosis.

Paul felt, as he clutched his writing materials, much as a shipwrecked mariner might be expected to do at finding in his desolate island a good-sized flag and a case of rockets. His hopes revived once more; he forgot the quarrels left by the knots in the handkerchiefs; he had a whole hour before him—it was possible to set several wires in motion for his release in an hour.

Yes, he must write several letters. First, one of his solicitors, detailing, as calmly and concisely as his feelings would allow, the shameful way in which he had been treated and imploring him to take measures of some sort for getting him out of his false and awkward position; one to his head clerk, to press upon him the necessity of prudent and caution in dealing with the impostor; notes to Bangie and Fishwick putting them off;—they should not be outraged by an introduction to a vulgar pantomime clown under his roof, and, lastly (this was an outburst he could not deny himself), a solemn, impressive appeal to the common humanity, if not to the ordinary filial instincts, of his undutiful son.

His fingers tingled to begin. Sentences of burning indignation crowded confusedly into his head—he would write such letters as would carry instant conviction to the most practical and matter-of-fact minds. The pathos and dignity of his remonstrances should melt even Dick's selfish, callous heart.

Perhaps he overrated the power of his pen—perhaps it would have required more than mere ink to persuade his friends to disbelieve their own senses, and see a poorly citizen of nearly 60 packed into the skin of a young archer of 20. But, at all events, no one's faith was put to so hard a test—those letters were never written.

"Don't begin to write yet, any of you," said the doctor; "I have a few words to say to you first. In most cases, and as a general rule, I think it wisest to let every boy commit to paper whatever his feelings may dictate to him. I wish to claim no censorship over the style and diction of your letters. But there have been so many complaints lately from the parents of some of the fess advanced of you, that I find myself obliged to make a change. Your father particularly, Richard Bultitude," he addressed, turning suddenly upon the unlucky Paul, "has complained bitterly of this slovenly tone and phrasing of your correspondence; he said, very justly, that you would disgrace a stable-boy, and, unless I could induce you to improve them, he begged that he might not be annoyed by them in future."

It was by no means the least galling part of Mr. Bultitude's trials, that former forgotten words and deeds of his in his original condition were constantly turning up at critical seasons, and plunging him deeper into the morass just when he saw some prospect of gaining firm ground.

So now, he did remember that, being in a more than usually bad temper one day last year, he had, on receiving a sprawling, ill-spelt application from Dick for more pocket-money, to buy fireworks for the 5th of November, written to make such complaint to the schoolmaster. He waited anxiously for the doctor's next words; he might want to read the letters before they were sent off, in which case Paul would not be at all surprised, for it would be an easier and less dangerous way of putting the doctor in possession of the facts.

But his complaints were to be honored by a much more effectual remedy, for it naturally piqued the doctor to be told that boys instructed under his auspices wrote like stable-boys. "However," he went on, "I wish your people at home to be assured from time to time of your welfare, and, to prevent them from being shocked and distressed in future by the crudity of your communications, I have drawn up a short form of letter for the use of the lower boys in the second form—which I shall now proceed to dictate. Of course, all boys in the first form, and all in the second above Bultitude and Jolland, will write as they please, as usual. Richard, I expect you to take particular pains to write out this really. Are you all ready? Very well, then."

"Now," and he read out the following letter slowly:—"My dear Parents (or parent, according to circumstances) comma" (all of which several took down most industriously)—"You will be rejoiced to hear that, having arrived with safety at our destination, we have by this time fully resumed our customary regular round of earnest work, relieved and sweetened by hearty play. Have you all got hearty play down?" Inquired the doctor, rather suspiciously, while Jolland observed in an undertone that it would take some time to get that down. "I hope, I trust I may say without undue conceit, to have made considerable progress in my school tasks before I rejoin the family

circle for the Easter vacation, as I think you will admit when I inform you of the programme we intend" ("D. V. in brackets and capital letters"—as before, this was taken down verbatim by Jolland, who probably knew very much better, "intend to work out during the term."

"In Latin, the class of which I am a member propose to thoroughly master the first book of Virgil's magnificent Epic; need I say I refer to the soul-moving story of the Pious Aeneas?" (Jolland was understood by his near neighbor to remark that he thought the explanation distinctly advisable, "while in Greek we have already commenced the thrilling account of the 'Anabasis' of Xenophon, that master of strategy! nor shall we, of course, neglect in either branch of study the syntax and construction of those two noble languages"—"noble languages," echoed the writers, mechanically, contriving to insinuate a touch of irony into the words.)

"In German, under the able tutelage of Herr Stoh-vasser, who, as I may possibly have mentioned to you in casual conversation, is a graduate of the university of Heidelberg" ("and a silly old huss," added Jolland, parenthetically, "we have resigned ourselves to the spell of the Teutonian Shakespeare" (there was much difference of opinion as to the manner of spelling the "Teutonian Shakespeare"), "in my opinion, Schiller may be not unaptly termed; and our French studies comprise such exercises, and short poems and tales, as are best calculated to afford an insight into the intricacies of the Gallic tongue."

"But I would not have you imagine, my dear parents (or parent, as before), that, because the claims of the intellect have been thus amply provided for, the requirements of the body are necessarily overlooked."

"I have no intention of becoming a mere bookworm, and, on the contrary, we have had one excessively brisk and pleasant game of football already this season, and should, but for the unfortunate inclemency of the weather, have engaged again this afternoon in the mimic warfare."

"In the playground our favorite diversion is the game of 'chess,' so called from that engagement famed in ballad and history (I allude to the battle of Chevy Chase), and, indeed, my dear parents, in the rapid alternations of its fortunes and the diversity of its incidents, the game (to my mind) bears a striking resemblance to the accounts of that ever-memorable contest."

"I fear I must now relinquish my pen, as the time allotted for correspondence is fast waning to its close, and tea-time is approaching. Pray give my kindest remembrance to all my numerous friends and relatives, and accept my fondest love and affection for yourselves, and the various other members of the family circle."

(To be Continued.)

THE ENEMY STAGGERED!

By Their Disastrous Defeat at Elands-laagte.

No Cause for Anxiety Regarding the Attack on Dundee.

BOERS STAGGERED.

Cape Town, Oct. 24.—Afternoon news has been received from Dundee to the effect that the Boer disaster at Elands-laagte staggered the Boers completely, rendering the attack upon Dundee feeble. Therefore, there is no cause for anxiety.

BRILLIANT AND COMPLETE.

The London Daily Mail publishes the following description of the battle of Elands-laagte from its special correspondent, filed at Ladysmith: "The battle was a brilliant, complete success. The Boers numbered from 1,200 to 2,000 and probably had about 100 killed and 150 wounded. The Gordon Highlanders, in their attack, advanced in splendid order. They were immediately saluted by a heavy fire, which told from the first. Their major fell with a bullet in his leg, but as he lay where he fell, he lit a pipe and smoked placidly, while the advance continued. As men after man dropped, supporters were rushing into the firing line, our men darting from cover to cover, splendidly led and always advancing. Yet, as ridge after ridge was won, the Highlanders still found a new ridge rising them, and thus they fought their way until the final ridge was reached, with

EVERY OFFICER DOWN.

Then, advancing every available man

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into the firing line. Manchester, Devonshire and Light Horse, all massed, with bugles chanting the battle a confused surge, our men swept, yelling, forward, and the position was won. Meanwhile, squadrons of lancers and dragons lapped round the Boer left flank, catching the enemy as they retired in disorder, going and stamping them to pieces. And the commando was sent.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT

Volunteers Offering Themselves From All Quarters.

Toronto's Quota Complete—Lively Scenes at Niagara—Sir Charles Elphinstone Insurance on the Men to the Amount of \$1,000,000.

Toronto, Oct. 21.—Recruiting began again yesterday with renewed activity, when it was announced that more Toronto men would be needed to fill up units elsewhere. Up to noon 49 additional men had been sent in for medical examination, and most of them passed and will be mustered in.

ENTHUSIASM AT NIAGARA FALLS

There was a thrilling scene yesterday at Niagara, Ont., when W. R. Rogers, D. G. Prestor and F. Stephens, three young men who will be attached to the Toronto company of the South African contingent, left for the Queen City. The streets were thronged with citizens and visitors, who gathered to give the volunteers a send-off, and a procession headed by the bugle band escorted them to the station. Mayor Slater made a neat address, and the young men were greeted with rousing cheers, in which a number of American soldiers, as well as members of the local military corps, took part. The Stars and Stripes as well as the Union Jack floated everywhere, and altogether the affair had an international character.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S GIFT.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 24.—The Ocean Accident Insurance Corporation of London, England, yesterday issued the following:

"Montreal, Que., Oct. 23, 1899.—The officers and men of the Canadian contingent for the Transvaal—as a result of negotiations, for some time pending with the company, we have this day concluded an arrangement with Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., whereby he effects insurance to a limit of one million dollars upon the men of all ranks in the Canadian contingent going to Africa. Each officer and each man, or to their heirs, the sum of one thousand dollars is to be paid by this company in case of loss of life. In proof of death while engaged with the enemy in Africa, or death within thirty days of engagement, or for loss of both feet, or both hands, or both eyes, in case of loss of one hand or one foot, or one eye, five hundred dollars will be paid. It is desired, as far as practicable before embarkation, that the names and home addresses of the officers and men be forwarded to the office of this company, 185 St. James street, Montreal, by letter or wire, that they may be recorded in the company's books.—(Signed)—The company's President and Guarantee Company, Limited."

MILITIA ORDERS.

Militia orders, issued last night, provide:

1. District officers commanding will retain the attestation papers of the company raised in their district. They will also prepare, in duplicate, at an early date, a list giving name, corps and postoffice address of the men enrolled in their district. One of these lists will be kept by the district officer as an index to the attestation papers and the other forwarded to headquarters.

2. Officers traveling on duty connected with the Canadian contingent on board will send in their traveling expense claims, without fail, before embarkation.

3. The grant of \$125 to officers towards defraying expenses of their outfit, and the advance of pay to the amount of \$80 will be paid at Quebec by the officer commanding the force.

4. N.C. officers and men of the permanent force will be allowed to count their service in the special service force as a portion of the period for which they have enlisted in the permanent force.

5. Volunteers from the permanent force accepted for enrollment in the special service force will proceed to Quebec with the company of the special service force enrolled in the district to which they belong.

With reference to militia order 217 (1), of the 23rd inst. the left half of A company will arrive at Quebec at 7 a.m. on the 27th, and the right half at 7 a.m. on the 28th, and not at Levis, as indicated in the last two parts of the order.

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Rousing Send-Off for the Transvaal Volunteers.

All Military Organizations in the City to Take Part.

Veterans of '68 and '65 Will Be in Line—Business Will Be Suspended.

Presentation of the City's Gifts to Officers and Men to Take Place in Victoria Park.

Tomorrow all London will turn out to do honor to the gallant boys from the London district, who, at 2:10 o'clock in the afternoon start on their long journey to South Africa, to join hands with their brothers from all the lands washed by the Seven Seas in upholding the honor and the glory of the British Empire.

The departure of the troops tomorrow is the paramount thought in the minds of the citizens of London today. There are sad, fearful hearts in many homes from which loved sons are going to the war proudly and joyfully. But there is, too, a new note of pride noticeable in men's conversation—strength and grandeur of the empire, of which this war appears to have greatly tightened the bands.

Mayor Wilson has proclaimed Wednesday afternoon a holiday, and the boys of B Company will be given a Godspeed by the citizens of London that will ring in their ears and warm their hearts till it is effaced by the joy of welcome home again upon their return.

Every military organization in the city will take part in tomorrow's demonstration. They will assemble at the drill shed at 12:45. An escort of honor will be sent to the barracks to accompany B Company of the Canadian contingent to Victoria Park, where all will assemble at 1:30 o'clock. The ceremony, consisting of speeches and presentations, will necessarily be brief, as B Company is due to leave the Grand Trunk station by special train, at 2:10 o'clock. The train will consist of a baggage and three passenger coaches, and will be profusely decorated with bunting and flags. Mottos painted in red and blue on white cotton will extend almost the entire length of the car. "The mottos approved by Col. Holmes are: 'From London to South Africa,' 'B Company, Transvaal contingent,' and 'Number One Military District.' One of each will be placed on each side of the train. The decorating of the train is in the hands of Ald. Wilkey, Capt. Frank Reid and Capt. Walter Smith.

Lieut.-Col. Gartshore has notified the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the First Hussars, who can make it convenient to parade in drill order at the drill shed for the purpose of assisting in the "send off" of the South Africa contingent at 12:45 Wednesday.

Among those who will form the escort for the South African contingent tomorrow will be the Veterans of 1866 and the Veterans of 1885. There are quite a number of the former who are still able and ready to fall in line when the occasion demands, and of the Northwest Veterans, there will probably be 50 or 60 turn out.

SOUVENIRS FROM THE CITY.

The civic committee appointed to secure suitable gifts for the members of the London company met yesterday and decided to present each man with a combination hunting knife and briar root pipe. The practical worth of the knives is the main object, and the members of the committee, and they ordered them at once. They will be handsome as well as valuable souvenirs. Campaign wrist watches for the officers have been ordered also.

The following men from Wolseley Barracks have been told off by Col. Buchanan for service in South Africa: Quartermaster-Sergeant Galloway, Sergeant Bethune, Lance-Corporal Merrick and Privates Mox, Mullins, Shaw and Stevenson. Only seven were chosen, although seventeen volunteered. Quartermaster-Sergeant Galloway is the only married man from the barracks on the contingent.

Sergeants George Macbeth, George Sippl, P. Bowden (of Windsor), and Capt. Gorman (Sarnia) have been appointed provisional non-commissioned

officers of the company, all having the rank of sergeant. Col. Young, of the R. C. L., Toronto, has been appointed color-sergeant of the company.

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