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A MAID AND A METHOD

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He finally managed to get his cigar to work comfortably and stretched himself comfortably on the grass. She leaned back against the tree trunk and watched a squirrel on a neighboring branch.
Harrington noticed that she seemed to have entirely forgotten his presence unless there was merely a comfortable conscience on the fact that she was there if she needed him—the knowledge that she had nothing to fear from a chance tramp or snake.

It was rather an unusual thing for a woman to be forgetful of Harrington. He could not deceive whether the situation interested him or piqued his vanity.

"When you have satisfactorily examined the tree, the squirrel, the water falling over those stones, and have formed your opinion concerning the entrancing horizon," he said in a slightly injured tone, "wouldn't you like to talk to me some?"

She took off her hat and laid it on the grass with a sigh of satisfaction.
"None of those things are more interesting to me," she said, "than the study of you, I assure you."

"Sometimes, I almost conclude that I positively dislike you," he said amiably taking long puffs at his cigar. "I never cared much for women—but in this case there is a stronger element. I believe it almost approaches dislike."

She giggled her head in a more comfortable pose against the tree trunk and beamed upon him as though he had said something truly gratifying.
"It's an achievement, Diogenes," she said, "to have inspired you with a strong feeling of any description—I'm proud of myself."

"You have such a confounded way of pounding upon a fellow's thoughts and holding them up to ridicule—you can't analyse a man as easily as a chemist can analyse a patent medicine. Didn't you know Miss Burton that woman ought to make herself—well, I don't know—useful for them to go in for psychology, analysis, and—er—vivisection?"

"Attracted? Oh, Diogenes—you are awfully lacking in manners—I was talking about comfort and contentment, the belief that the powers that be had made me attractive—and was amused myself with your so-called vivisection—nearly as a side issue. I see, my dear philosophy, that you are not fit for the gentle ways of polite society. If it didn't sound clumsy, I'd say—'Back to your tub.' It was a tub that Diogenes enjoyed so thoroughly, wasn't it?"

He was by degrees winding himself into an exceedingly bad temper.
Miss Burton did not know that blond women had always enjoyed the reputation of being fools—more or less? he asked sarcastically.

"All of which leads to—" she interrupted with elaborate eloquence. "The fact that I'm going to decide whether you are going to marry that idiot Darrell or me. We've both been dangling around you the whole summer."

"Your climaxes are wrong," she smiled admiringly. "That idiot Darrell—or you—don't you recognize a certain similarity to Pope in the way you construct your sentences?"
"It's impossible to make a climax after Darrell," he snorted. "It would be an impossibility to find a bigger idiot to name after him."

"Everything my dear man, depends upon the point of view," she pointed on her hat and turned toward the path leading to the hotel.

That afternoon Harrington lay half asleep his new magazine over his face, in the shade of the bushes that grew back of the summer house.

"Virginia, you are acting shamefully," he heard Darrell's voice.

So he called her Virginia, did he? And she allowed it! Virginia evidently enjoyed the idea of acting shamefully, for he heard a little ripple of merriment.

"But you know, Jack, he really does need some of the conceit taken out of him—women have spoiled him so." "I think you have tormented him enough," Darrell insisted, "and you have carried on with me outrageously. I feel partly to a fault. You can't keep it up much longer. For when Eleanor comes next week he will soon find out that I've been engaged to your sister all along. Why not put him out of his misery? You know you like him."

"Of course I do—and I'm going to marry him—but he needs a little training first." Darrell rose and started toward the house. "I'm going to finish my letter to Eleanor," he said. "I'll leave you here to finish your book. Shall I tell Eleanor that we'll make it a double wedding in November?"

Virginia evidently took time to meditate.
"I think he'll make an awfully handsome bridegroom," she said softly.

Darrell laughed delightedly.
"First time I ever saw you with a real attack, Virginia. I don't see, to save my soul, how he's failed to find out that you care. But, as for handsome 'bridegrooms'—I have you remember that I'll be there myself," and he walked down the path whistling.

He caught the startled girl in his arms. "A man has a perfect right to kiss the girl he's going to marry in November—I'm so glad that you acknowledge that I'll look picturesque at the wedding."

"You wretch! You heard what I said!" she gasped.
Harrington held her fast and lifted her face until her eyes looked into his.

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THE ROMANCES AND VALUES OF CROWNS

There are crowns and crowns, whether considered from the point of view of intrinsic value or political significance. The crown of Roumania, for instance, is a mere circlet of gunmetal, made out of a bit of old cannon captured at Plevna. The crown of Portugal, on the other hand, has magnificent stones in it which make this velvet cap worth nearly ten million dollars.

Quoted sacredly in the Quirinal Palace is the oldest crown in the world—the famous iron diadem of Lombardy. It is a relic of the time when, according to tradition, of the very nails used at the Crucifixion.

As might be supposed, Great Britain has many crowns; and every visitor to the Jewel room in the Tower of London will see strange barbaric specimens, stretching right back through English history almost to the Saxon kings of a thousand years ago.

THE GREAT RUBY.

The crown used at the Coronation of King Edward, on August 9th, 1547, was that known as St. Edward's Crown. It dates back to the Restoration, being specially prepared for the Coronation of Charles II.

On the other hand, a new crown was prepared for Queen Victoria, when she came to the throne in 1837. Many of the jewels with which it is studded were supplied from other state crowns, conspicuous amongst these being the great ruby worn by Henry V. in his helmet on the glorious field of Agincourt.

In Edinburgh Castle may be seen the ancient crown of Scotland, as old as the fourteenth century. James V. added two arches to it, and Mary Queen of Scots was crowned with it as a baby nine months.

RUSSIAN IMPERIAL CROWN.
One great monarch of the world has as many crowns as a fashionable lady has hats. This is the Czar, who is regarded by his people as a religious as well as a secular monarch, and therefore has crowns for every possible state procession.

The Russian imperial crown is modelled after a patriarchal tiara. Five magnificent diamonds, resting on a huge glowing ruby, form the cross at the summit. Diamonds and pearls of the utmost perfection render this crown unrivalled among all others, and there is one sapphire in it which is said to be the finest stone of its kind ever mined.

A crown of very peculiar shape is that of the German Emperor. The cap rests upon eight shields. Four of these are ornamented with diamond crosses, and the others with imperial eagles, while above are four hoops sparkling with thickly studded diamonds, and supporting a globe surmounted by a cross.

GOLDEN CIRCULET.
The diadem of the Empress is a golden circlet from which rise rosette-like Gothic arches, topped by rosettes that reach to the summit of an inner cap of gold brocade. The whole is studded with diamonds and pearls of the Empire, supported by jewelled hoops.

Yet the crowns of both Emperor and Empress are much less splendid than the old Prussian crown, which fell into disuse in 1871.

The aged Emperor of Austria wears

a crown singularly beautiful in shape and ornamentation. From the band there rise eight arches, jewelled ornaments, each topped by a superb pearl. And the jewelled hoop of the cap is surmounted by an enormous sapphire. The linings is of ruby-colored velvet.

SACRED DIADEM.
But Franz Josef wears likewise the sacred crown of Hungary. In fact this is two crowns welded together; the first a golden diadem set with pearls and other stones and the other a plain or Byzantine circlet.

This crown bears enamelled portraits of Christ and the Archangels, framed in sapphires, amethysts, and rubies, most of them rough and uncut. The sacred crown has for ages been regarded by the Hungarians with almost superstitious reverence.

The crowns of Sweden, Belgium, Netherlands, Spain, Greece and Portugal are all similar in design; a jewelled circlet set with precious stones, with which rise eight leaves, with as many pyramidal points between each capped by a pearl; and above these eight arched hoops supporting the globe and cross.

UNCROWNED KINGS.
Before Norway and Sweden were divided, the Swedish King had two crowns, one in Stockholm and the other in Drontheim, with the old Norse crown of St. Olaf.

King Leopold of Belgium is an uncrowned King; that is to say, there is the mere swearing in of the monarch.

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The Sultan of Turkey has no crown, for coronation is unknown at the Sublime Porte.

INSIGNIA OF ROYALTY.
The moment one leaves Europe crowns become quite rare. The Shah of Persia's insignia or royalty is a kind of jewelled bonnet or cloth of gold fairly covered with diamonds and adorned with strings of hanging jewels with here and there tufts of feathers made up of diamonds, rubies, emeralds and pearls.

The Abyssinian King, too, have their crowns, and one of them now reposes in the South Kensington Museum. It is a weighty cap, crudely made of solid gold, some fourteen inches in height.

Much heavier and more fantastic is the towering jewelled pyramid of Chulalongkorn, King of Siam. This weighs at least five pounds, and is secured by strings that tie under the chin. The whole of the outside of the lofty pyramid is covered with diamonds, which terminate at the summit in a stone of one hundred carats.

DR. SUTHERLAND ON SOCIAL ILLS

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Toronto, gave a very interesting lecture last evening in the Zion Methodist church on Social Problems and How to Cure Them. The large number in attendance gave close attention to his address.

Dr. Sutherland dwelt at length on differences between labor and capital. He said that it would be a great mistake to suppose that the social ills that we heard of were new. Ills just as great or greater existed in the past. Wrong, that once had no voice has become loud in the church, the market place and the halls of legislation.

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WILL GET A TRIFLE OVER EIGHTEEN CENTS

Meeting of Creditors of Thorne Bros. Held Yesterday Afternoon

At a meeting of the creditors of Thorne Bros., hatters, held in the office of Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford yesterday afternoon, a dividend was declared of 18.71 per cent.

The largest creditors are Montreal and Toronto wholesale firms, who were represented by their solicitors. A statement was submitted showing the total receipts from the sale of the stock, books, dolls, etc., to be \$3,457.14. Lien claims, wages and expenses of winding up the estate amounted to \$78.86, leaving \$3,378.28 to be divided among the creditors. Claims were presented for \$13,405.32 and accordingly a dividend of 18.71 per cent. was declared, which will be paid immediately.

EXAMINATIONS OVER

The examinations for registration in medicine were concluded yesterday. Twelve candidates wrote the papers. They were Doctors Hicks, McEachern, London, Richard, Tracey, Ryan, Lang, Sullivan, Gaudet, Baxter and Grey.

Mr. Ryan is the son of Michael Ryan of Gallagher & Co.

Will have 3 Bands

Orangemen Preparing to Celebrate the Glorious Twelfth

A meeting of the county Orange lodge will be held on Tuesday evening, June 30, to arrange for the celebration of July 12. The lodge will attend service in the Main street Baptist church. Rev. S. F. Fulton of Woodstock, grand master, will be the speaker. Three bands will take part in the parade.

UNDERWRITERS MAY MAKE BIG DECREASE

Want Other Tests First, However

One Will Likely be Made at Centenary Church Before Meeting

R. W. W. Frink speaking to the Sun yesterday regarding the probable action of the Board of Underwriters, said that in his opinion that the board would make the reduction of twenty-five cents at its meeting on July 6th. Before this was done, however, he would like to see a test at Centenary Church, while a number of streams were turned on at the Market Square.

He had asked Engineer Hunter how such a test would result and the engineer had said that they would have to use steam on the higher level. This Mr. Frink thought was contrary to the understanding with the underwriters, who expected that the new system would give sufficient pressure by gravity in any part of the city. The board would not make any decision in the matter until their regular meeting. It is possible, however, they may make the rates even lower than when the first increase was made a few years ago.

Alderman Frink, chairman of the Water Board, speaking yesterday regarding the situation, said that in response to a letter from the underwriters, he had replied that the board was willing to make tests at any time and place the underwriters desired. He had not heard from them and until the insurance men replied to his communication there was nothing further for the city to do.

MILITIA ORDERS ISSUED FOR WEEK

Salute of Twenty-one Guns Will be Fired on Wednesday Next

Under date of June 24th Lieut. Col. J. B. M. Baxter, O. C., 2nd Regiment C. A., issued the following orders:

1. The dates for Parades are as follows: No. 1 Co., 12th to 15th August; No. 2 Co., 16th to 20th August; No. 3 Co., 21st to 25th August. Detachments will remain four clear days at camp instead of three as previously.

2. During the absence of Major Armstrong, Lieut. Lawrence Allen of No. 1 Co. will act as adjutant.

3. H. R. Ross on joining will be posted to No. 1 Co.

4. Capt. J. L. Drake, No. 2 Co., has been granted leave of absence from the militia until further orders on account of indisposition.

5. A salute of 21 guns will be fired on Wednesday, the first day of July, at twelve o'clock noon. The firing party will be detailed by Capt. S. B. Smith, O. C., No. 2 Co. The medical officer will attend.

6. Orders receive announce that a detachment of 13 of all ranks from the regiment will participate in the centenary at Quebec, arriving at that city on the 26th July. Pending receipt of further information O. C. companies will prepare to select sixteen men per company for this service.

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CAPT. H. T. WHEPLEY
DIES OF INJURIES

Wife Arrives at St. George Shortly Before Death—Details of Accident

Capt. H. T. Whempley, of 45 Victoria street, who fell into the hold of his vessel, the schooner Ruth Robinson, fracturing his skull early yesterday morning, died at Royal Hotel, St. George, shortly after nine o'clock last evening without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Whempley, who received word of the accident yesterday morning at once started to drive to St. George, being too late to catch the Shore Line train. She arrived at St. George shortly before her husband's death.

Dr. Taylor, of St. George, did everything possible for the injured man, but all to no avail.

The remains will be brought to St. John on the Shore Line train today.

Capt. Whempley was a son of the late Henry Whempley, of Whempley's Point, Long Reach. His mother, Mrs. Hannah D. Whempley, is still living. She resides at the home of the deceased and the news of the accident was a great shock to her. Deceased also leaves a wife, Mrs. Augusta Whempley, formerly Miss William of Long Reach. His children are Mrs. Sarah Holder, of the North End, and Harry, Florence, Ethel and Vera, of this city. His brothers are George A. of 108 Waterloo street; David, of Adelaide street; and Warren, of South Boston. His sisters are Mrs. William Henderson, of Adelaide street; Mrs. Veldon, of the North End, and Mrs. Cronk, of Moss Glen. An adopted sister, Mrs. Orr, resides on Sewell street. Mrs. Walter H. Golding is a niece.

The death of Capt. Whempley is the first break in a large family. Capt. Whempley has followed the sea all his life. He sailed many coasting vessels for D. J. Purdy and was one of the best known and best informed seafaring men in St. John.

Mr. John E. Furness, manager of the Halifax Press, returned to Halifax from England on Wednesday, after an absence of some weeks. Mr. Furness's visit to St. John was in connection with proposed improvements in the Furness service between Canada and England. Pending inspection of the plans prepared for new steamers to be built especially for the London-Halifax-St. John line.