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

BY L. G. MOBERLY.

CHAPTER I.

"I am afraid you will not find the will as straightforward as one could have wished. There are some strange provisions and quite unlooked-for complications."

Mr. Bray, the family solicitor of the late Mr. Godfrey Haines, the richest man in Sinsley, looked gravely across the table at the only other occupant of the room. "Complications? Provisions? What do you mean?" The second voice was abrupt, impetuous, and there was a note of surprise in it. "Surely my godfather has not gone back on his promise?"

"Not exactly, and yet—possibly you will say that he has done so. The deliberation of the lawyer's words made the young man sitting opposite to him fidget irritably. "I assure you, Mr. Dayrell, I was quite as much surprised as you can possibly be when I saw your godfather's latest will."

"Surely you drew it up?" Impatience was now the chief sound in the young man's voice. "Surely he gave instructions to you about it?"

"Unfortunately not. Had he done so, I should most certainly have mentioned with him for inserting a clause which, when—when—virtually alters the meaning of the whole document."

Alan Dayrell stirred yet more uneasily in his chair. He was a tall, good-looking young fellow of perhaps twenty-two or twenty-four years, with a pleasant, debonair expression, blue eyes of peculiar brightness and keenness, and a clean-shaven face which allowed one to see the well-cut mouth and strong chin. Alan Dayrell might be and was still a very young man, but he had that in his face which presaged that he would carve out a name for himself upon the tablets of fame. The marks of a strong character were written large upon him for all men to read.

He had been summoned to the lawyer's office that morning to hear the particulars of the will of his late godfather, Mr. Godfrey Haines, whose heir he was universally supposed to be; and Mr. Bray's words had a disconcerting sound in the ears of one who had been brought up to the belief that an assured and wealthy future awaited him.

"Do you mean to say that there is some flaw in the will's so-called 'allegation'?" You speak as though a disaster had happened," Dayrell spoke quickly. "Let me come to the point: tell me at once what this new will is."

Mr. Bray sat back in his chair for a moment, looking contemplatively at the young man. Perhaps he was wondering how he would receive the findings that awaited him; perhaps his rather grim lawyer's soul was sorry for what must undoubtedly come upon young Dayrell if anything of a blow; perhaps he was even admiring the handsome young face with its strong and masterful personality. Who knows? Mr. Bray's face was almost void of expression, and absolutely non-committal. His rather small grey eyes, having swept his companion from head to foot, were lowered once more to the table, and to a large sheet of parchment spread out upon it.

"I will tell you the main points first," he said at last, "and then I will read you the actual will. I may add that this will was handed to me by Mr. Haines' house-keeper on the day of the funeral. She informed me that her late master had desired that it should not be given to me till then."

"But I was at the funeral," Alan Dayrell interrupted. "Why could you not have told me then about this will? Why have you waited a week? Why?"

"I had an excellent reason," the lawyer answered mildly, raising his hand with a little soothing gesture. "When the house-keeper handed me a sealed envelope, I at once opened it. I found there a note from Mr. Haines, addressed to me. It was very short, but quite clear. It informed me that the document accompanying it was his latest will; that he wished the instructions therein contained to be carried out to the letter; and the contents of the same were not to be communicated to you until a week had elapsed after the funeral. In

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then seek out the lady, and acquaint her with them also."

"And she is bound by conditions too?" Dayrell asked curiously. "By Jove, my godfather has played us a pretty trick—quiet old man as he seemed, he must have been maturing all these elaborate plans on the very last occasion we met."

"Mr. Haines, though very quiet, had a way of—of observing and knowing things, for which people hardly gave him credit," said Mr. Bray. "I suppose you have not offended him in any way which could account for this business?"

"Not that I recollect," Dayrell began, then checked himself suddenly, and flushing darkly; "at least—not in any way which could account for this extraordinary affair. Naturally, we did not always agree on every subject."

"Naturally not," the lawyer replied suavely, but his keen glance marked the traces of embarrassment on the young man's face. "In any case, it is too late now to try and account for the strange newness of his behaviour to you. Tomorrow I must go and interview Miss Miranda Hume, and explain to her—"

"And to begin with, please explain to her that it would be impossible, quite impossible for me to accede to the terms of this preposterous will under any circumstances I could consent to such a farce as a marriage of this sort would certainly be."

"Quite so, quite so," the lawyer agreed; "but the young lady, though there are conditions attached to her receiving the money, is not so hampered as you are, Mr. Dayrell. The money, with the exception of your small legacy, is to be all hers, unless she marries any one excepting yourself within the next three years. In that case the money goes to you. If she marries you, the money is to be equally divided between you. If she does not marry in the next three years, the money remains hers."

"The will is ridiculous, simply and solely ridiculous. If the woman has a grain of sense, she will either elect to remain single, or sit tight where she is for three years, and then marry whom she pleases. In any case I'm done out of the fortune."

"Possibly the lady may be very attractive," Mr. Bray ventured to throw in.

"Possibly she may be; it makes no difference to my sentiments. I am not going to be introduced into a sordid marriage of this description. My grandfather knew I was a poor man, working in an office, and working hard to get a salary of two hundred a year. If I had been an idle beggar, he might have been justified in making a fool of me. As things are, I must go and interview Miss Miranda Hume, but make it perfectly clear to her that I have no intention of selling myself for money."

(To be continued.)

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TO STAMP OUT CHILD LABOR

The President and Officers of Pawtucket Mills Arrested for Violating Law.

PAWBUCKET, R. I. Jan. 7.—Warrants have been sworn out in the 10th district court against the Lorraine Manufacturing Co., and the Slater Cotton Co., for alleged violation of the new child labor law, which requires certificates from children under 14 years of age that no child under 14 shall be permitted to work in the mills. James R. McCall, president of the National Cotton Manufacturers' Association, is president of the Lorraine Mills. The penalty for violation of the law is a heavy fine.

The action of the factory inspector follows his announcement of a determined crusade against the practice of employing children in the mills. He declares that the practice is so prevalent that it has become a state scandal, and he is determined to make an example of some of the largest establishments.

Masonic Installation

The officers of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3 A. F. & A. M., were installed last evening by Past Grand Master Walker and are as follows:

Fred D. Miles, W. M.
John C. Edwards, I. P. M.
J. Verrier McMillan, W. T.
T. Fred Powers, J. W.
F. W. Thomson (P. M.), chaplain.
Herbert Sullivan (P. M.), treasurer.
Robert Clarke (P. M.), secretary.
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W. C. Emery, J. D.
C. C. Lemson, S. S.
J. R. Haycock, J. S.
J. King Kelley, D. of C.
F. A. L. Harrison, I. G.
Thomas Logan, Tyler.

The annual meeting of the Church of England Sunday School Teachers' Association for the diocese of St. John was held in Trinity church school room last evening. The usual reports were handed in and proved of a very encouraging nature. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Rev. E. B. Hooper, president; Thos. Tatton, Dr. J. H. Scammell, vice-presidents; A. Wetmore, secretary-treasurer; Miss Tatton, Miss Connor, Miss Walker, Mrs. Hand, Miss M. Frink, Miss W. Raymond, and Miss Starkey, executive committee.

DEATH OF MRS. W. J. KENT

Bathurst, N. B., Jan. 8.—The death of Mrs. Kent, wife of W. J. Kent, one of Bathurst's best known merchants, occurred at her home, Bathurst Village, last evening of peritonitis. Mrs. Kent had been ill for several weeks, suffering from typhoid fever. Deceased was thirty-nine years of age and was formerly Miss Christina Dutch, daughter of the late George Dutch, of Black Point, Restigouche county. She is survived by her husband and seven children—three daughters and four sons: Mrs. H. M. Kent, of Bathurst; Mrs. E. McMillan, of New Mills; Mrs. James Fleming, of Moncton; and Mrs. Johnson, of St. John, are sisters, and Robert Dutch, merchant, of Black Point, a brother of deceased.

Rev. R. J. Coughlan, of Johnville, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Coughlan, Esplanade street, for a few days.

St. George's Society Meeting

The annual meeting of St. George's Society took place last evening in the society's rooms, Orange hall. A good attendance was registered. Reports for the past year were submitted and showed the society to be on a sound basis. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Lieut.-Colonel E. T. Sturdee; first vice-president, Dr. G. A. B. Addy; second vice-president, Alfred Porter; chaplain, Rt. Rev. J. A. Richardson, D. D.; treasurer, F. E. Hanington; secretary, H. R. Sturdee; assistant secretary, W. H. Lockhart; marshals, B. B. Armstrong, Harold Perley; standard bearers, Ernest Law, G. H. Harrison, Jr., R. Carlos.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the celebration of St. George's day, in April. A number of members were elected and several nominations made.

Daily Fashion Hints for Times Readers.



GOWN OF SILVER GREY CREPE.

A graceful frock is shown in the accompanying drawing, the model being practical for almost any set, clinging material. Pale gray silk crepe was used for the original gown, the trimming consisting of half-inch wide velvet-ribbon exactly matching the shade of the gown. The skirt had three attached tuckled flounces, each edged with a band of the velvet.

GERMAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Annual Meeting Last Evening—Church Officers Elected for This Year.

The annual meeting of Germain street United Baptist church was held last evening in the church parlors. The pastor, Rev. W. W. McMaster, presided and a large and representative gathering of the congregation was present.

The treasurer, Donaldson Hunt, gave a very interesting financial report for the past year. The balance on hand from the beginning of 1907 being \$108.46. Some of the chief sources of revenue, outside of the regular church funds, were as follows: Weekly collections, \$338.56; weekly offerings, \$4,338.43; pew and ground rent, \$62.75.

The church clerk, T. H. Belyea, reported during the last year, as a united body as well as in the different departments of its activities, the church work was regular, systematic, and encouraging. To the great regret of the congregation, the pastor, Rev. Dr. G. O. Gates, resigned his charge to accept a call to the Westmount Baptist church, Montreal. His farewell to the church and congregation took place on Sunday evening, April 1. On August 1 Rev. W. W. McMaster, formerly of the Fourth avenue Baptist church, Ottawa, in consequence of a unanimous call from the local church, entered upon his duties as pastor. During the five months of his pastorate both he and his wife have entered heartily into their arduous duties in connection with the church work and are rapidly finding a warm place in the hearts and homes of the congregation.

The number of deaths during the year was four, viz.: Mrs. Diana Jewett, Miss Minnie Duval, Mrs. Hatfield and Walter Lewis.

The present membership is 450, of the number 101 being non-resident.

Encouraging reports were submitted as regards the poor fund, benevolent and denominational fund, collection of pew and ground rents, and from the finance committee, Sunday school, music committee, and other branches of the church. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

T. H. Belyea, church clerk.
D. Hunt, treasurer.
J. W. Vanwart, W. F. Nobles, collectors of pew and ground rents.
F. C. Fisher, treasurer of benevolent and denominational fund.
Wm. Lewis, treasurer of poor fund.
Miss Emma Colwell, treasurer of finance committee.
D. Hunt, W. C. Cross, Z. F. Hatfield, non-trustees.
S. H. Davis, W. H. Colwell, E. L. Rising, J. W. Vanwart, T. S. Simms, F. C. Fisher, W. F. Nobles, S. H. Davis, N. C. Scott, G. F. H. Burhaus, W. C. Cross, T. H. Belyea, D. Hunt, H. H. Reid, J. H. Wasson, finance committee.
W. F. Nobles, D. Hunt, W. Vanwart, J. H. Wasson, D. F. Brown, T. S. Simms, J. F. Duval, E. L. Rising, W. H. Colwell, D. Darness, S. H. Davis, F. C. Fisher, Dr. G. U. Hay, H. H. Reid, T. H. Belyea, W. C. Brown, C. R. Wasson, L. W. Simmons, ushers.
D. Hunt, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cross, Mrs. W. P. Bonnell, Miss Estabrooks, T. H. Belyea, music committee.
Mr. Hunt is chairman.
H. H. Reid, A. J. Burhaus, auditors.

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Shaped pieces of Irish crochet insertion, to form the round yoke and epaulettes, and appear on the cuffs of the short sleeves as well. Two rows of this down the front—all of these insertions are edged with a bias band of silk on either edge—forms the front trimming, makes the collar to which a handkerchief cravat is attached, and forms also the pointed belt that makes such a becoming finish to the Frenchly little blouse.

The Maritime Engineers' Association last evening appointed Wm. Barton, chief engineer of the steamer Victoria, and Alex. Wilson, president of the association, delegates to the national convention in Ottawa about January 24.

H. A. Fowell, K. C., came to the city last evening on the Boston train.