---and the Worst Is Yet to Come

THE HOLLOW OF HER HAND

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"I think, Brandon, if you were to allow me to apply alone to one of these places I could get in without much trouble."

"Good Lord!" he gasped, going very red with dismay. "What a fool I——"

"I'll try the Savoy," she said quickly, and then laughed at him. His face was the picture of distress.

"I shall come for you at eight," he said, stopping the taxi at once. "Good-bye till then."

He got out and gave directions to the chauffeur. Then he did a very strange thing. He hailed another taxi and, climbing in, starting off in the wake of the two women. From a point of vantage near the corridor leading to the "American bar," he saw Hetty sign her slips and move off toward the lift. Whereupon, seeing that she was quite out of the way, he approached the manager's office and asked for accommodations.

"Nothing left, sir."

"Not a thing?"

"Everything has been taken for weeks, sir. I'm sorry."

"Sorry, too. I had hoped you might have something left for a friend who expects to stop here—a Miss Castleton."

"Miss Castleton has just applied. We could not give her anything."

"Eh?"

"Fortunately we could let her have rooms until eight this evening. We were more than pleased to offer them to her for a few hours, although they are reserved for parties coming down from Liverpool tonight."

Booth tried the Cecil and got a most undesirable room. Calling up the Savoy on the telephone, he got her room. The maid answered. She informed him that Miss Castleton had just that instant gone out, and would not return before seven o'clock.

"I suppose she will not remove her trunks from the station until she finds a permanent place to lodge," he inquired. "Can I be of any service?"

"I think not, sir. She left no word, sir."

He hung up the receiver and straightway dashed over to the Savoy, hoping to catch her before she left the hotel. Just inside the door he came to an abrupt stop. She was at the news and ticket booth in the lobby, closely engaged in conversation with the clerk. Presently the latter took up the telephone, and after a brief conversation with someone at the other end, turned to Hetty and nodded his head. Whereupon she nodded her own adorable head and began the search for her purse. Booth edged around to an obscure spot and saw her pay for and receive something in return.

"By Jove!" he said to himself, amazed

She passed near him, without seeing him, and went out into the court. He watched her turn into the Strand.

When the night boat from Dover to Calais slipped away from her moorings that evening, Hetty Castleton and her maid were on board, with all their bags and trunks, and Brandon Booth was supposed to be completely at sea in the heart of that glittering London town.

The night was fog-laden and dripping, and the crossing promised to be unpleasant. Wrapped in a thick sea-ulster, Hetty sat huddled up in the lea of the deck-house, sick at heart and miserable. She reproached herself for the scurvy trick she was playing on him, reviled herself and yet pitied herself. After all, she was doing him a good turn in forcing him to despise her for the shameless way in which she treated his devotion, his fairness, his loyalty. He would be happier in the end for the brief spasm of pain and disgust he was to experience in this second revelation of her unworthiness.

Crouching there in the shadow, with the foghorn chortling hoarsely over the shabby trick—so it seemed to her—she stared back at the misty glow of the pier and tried to pierce the distance that lay between her and the lights o' London, so many leagues away. He was there, in the glitter and glamor of it all, but black with disappointment and wonder. Oh, it was a detestable thing she had done! Her poor heart ached for him. She could almost see the despair, the bewilderment in his honest eyes as he sat in his room, hours after the discovery of her flight, defeated, betrayed, disillusioned.

There were but few people crossing. Sailors stood by the rail, peering into the fog, but it seemed to her that no one else was afoot on board the steamer. Already the boat was beginning to show signs of the uneasy trip ahead. Many foghorns, far and near, were barking their lugubrious warnings; the choppy waves were slashing against the vessel with a steady beat; the bobbling of the ship increased as it plunged deeper into the cross-seas. But she had no thought of the ship, the channel or the perils that surrounded her. Her mind was back in London with her heart, and there was nothing ahead of her save the dread of tomorrow's sunlight.

She was a good sailor. A dozen times, perhaps, she had crossed the English Channel, in fair weather and foul, and never with discomfort. Her maid, she knew, was in for a wretched brawl with the waves, but Hetty was too wise a sailor to think of trying to comfort the unhappy creature. Misery does not always love company.

A tall man came shambling down the narrow space along the rail and stopped directly in front of her. She started in alarm as he reached out his hand to support himself against the deck-house. As he leaned forward, he laughed.

"You were thinking of me, Hetty," said the man.

For a long time she stared at him, transfixed, and then with a low moan covered her eyes with her hands.

"Is it true—is it a dream?" she sobbed.

He dropped down beside her and gathered her in his strong, eager hands

"You were thinking of me, weren't you? And reproaching yourself, and hating yourself for running away like this? I thought so. Well, you might just as well try to dodge the smartest detective in the world as to give me the slip now, darling."

"You—you spied on me?" she cried, in muffled tones. She lay very limp in his arms.

"I did," he confessed, without shame. "'Gad, when I think of what I might be doing at this moment if I hadn't found you out in time! Think of me back there in London, racing about like a madman, searching for you in every——"

"Please, please!" she implored.

"But luck was with me. You can't get away, Hetty. I shan't let you out of my sight again. I'll camp in front of your door, and you'll see me wither and die of sleeplessness, for one or the other of my eyes will always be open."

"Oh, I am so tired, so miserable," she murmured.

"Poor little sweetheart!"

"I wish you would hate me."

"Lie where you are, dearest, and—forget!"

"If I only could—forget!"

"Rest. I will hold you tight and keep you warm. We're in for a nasty crossing, but it is paradise for me. I am mad with the delight of having you here, holding you close to me, feeling you in my arms. The wilder the night the better, for I am wild with the joy of it all. I love you! I love you!" He strained her closer to him in a sort of paroxysm.

She was quiet for a long time. Then she breathed into his ear:

"You will never know how much I was longing for you, just as you are now, Brandon, and in the midst of it all you came. It is like a fairy tale, and now I shall always believe in fairies."

All about them were the sinister sounds of the fog—the hoots, the growls and groans of the lost things in the swirl of the North Sea current, creeping blindly through the guideless mist. To both of them the night had a strangely symbolic significance: whither were they drifting, and where lay the unseen port?

A huge liner from one of the German ports slipped across their bows with hoarse blasts of warning. They saw the misty glow of her lights for an instant, and even as they drew the sharp breath of fear, the night resumed its mantle and their own little vessel seemed to come to life again after the shock of alarm, and its engines throbbed the faster, just as the heart-beats quicken when reaction sets in.

[To be Continued.]

Easy Way To Remove Freckles and Eruptions

Some women have skin of such texture they occasionally are annoyed by the sudden appearance of freckles, slight eruptions or fine lines. March winds usually play havoc with skins of that kind. In such cases if one will procure an ounce of common mercolized wax at any drug store, apply a little of it before retiring, like cold cream, she can easily overcome the trouble. When the wax is washed off next morning, flaky skin particles come with it. The entire outer cuticle is removed in this way in a week or so, with all its defects. No bleach could so effectually remove freckles or blemishes. The new surface is smooth, clear, fresh-looking. No pain or inconvenience accompanies this simple treatment.

In case of wrinkles which sink beneath the outer skin, a solution of saxolite, 1 oz., dissolved in half pint witch hazel, makes a face bath which is wonderfully effective.—Advt

CONFESSES KILLING HUSBAND.

Chicago, March 13.—George Penrose, who was on trial with Mrs. Louise Van Keuren, charged with killing the woman's husband last June, received his freedom today after Mrs. Van Keuren had confessed that she shot and killed her husband. Van Keuren, she claimed, had broken down the door to her apartment and she shot without knowing who was attempting to enter the rooms. The state rested its case after the confession had been read and the court took Penrose's case from the jury and gave him his freedom.

ALL PROVINCES TO JOIN GOOD ROADS CONGRESS

An Expenditure of More Than $60,000 Involved in Present Programs.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Montreal, March 13.—Every Province in Canada will be represented at the first Canadian and International Good Roads Congress, which will be in Montreal for six days, May 18 to 23. The delegates will discuss the 1914 programs which are interesting every part of the Dominion, for bettering these thoroughfares which will involve an expenditure of more than $60,000,000.

Every Province in the Dominion has given the subject of good roads increasingly earnest consideration during the past few years and almost all appropriations for the expenditure of huge sums during 1914 have been made. Of the $60,000,000, a total of more than $33,000,000 is available for expenditures from appropriations made by the Legislatures of the various Provinces. Official figures for one or two Provinces have not been obtained, but statistics available today show the various Provinces of the Dominion rank as follows:

British Columbia	$6,000,000.00
Alberta	7,000,000.00
Saskatchewan	1,200,000.00
Manitoba	2,500,000.00
Ontario	8,500,000.00
Quebec	8,000,000.00
Nova Scotia	225,000.00
New Brunswick	100,000.00
	$33,525,000.00

The present appropriation made in Ontario is just half the specified amount, $4,500,000, so the figure stated needs explanation. This sum is on hand now, ready for building and maintenance of roads, but the Province is expected to vote a similar sum at the present session of Parliament. The work last year done under provincial supervision, cost more than $10,000,000.

TIME EXTENDED FOR FENIAN RAID BOUNTIES

Limit Now Is December 31, 1915—Boon to Nova Scotia Men.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 13.—The Minister of Militia has given notice of a bill to extend the time in which applications will be received for Fenian Raid bounty to December 31, 1915. The time had expired on the first of January last. This is an extension for two years. The bill will also provide for payment of bounty to widows of veterans who were living when the original act became law, on the first of April, 1912.

It is said that the extension of time will result in thousands of additional applications being received, especially from the Province of Nova Scotia, where the whole male population was called out for service in 1866. It is understood that many of the veterans in the Province when mustered out were not provided with arms and the impression prevailed until recently that only men who had been armed could obtain the bounty. However, just before the time for applications expired a number of men who had been out without arms were given the bounty. The result was that others sought to get their applications in and were greatly disappointed to find that they had been shut out.

As soon as the law extending the time for applications receives the royal sanction there will be thousands of Nova Scotia veterans heard from.

Pimples Are Signals of Distress

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Before the blood becomes entirely impoverished it tells man of its condition. It warns him repeatedly. These messages are conveyed by pimples, blotches, liver spots, eczema, tetter, rash, etc. If one disregards these symptoms one runs the risk of permanently diseasing the blood beyond hope of cure.

"A Face Made Radiant After Using Stuart's Calcium Wafers is a Beautiful Sight."

Don't worry and give up hope. You can secure easily, quickly, harmlessly the very hope you desire if you really wish to remove pimples, blotches, skin discolorations, blackheads, rash, tetter, etc.

No matter upon what part of the body the blemishes occur Stuart's Calcium Wafers will rosily tint your skin, give you better, purer, stronger blood, and thus rebuild your entire body, for blood is the secret of all health.

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Building and purifying the blood builds up all that women so much desire—face, skin, nerves and body tone. Thus it is that when one uses Stuart's Calcium Wafers the entire system is glad, and responds in a manner that is quickly felt and speedily seen by others.

Go to your druggist, no matter where he may be located, and obtain a box of Stuart's Calcium Wafers. Price 50 cents.

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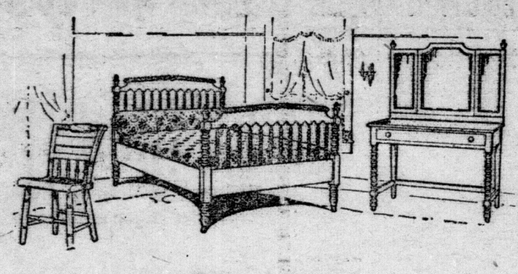
You need not be troubled about such questions if you buy Furniture such as we are showing, from makers with a name and reputation such as Berkey & Gay, Grand Rapids. Such Furniture is always in style, because the designs have become permanently established. Sheraton and Chippendale were to Furniture what the greatest composers the world ever produced were to music. Their work is classic. Other fashions in Furniture may come and go, but the patterns that were evolved by Sheraton and Chippendale will always be accepted as representing faultless style and taste.



Berkey & Gay make Sheraton and Chippendale Furniture that has all the elegance, durability, beauty and class of the original pieces produced by those masters of their art—Furniture you are assured, when you buy, that you will never have to put aside as a style that has ceased to be fashionable. We have the exclusive sale of Berkey & Gay Furniture here. We invite your inspection if you are interested in Furniture of quality.

See the Famous Kindel Davenports and Divanettes

A Handsome, Comfortable Davenport by day, a perfect bed at night, and a handy wardrobe all the time. The new Kindel combines all three of these features, at the price of an ordinary Davenport.

There's a style for every room at all prices. They are strong, durable and simple, always ready, with bedding in proper place, automatic, easy to operate and cannot get out of order. A Kindel gives you an extra room in your house, or you may do with a room less by its use, and save in house rent. Visit the Furniture Section and see the "Kindel" demonstrated. We are the sole selling agents for these in London.

Davenports. Prices ..**$25.00** to **$75.00** Divanettes .....**$28.50** to **$75.00**

See the "Kindel" Davenports and Divanettes.

Special Value in Bedroom Furniture

Dresser, with surface mahogany finish, highly hand polished and well made, case 42 by 20 inches, mirror 30 by 24 inches. Price **$15.50**

Chiffoniere to match, with 5 drawers, case 37x18 inches, mirror 19x16. Price.. **$13.00**

Also Dressing Table, size 34x18 inches, with 18x24-inch mirror, to match above **$10.00**

Dresser, with solid mahogany top and veneered fronts and ends, dull finish, with two large drawers and two small, size of case 44x20inches, mirror 29x24 inches. Price..**$26.00**

Chiffoniere to match, solid top and veneered fronts and ends, four deep drawers and two small, size of case 34x18, mirror 22x18. Price **$26.00**

Dresser, Kyonyx finish, Louis XIV. design, beautifully grained, new and pretty design and effect, first shown here, full swell front, size 42x21 inches, mirror 28x26 inches, shaped. Price **$30.00**

Chiffoniere to match, same design, full swell front and shaped top, 4 long drawers and 2 small, size 32x19 inches, mirror 20x14, shaped. Price **$26.00**

Bed to match, with full panel and shaped continuous rail, cross-grained in centre, size 4x6 feet. Price **$20.00**

Dressing Table to match, a very neat piece of furniture, size 34x18½ inches, mirror 20x18 inches. Price **$18.50**

See Special Brass Beds, $10.50

Special Layer Felt Mattresses $5.95.

Special Value in Brass Beds $10.50

6 only of these Great Beds, 2-inch posts, ¾-inch top rod, with ⅝-inch fillers, and sold with our guarantee. These are a special purchase and we doubt if same can be duplicated. See them early. Sale price **$10.50**

Also our Special, which cannot be equalled at the price, 2-inch posts, 1¼-inch solid square top rod and ¾ pillars, in all sizes. See this Bed. Price, special **$16.50**

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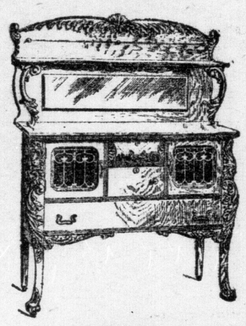

See Special Buffet $26.00.

SPECIALS IN DINING-ROOM FURNITURE

Buffet, solid quartered oak fumed finish, in colonial design, two small top drawers, one lined, two large cupboards and one linen drawer, size of case 48x19 inches, full size mirror. Special **$27.00**

Extension Table, solid quartered oak fumed finish, 45-inch top, square pedestal stand, extends 6 feet. Special price..... **$22.50**

Dinging Chairs, solid quartered oak, five small and one arm, with full scoop back and box seat, upholstered in genuine No. 1 leather. Price **$17.50**

Buffet, solid quartered oak, golden finish, full swell front top, 2 long drawers, 1 lined, double cupboard and long linen drawer, size 46x20 inches, shaped top and full size mirror. Price **$26.00**

Extension Table to match Buffet, 45-inch top, extends to 6 feet. Price **$18.50**

Set Dining Chairs to match Table, solid quartered oak, golden finish, 5 diners and 1 armchair, full box seat, upholstered in genuine No. 1 leather. Price **$17.50**

25 All-Layer Felt Mattresses, $5.95

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SMALLMAN & INGRAM LIMITED

NEW HANDBAGS, Ribbons and Ladies' Neckwear. See Display—Main Aisle.

FIFTY THOUSAND FARMERS TO SIGN BOUNTY PROTEST

Hope to Prove Effective in Preventing Grant by Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, March 13. — Vice-President Lloyd Lott, of local fence company, stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that he had been assured that the protest of the company and the organized farmers of the country would be given a thorough hearing before anything could be done by the Government. Petitions for fifty thousand names have been forwarded by the company to the farmers throughout the country, and they will be signed and sent to the House. This is the same method that was used years ago to stop the grant of bounties at that time.

The result of the farmers' appeal will be watched with great interest throughout the country.

FRENCH ARMY TO LOSE AN HISTORIC FEATURE

Women in Charge of Canteens Can No Longer Take Part in Active Service.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, March 13. — The picturesque Cantinieres, or women who take charge of the French regimental canteens, and who have played many heroic parts in French military history, are no longer to share the dangers of active service with the troops, according to the Minister of War.

The women, one of whom is commissioned to each battalion of infantry, regiment of cavalry, or battery of artillery, are in future to be retained simply in times of peace.

Formerly the women wearing the uniform of their branch of service, marched into battle with the troops, serving often as nurses, or carrying soothing drinks to the wounded. They were the wives of non-commissioned officers or musicians, and if their husbands died or were killed, usually married a comrade. Otherwish they could not remain in the service.

Minard's Liniment Company, Limited.

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St. Isidore, Que., May 12, '98.

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