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To Whom She Said "Yes."

"Yes—yes. We shall have to lodge here, if Monsieur enrolls you amongst his pupils."

"But how shall we live?"

"Even as we do now; by my exertions. I will give lessons; Monsieur kindly says that he will recommend me, and when my daughter is sufficiently advanced to accept engagements I shall play her accompaniments, and, as I listen to the plaudits bestowed on her, feel myself more than repaid for my own toils."

Again Edith nestled in her mother's arms, busy with their own thoughts, till Mrs. Aubrey aroused herself to exclaim:

"What a delightful change it will be for you, petite! In London the poorest can hear good music; there are the bands in the parks, the theaters, the choral services at the churches and the minister. How glad you will be to leave dull Eastham!"

"Yes," said Edith, then blushed, and felt herself a hypocrite.

She had not found Eastham at all dull lately; and less sanguine of ultimate triumph than her mother, she could see no cause to congratulate herself on the prospect of exchanging her quiet but cheerful home life and occasional visits to the Beeches, for long hours of arduous practicing, with the abrupt professor at her elbow, ready to scold her sharply for every mistake.

But a glance at the pensive, careworn features of that dear mother threw her into a paroxysm of remorse, and with such passionate earnestness that Mrs. Aubrey, who had no clue to her thoughts, was surprised, she promised to spare no pains to reach the goal to which her mother's aspirations pointed. She even ended by gaily promising that under some new name—Madame de la Paroisse, for instance—she should acquire such world-wide renown, that the Eastham people would some day be asking if this accomplished cantatrice could be the insignificant little Edith Aubrey who had once vegetated in their midst.

CHAPTER X.

All the next day, which was Mrs. Aubrey's leisure one, Edith hovered about her, longing yet dreading to hear herself asked some question or other that would enable her to introduce the subject of her walk home from the Beeches. She had never had any secrets from her mother, and knew that she should be heard with indulgence, though that dear parent would doubtless look very grave at the thought of her simple, innocent child suddenly developing into a saucy coquette; but she knew that she could not speak of Captain Lyssence without blushing. However, the question was never asked, for Mrs. Aubrey—who had already come to the conclusion that her daughter had, girl-like, lingered at the Beeches till the last moment—little dreamed that she had not returned home alone.

Later in the day, as, accompanied by Lottie, they were returning from a walk, the Stretby wagonette, driven by Venetia, overtook them. Flip and Lin, H and P immediately scrambled out, that Mrs. Aubrey might get in and be introduced to ma, who wanted to know her, as she was sure that such a nice girl as Edith must have a sensible mother. Probably, too, Mrs. Aubrey, as an experienced matron, could tell her whether baby—whose face presented a curiously mottled appearance—was likely to carry to his grave the marks of a roll down a heap of gravel in the arms of Mrs. Aubrey.

Mrs. Aubrey suffered herself to be persuaded to retain her seat, and let Venetia drive her and Lottie to her own door, while Edith and the rest of the girls took a short cut across some fields.

"We meant to have called, if we had not met you," said Lin, "for we want your help for an affair the Reverend Mr. Jonas has persuaded us to undertake."

"Let me tell her all about it," interrupted Flip. "We are going to have a sale of old women. It's to be confined to Eastham, you know."

"How many do you propose to sell?" asked Edith, demurely. "If they are to be sold publicly, I should advise Major Hallis to act as auctioneer at the sale."

"Don't be so absurd," said Flip. "Of course, I don't mean to sell the old dames themselves; who would buy? But it's to be a sale of fancy work and odds and ends for their benefit. The Reverend What's-his-name says the charity fund is exhausted, and Mrs. Merstham advised us to replenish it by means of a bazaar. I don't think she was in earnest. I rather fancy she was sneering at the untidy antimacassar that one and all of us have taken a turn at during the last two years without completing it. But never mind, the idea was good, and we've worried dear old pa into consenting."

"But where do you propose holding your bazaar?" queried Edith, thoughtfully. "In the school rooms in the village?"

"Let no; we never thought of that, did we Lin?" cried Flip, always the

leading spirit. "Besides, it wouldn't be comfortable for ma to have to go there. At home she can sit in her easy chair and look on without fatiguing herself. If we hurry our preparations, pa says we can make use of the drawing-rooms before the new carpets are laid down, and then the band—did I tell you that Major Hallis has proposed to secure the regimental band for us?—can be stationed in the conservatory."

"Delightful!" exclaimed her auditor, entering with all a girl's enthusiasm into the details of the affair. "And then you will drape your stalls with that crimson damask you rejected as not bright enough for the curtains to the windows; and the pictures and candleabra can be wreathed with laurel and festoons of ivy will be charming round the arched opening that connects the rooms; and—But I darsay you have thought of all these things already."

"Indeed, we have not," said Lin. "We have plenty of strength and good will to execute whatever you suggest, but no brains to help us in planning for ourselves. Come over tomorrow and give us your aid, will you?"

"I should like it dearly. Who will be your stall-holders?"

"Mrs. Merstham will have one; those funny little old maids, the Tibbets, another; and we must manage the rest ourselves; for it will be such a hurried affair, that we can't expect, or indeed ask for, much assistance."

"A week, did you say?" But, my dear Flip, who can work slippers, and cushions, and mats, and antimacassars enough to stock a fancy stall in so short a time?"

"No one," was the reply. "But who cares for that? Who wants a lot of frippery that they have no use for after they have bought it? Captain Vinson, who is shrewder than all the rest of us put together—not even excepting you, you clever little Edith—says that if we are to depend on customers on the farmers' wives and daughters, we must have things that they are likely to buy."

"Go on," said Edith, nodding approval. "You mean to combine the useful with the ornamental, don't you?"

"Well, these are our ideas up to the present moment. Pa and Venetia intend to have a refreshment stall; I don't expect that to pay very well, for pa will give so freely, that no one will see the necessity of buying; but never mind, he ought to have his share of the fun as well as the rest of us."

"Then he had better offer luncheons gratis, and let his customers put what they please in a box fixed on the counter."

"That's a very good idea. Keep it in mind, Lin. Well, then, to proceed: I am to sell toys—they can be sent to us from London; and Lin is to have a stock of ribbons, gloves, scarves and neckties. Mrs. Stubbs, the doctor's wife, will sell cigars, queer little pipes, and things of that kind, for the gentlemen; while H and P are to have their stall stocked with books, pictures and photographs. Mrs. Merstham will have fancy goods, and the Misses Tibbets are running about from house to house already, soliciting donations towards their stock. What do you think of our plans? Are they not good?"

[To be Continued.]

KISSED THE WIDOW

But the Court Assessed the Aged Landlord \$10 for His Temerity.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 28.—Hartman Van Riper, a septuagenarian and wealthy farmer, was fined \$10 for kissing Mrs. Marie Lehmann, a widow. "I was greatly shocked, especially as my little daughter stood near," the widow testified at the trial. Van Riper smiled when the court pronounced sentence, and cheerfully handed a crisp \$10 note to the sheriff.

Mrs. Lehmann was a tenant of Mr. Van Riper. She occupied one of his houses on Carbon street, Paterson. According to her story Mr. Van Riper called a short time ago to attend to repairs, and she had asked him to have done to the house. She was showing him through the rooms, she says, when he suddenly came behind her, threw his arms around her neck and kissed her on the lips. She screamed, and, after struggling with him for several seconds, escaped as he was about to kiss her again.

Steamship Arrivals.

From	At	From
Peruvian	Portland	Glasgow
Kensington	Antwerp	New York
La Normandie	New York	Hayre
Nauvillat	Morville	St. John
Feb. 28		
Friedland	New York	Antwerp

The Johnston liner Moravia, 33 days out from Falmouth, England, has not yet arrived, and there is a great deal of anxiety on her account. Her time for an ordinary winter run would not be over two weeks from Falmouth.

A perfect woman—perfect in form and in feature is a great rarity. Every woman realizes this as she stands before some beautiful piece of Greek sculpture. Social customs, tight lacing, improper food, inadequate clothing, and a score of other things have spoiled the shape and suppleness of woman's form and robbed her cheeks of their roses and their roundness. For these things Nature avenges herself.

Weakening drains establish themselves, tearing and destroying the graceful lines and curves of the figure. Pains and aches help the wrinkles to come early. Displacements and bearing down sensations weaken the entire system. Nervousness makes life almost unendurable. Mothers suffering in this manner impart their weaknesses to their children, and thus is kept up the endless chain of imperfect reproduction. A new order of things is being established, however. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, the great non-alcoholic care for women's diseases and weaknesses, is making hundreds of girls and women healthy. And it is also making the rising generation stronger and more perfect physically. Like products like. A healthy mother has healthy children. "Favorite Prescription" makes healthy mothers.

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NEW SCHEMES FOR RAILWAYS

Doing Away With Second-Class Passenger Fares.

Absorption of a 240-Mile Road by the N. Y. Central—Charters Sought for Roads in Canadian Mining Districts—G. T. R. Improvement.

All second-class fares between St. Louis and St. Paul and Minneapolis are abolished.

It is said that when the Baltimore and Ohio is reorganized the name of the company will be changed to the New York, Baltimore and Chicago Railroad.

Within a radius of 80 miles, with Pittsburgh as the center, there are more stone arch bridges than can be found in any similar area in the world.—Pittsburgh Post.

The Fall Brook Railroad, which operates 240 miles of road in Western New York, and in the coal districts of Pennsylvania, has passed into the hands of the New York Central.

The Pressed Steel Car Company has closed a contract with the Pennsylvania railroad for 1,000 more steel cars and other materials for their manufacture, amounting to between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.

Twenty miles an hour was attained by a steam motor making a trial trip on the Pennsylvania line between Springfield and Xenia, Ohio. It may supercede ordinary trains on some of the branch lines of the system.

The Baldwin locomotive works has just closed a contract for 81 locomotives for Chinese railroads. The order is the largest foreign contract ever secured by the Baldwin, and the amount involved is more than \$800,000.

The movement to abolish second-class fares in the territory of the Central Passenger Association is blocked by the refusal of the Baltimore and Ohio and Nickel Plate to take such fares out between Chicago and Cleveland.

Dr. William Seward Webb, president of the Wagner Palace Car Company, says that all reports of a consolidation of the Wagner and the Palace Car Company came from the Pullman side; the Wagner people have not for one moment contemplated any such action.

As soon as the work on the shiplocks is completed at Sarnia and Port Huron the car ferry steamer International, belonging to the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, will begin to carry trains back and forth. The roundhouse destroyed at Sarnia will, of course, be rebuilt at once.

Superintendent Fitzhugh, of the Grand Trunk, said today that the freight traffic continues very heavy, while passenger business is very light, as is usual at this time of the season. Mr. Fitzhugh, while in the country, says he never saw a more prosperous outlook for a bountiful spring crop.

John Dodsworth, who died at his home in Farnham, Canada, was the designer and builder of the "Rocket," "Spitfire," and other engines which did the first service for the Philadelphia and Reading Railway. He handled the "Neversink," which was the first engine built in the United States.

It has been learned that the different railway systems in the Pittsburgh district have been negotiating for property to be utilized for additional yard room which will cost in the aggregate \$3,000,000. They are purchasing real estate with large buildings included, which are to be torn down and the debris hauled away.

A Kansas paper says: "Engineer Jud Rippey has been laid up as the result of a peculiar accident. While out on his run, and the engine going at a high rate of speed, a snowbird, dashed against the cab window, breaking the glass, and a piece of which struck him in the eye, making a painful wound."

General Passenger Agent Schindler, of the Cincinnati Northern, has issued an order which will make it an object for a local agent to increase the passenger earnings of his station. In addition to a regular salary, the agent is to be paid a commission on the business he secures for the company.

After three weeks of experimenting, the management of the Big Four road has concluded to make up its freight train according to the number of tons in the cars, instead of the number of cars. The tests that have led to this decision have been thorough and interesting, and have demonstrated just how many tons of freight an engine of any class can pull on level tracks and up hills.

The recent cold weather is responsible for the creation of a new position in Pennsylvania, to which Robert McLaren, chief instructor on the motive power instruction car, has been appointed. This position is inspector of the steam-heating system now in use on the Pennsylvania. During the recent Klondike weather many complaints had been made of the heating system under closer supervision. The conductors will now make reports of the temperature of their cars when they leave, when they reach the end of a division, and when they arrive at their destination. The reports will be sent in to the inspector.

Mr. Farwell, M.P.P., East Algoma, is asking charters for five small lines of railway in New Ontario to develop the mining districts. In four cases the motive power will be electricity. The Bruce Mines and Rock Lake roads, the Thessalon and Grand Portage will be twenty miles long, to a copper-mining country, and will pass through the placer gold-mining district, on the Mississippi River. Another, to be named the Nickel Range road, will run from the Soo branch of the C. P. R., six miles to a nickel property, and is being projected by Mr. Clergue, manager of the pulp and nickel works. The Worthington and Onaping Railway is proposed to develop nickel properties on Lake Onaping. It will be 25 miles long. The fifth and largest—the Algoma Central—will run from the Soo to Missanabie, and a branch will tap the Michipicoten gold district. It will be 100 miles long.

The G. T. R. has a considerable quantity of work in contemplation for next season, to be done on the middle division. The most important is the double-tracking of the present single line between St. David's and Hamilton, thus making a continuous line of double track between Toronto and Suspension Bridge. The question is being seriously considered by the management. The traffic over this line is growing very heavy, and the necessities of the fast passenger service seriously interferes with it. Last year, on the middle division about 250 miles of track were changed, 120 being of new

80-pound steel. This year it is expected that the same amount of steel renewal will take place. Most of the new rails will be laid between Toronto and Hamilton, and the rest at various points on the southern division and on the main line west of Stratford. Railway stations at various points will undergo alterations and additions, particularly between Toronto and Niagara Falls. Dundas, Grimsby, Port Credit and Oakville will be among the stations which will be rendered more up-to-date. Work on the new station at Galt will be resumed as soon as the weather permits.

TO BUILD 'CYCLE PATHS

A Legislature Bill of Importance to Wheelmen.

Dr. Bryce Reports Ontario's Birth Rate as Too Low.

"Moral and Social Causes"—Mr. Whitney's Anti-Bribery Bill—The Workmen's Compensation Bill Pummelled.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—The bill providing for the creation of boards of cycle path commissioners has been entrusted to Mr. J. R. Stratton, and that gentleman gave notice last evening of his intention to introduce it into the legislature. The bill empowers county court judges to select five resident citizens who shall constitute boards of cycle path commissioners for their respective counties. These boards are to be without compensation, except their actual and necessary disbursements in the performance of their duties. The commissioners are to yearly issue licenses, costing 50 cents, for the use of the bicycle paths. These licenses must be annexed to the bicycles, but no person residing in any county shall ride a bicycle on cycle paths now in existence or hereafter constructed in such county unless there shall appear upon it a valid license issued as above provided.

Another section provides that anyone riding on these paths without a license shall be fined not less than \$2 and not more than \$10 for the first offense. The fines, as well as the license fees, go to the cycle path fund in each county, the money to be applied to keeping the paths in repair.

Strong opposition is developing against Mr. Crawford's bill for compensation to workmen. Yesterday Mr. Pattullo (North Oxford) presented a petition signed by 21 Woodstock manufacturers against certain provisions of the bill. The petitioners take exception to the clause of the bill making the employer responsible where another may have caused the accident, and that requiring employers to report accidents. They ask, why should the burden of proof be shifted from the plaintiff to the defendant, contrary to the course in all other suits.

An influential deputation also invaded the buildings and waited on the leader of the opposition as well as the government to protest against Mr. Crawford's bill. The deputation was composed of Messrs. A. E. Kemp, president of the Board of Trade, J. W. Leonard, C. P. R.; J. J. Wright, A. W. Godson; H. Martin, president Builders' Exchange, and E. H. Keating, Toronto Railway Company.

PUNISHMENT FOR BRIBERY. Mr. Whitney's bill to amend the election law was introduced by Mr. Matheson, in the absence of the Conservative leader. The measure provides for the imprisonment of any person found guilty of bribery for six months. In addition to the present penalty of \$200, the county crown attorney is also made compulsory.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEBENTURES.

Mr. Wardell moved the second reading of a bill to reduce the amount of debentures which county councils are entitled to issue without a vote of the ratepayers from \$10,000 to \$5,000. A short time ago, he explained, the county council of Wentworth had about \$15,000 cash on hand. It had spent that in the course of two or three years, and now wished to borrow \$20,000 debentures. He did not think a county council should have such latitude without consulting the ratepayers. Hon. Mr. Hardy said he did not know whether the house was prepared to impose the restriction desired. There might be a few cases where it would not happen very often. However, the bill might go to committee.

THE BARBERRY BUSH. Hon. Mr. Dryden, replying to an inquiry relative to the injurious effect of the barberry bush upon growing grain, informed the house that the matter was ancient history, his department having as long ago as 1888 issued a bulletin advising farmers upon the subject.

THE FINANCES. Replying to Mr. Matheson's question respecting the apparent discrepancy between his statement and the letter of the assistant deputy minister of finance respecting the amount owing to the Dominion by the province, Hon. Mr. Harcourt explained that his figures of \$2,000,000 were approximate, but he did not know precisely at what date Mr. Fitzgerald's figures were compiled.

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deaths for the year ending Dec. 1897, presented to the legislature yesterday is of considerable interest. It shows that the natural increase of the population has been fair on the average, but this is owing, Dr. Bryce says, to the low birth-rate more than to the high birth-rate. Owing to this fact the low birth-rate is not so alarming as it otherwise would be. The secretary compares the birth-rate figures of Ontario with those of other countries. The Ontario rate is 20.9 per thousand; United Kingdom, 20.2; Scotland, 20.8; Hungary, 40.5; Prussia, 37; France, 22.7; Quebec, 38.5; Maine, 22.3. On the other hand, the death rate of Ontario is lower than that of any state known. Dr. Bryce says that while it is possible for mistakes to have occurred in the birth-rate, the figures on which the death-rate have been founded were almost perfect. In England and Wales the death rate was 17.1; in Scotland, 16.9; Hungary, 28.8; Prussia, 20.3; France, 20.2; Quebec, 20.05; Maine, 16.07; whereas the Ontario death-rate was only 12.2.

The report goes on: "Assuming, however, after allowing for imperfect registrations, that the basis established between marriages and births is a fair one, it would seem impossible not to conclude that certain other influences, which may be termed of a social or moral character, must be operative to produce such a low birth rate." Again, the report observes: "Assuming, then, that it is proper to draw such inferences as may fairly be made from these statistics, it must be acknowledged with regret that, after making every allowance for defects in the return of births in Ontario, the conclusion seems inevitable that the birth rate of Ontario is lower than under normal conditions, such as with the increase of population generally it should be."

NIAGARA PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The government have received the report of the commissioners of Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls, for the past year. The report goes into the details of the work of the Canadian Niagara Power Company. The report says the company have installed an electric plant in the railway power house, which will furnish about 1,600-horse power in excess for operating the railway. Six hundred horse power has been put in the whirlpool improvements are proposed this coming year by the commissioners. The approach to the park will be widened by taking in the property on which the old Clifton House stood, and which was burned down some time ago. The approach to the whirlpool will also be made more accessible to visitors, and, besides, Queenston Heights will be taken in. The total receipts for the past year were \$45,841.

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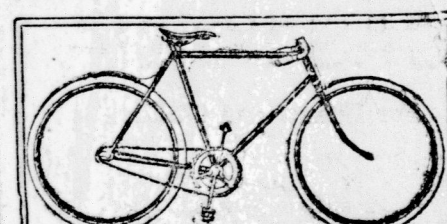
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