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BIRTHS.

EARLE—On Dec. 15, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Earle, Lancaster Heights, a son.

MARRIAGES.

HENNESSEY-ARTHURS—In this city, Dec. 15, by Rev. W. O. Raymond, Clarkson John Hennessey, of Kingston, Kings county, and Maud Arthurs, of Silver Falls, Simonds.

DEATHS.

VAIL—In this city, Dec. 15th, M. Burwell Vail, son of the late John Oliver Vail, of Sussex, N. B., in the 63rd year of his age.

STRATTON—At his residence, 129 Mecklenburg street, George Stratton, in the 65th year of his age.

BAIRD—In this city, Dec. 16th, at her residence, 179 Princess street, Josephine, relict of the late John H. Baird.

WIER—In Roxbury (Mass.), Dec. 16, after a long and painful illness, Albert Sentel Wier, aged sixty-six years five months. (New Brunswick and Nova Scotia papers please copy).

MONTAGUE—At her residence, Garnett Settlement, on Dec. 15th, Catherine, wife of John Montague, in the 71st year of her age, leaving a husband, towo sons and two daughters to mourn their sad loss.—(Providence (R. I.) papers please copy.)

CURRIE—At the General Public Hospital, this city, Dec. 16th, Robert Currie, aged 50 years, leaving four sons and four daughters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving father.
(Boston papers please copy.)

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SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

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Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Schr Adelene, 194, Williams, New York, R C Elkin, coal.

Schr J L Colwell, 98, Colwell, New Bedford, A W Adams, coal.

Schr Annie M Allen (Am), 428 Richer, Gloucester, J E Moore, bal.

Schr Stella Maud, 98, Miller, Bridgeport, A W Adams, bal.

Schr Ayr, 121, Sabean, Providence, N C Scott, bal.

Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Schr Lotus, 98, Granville, Boston, A W Adams, coal tar.

Schr Lucia Porter, 284, Spragg, Rickland, P. McIntyre, bal.

Schr Fleetwood, 53, Goucher, Rockland, J W Smith, bal.

Coastwise—Schrs L M Ellis, 34, Leet, Westport; Fred and Norman, 31, Cheney, Grand Harbor; Packet, 49, Bishop, Bridgetown.

Thursday, Dec. 17.

Stmr Dahome, 1,651, Leuktan, from Demerara via Islands, etc, Schofield & Co.

Stmr Suwanee, 2,075, Gray, from Philadelphia, Imperial Oil Co, oil.

Schr Georgia E, 88, Wasson, from Boston via Portland, J W McAlary Co, sulphur.

Schr F & E Givan, 98, Melvin, from New London, F & L Tufts, bal.

Schr Sebago, Finley, from Norfolk, Peter McIntyre, oak car material.

Coastwise—Schrs Oronhyatekha, 21, Phinney, from Campobello; Tethys, 9, Johnson, from Beaver Harbor; Sea Flower, 10, Thompson, from Musquash.

Cleared.

Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Coastwise—Stmr Beaver, Reid, Harvey; schr

Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Stmr Daltonhill, Gordon, Brunswick, Ga, Wm Thomson & Co.

Coastwise—Schrs Adella, Henderson, Kingsport; Fleetwing, Goucher, do; Bay Queen, McKay, Parrsboro; Britannia, Ingalls, Grand Harbor.

Thursday, Dec. 17.

Coastwise—Schrs Sea Flower, Thompson, for Musquash; Tethys, Johnston, for West Isles; Packet, Bishop, for Bridgetown; Ravola, Howard, for St Martins; Oronhyatekah, Phinney, for Back Bay; Nellie I White, Scely, for Apple River; barge No 2, Salter, for Parrsboro.

Sailed.

Thursday, Dec. 17.

Stmr Calvin Austin, Pike, for Boston via Maine ports, WG Lee.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Hillsboro, Dec 12—Cld, schr Hitchcock, Alcorn, Chester.

Halifax, Dec 15—Ard, stmr Silvia, New York, and sld for St John's (Nfld); schr Onora, New York.

Halifax, N S, Dec 16—Ard stmr Lurcher (new British lightship), from Quebec for Yarmouth, N S.

Halifax, Dec 17—Ard, stmrs Manchester Commerce, from Manchester; Pouyer Quertier (cable), from Provincetown (Mass.)

BRITISH PORTS.

Liverpool, Dec 15—Ard, stmr Sylvania, Boston.

Rathlin Island, Dec 15—Passed, stmr Bavarian, St John and Halifax for Liverpool.

London, Dec 15—Ard, stmr Loyalist, Halifax.

Bristol, Dec 15—Ard, bark Laura, Halifax.

Queenstown, Dec. 16—Sld stmr Saxonia, from Liverpool for Boston.

Lelxoes, Dec 11—Ard stmr Grace, from St John's (Nfld.)

Lisbon, Dec 11—Ard schr Louise Ernest, from St John (Nfld) etc.

Rathlin Island, Dec 16—Passed stmr Hungarian, from Portland for Glasgow.

Liverpool, Dec 16—Sld stmr Cedric, from New York via Queenstown.

Brow Head, Dec 16—Passed stmr Monteagle, from St John (N B) for Avonmouth.

Liverpool, Dec 16—Ard stmr Manchester Trader, St John for Manchester.

Liverpool, Dec 16—Sld stmr Sagmore, for Boston.

London, Dec 16—Ard stmr Lancastrian, from Boston.

Liverpool, Dec 16—Ard stmr Bavarian, from St John (N B) and Halifax.

Brow Head, Dec 17—Passed, stmr Dominion, from Halifax for Liverpool.

Cardiff, Dec 16—Sld, stmr Lord Iveagh, for Halifax.

Liverpool, Dec 17—Ard, stmr Monteagle, from St John.

Sld—Stmrs Canadian, for Portland; Pretorian, for Halifax and St John via Moville.

Manchester, Dec 16—Ard, stmr Manchester Trader, from St John.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Bergen, Dec 11—Ard, stmr Drotthing Sophie, Montreal via Sydney.

Boston, Dec 15—Ard, stmrs Sachem, Liverpool; Catalona, Louisbourg (C. B.)

Sld—Stmrs Fitzclarence, Antwerp; Boston, Yarmouth; Fridtjof, Sydney (C B); ship Brynhilda, Buenos Ayres; schr General Scott, Calais.

Cardiff, Dec 14—Sld, schr Evelyn, St John's (Nfld).

City Island, Dec 15—Bound east, stmr North Star, Portland.

Delaware Breakwater, Dec 15—Passed up, stmr Nora, Hillsboro for Chester (Pa.)

Machias, Dec 15—Ard, schrs Maggie Todd, Calais for New York; Stella Maud, St John for New York.

Montevideo, Dec 15—Ard, bark Patriarch, Tusket (N S), in tow.

New London, Conn, Dec 15—Sld, schrs Francis Shubert, from Bangor for New York; Seth W Todd, from Calais for New York.

New York, Dec 15—Sld, stmr Cevic, Liverpool.

Pernambuco, Nov 23—Sld, schr Helen Stewart, Sydney (C B).

Portland, Dec 15—Ard, schr Charlie and Willie, from New York for Salem (came in with loss of foresail).

Cld—Stmr Hilda, Parrsboro.

Salem, Mass, Dec 15—Sld, schr F & E Givan, St John.

Vineyard Haven, Dec 15—Ard, schrs Hortensia, Hoboken for Rockland; Cameo, St George for Clark's Island.

Boston, Dec 16—Ard schrs Susie Prescott, Harvey (N B); E M Sawyer, ——.

Sld—Stmrs Winifredian, for Liverpool, Preston, Port Antonio and Port Limon; Silvia, for Hamburg via Baltimore; schrs Henry L Peckham, for Baltimore; T Charlton Henry, for Newport News; Irving Leslie, for Islesboro; Silas McLoon, for Davensport and Camden (Me.)

Bothbay Harbor, Me, Dec 16—Ard schrs Ethel V Merriam, from Boston; Louise Frances, from Portland; Seth Nieman, do; Hattie Loring, coastwise; Fred W. Ayer, Bath; Mary E Sackville, N B. Four masted schr in outer harbor, name unknown, from Bath for Baltimore.

Bangor, Me, Dec 16—Sld schrs Alma, for New York.

Chatham, Mass, Dec 16—Passed south schr Armenia, from Portland for Wilmington (N. C.)

Civita Vecchia, Dec 11—Ard schr My Beauty, Twillingate (Nfld) via Carthagena.

Eastport, Me, Dec 16—Ard schr James L Maley, from New York.

Hyannis, Mass, Dec 16—Ard schr Madagascar, from New York for Calais.

New London, Dec 16—Ard schrs Cumberland, from Fall's Quarry (Me) for New York; Olivia Ames, from Bucksport for do.

Returned—Schr Seth M Tood, from Calais for New York.

Philadelphia, Dec 16—Ard stmr Nora, from Hillsboro.

Portland, Me, Dec 16—Ard stmr North Star, from New York; schr Ann L Lockwood, from Perth Amboy.

Cld—Schr Harry Knowlton, for St John (N B.)

Sld—Stmr Hilda, for Parrsboro (N S); schrs Lavolta, for Ellsworth.

Reedy Island, Dec 16—Passed down schr Edyth, from Philadelphia for Mahone Bay (N S.)

Vinyeard Haven, Mass, Dec 16—Ard schrs Harold B Cousins, Satilla (Ga), for Bath; Abby Keast, New York for St John (N B); Maud Palmer, for Portland for Norfolk; Mary E Morse, from Belfast for Fernandina.

Sld—Schrs Hortensia, from Hoboken, Rockland; Cameo, from St George (S I) for Clark's Island.

Passed—Stmrs Manhattan, from Portland for New York; Armenia, from Portand for Wilmington (N C); schr Nimrod, from Bayonne for Chatham (N B.)

Anchored at Nebeska—Schr Ellen M Golder, from Portland for coal port.

Boothbay Harbor, Dec 17—Sld, schr A P Emerson, for Vineyard Haven.

Boston, Dec 17—Ard, stmrs Boston, from Yarmouth; Halifax, from Halifax.

City Island, Dec 17—Bound east, bqe Cuba, for Port Greville (N S).

Delaware Breakwater, Dec 17—Passed out, schr Edyth, from Philadelphia for Mahone Bay (N S).

Gloucester, Mass, Dec 17—Ard, schrs Roger Drury, from Boston for Calais; Abby Ingalls, from Bangor for New York.

Philadelphia, Dec 17—Cld, stmrs Carthaginian, for St John's (Nfld) and Glasgow; Nora, for Hillsboro.

New London, Conn, Dec 17—Ard, schr Keewaydin, from Kingsport (N S) for New York.

New York, Dec 17—Ard, stmr Micmac, from Sydney (C B).

Cld—Schr Dora C, for Port Greville (N S).

Salem, Mass, Dec 17—Ard, schr C W Dexter, from Calais for Wellfleet.

Sparrow's Point, Dec 17—Passed down, ship Astracana, from Baltimore for St John.

Vineyard Haven, Mass, Dec 17—Ard, schrs Alaska, from Elizabethport for St John; Ida M Barton, from Port Reading for St John; Alice Maud, from New Bedford for St John.

LIST OF VESSELS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.

Steamers.

Dunmore Head, 1450, Troon, Dec 2.
Concordia, 1600, at Glasgow, Dec 11.
Corinthian, 4018, to sail from Liverpool, Jan 14.
Evangeline, 1417, London via Halifax, Dec 9.
Florence, 1600, London via Halifax, Dec 3.
Ionian, 5337, to sail from Liverpool, Jan 7.
Lake Champlain, 4985, at Liverpool, Dec 8.
Lakonia, 3940, Glasgow, Dec 12.
Loyalist, 1419, at London, Dec 15.
Manchester City, 3727, Manchester, Dec 12.
Manchester Commerce, 2444, Manchester, Dec 1.
Monmouth, 2569, Bristol, Dec 11.
Montcalm, 3508, at Liverpool, Dec 4.
Montrose, 6349, Bristol, Dec 13.
Mount Temple, 7669, at London, Dec 5; to sail Dec 12.
Pretorian, 4073, to sail from Liverpool, Dec 17
St John City, 1412, at London, Dec 10.
Salerno, 1683, Lewisport (Nfld), Dec 12.
Sicilian, 3964, to sail from Liverpool, Dec 31.
Tritonia, 2790, Glasgow, Dec 7.
Wyandotte, 2712, at Cape Town, Dec 7.

Ships.

Astracana, 1,572, from Baltimore; passed Sparrow's Point, Dec 17.

Barques.

Italia, 535, at Castellamare, Oct 10.

Barquentines.

Ethel Clark, 397, Apalachicola, Nov 26.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Important Meeting of Provincial Executive Thursday Night.

Woodstock to Have Next Year's New Brunswick Convention—County Annual Gatherings in June and July Under New Plan—Big Meeting at Portland, Me.

The executive of the New Brunswick Sunday School Association transacted important business at its monthly meeting here Thursday night. T. S. Simms presided. The meeting was important because it was the last of the year. Woodstock was decided on for the provincial convention of October next. Marion Lawrence, an international worker known here, will be present, also Mrs. Bryner, of Illinois.

The work of the field secretary, Rev. A. Lucas, will be in Carleton county in January. A series of institutes will be held throughout the province in February and the committee hopes to arrange for the county conventions during June and July and a special touring party will be arranged to attend them. Correspondence will be opened with the county officers immediately relative to these conventions. Hitherto the county annual conventions have been held at no stated time and there might be one in every month of the year. Now the plan is to group them in June and July and make them special occasions. An international visitor and a public convention singer will be brought to take part.

A meeting of International District No. 1 will be held at Portland (Me.) January 19, 20 and 21. This will include all the eastern provinces, Maine and Massachusetts and it is expected some of the provincial executive and New Brunswick county workers will attend.

Shipping Notes

The following charters have been announced by Scammell Bros. of New York: Schr Alma, 220 tons, South Amboy to Lubec, $1; schr Francis (new) — tons, Weymouth (N. S.) to Rosario, lumber, p. t.; schr J E du Bignon, 48 tons, Savannah to Philadelphia, lumber, p. t. Coal out, 75c.; schr Elwood Burton, 344 tons, Pt. Johnston to E. Boston, 60 cts.; schr W. L. Elkins, 299 tons, South Amboy to Stonington, 75 cts.; schr Mineola, 279 tons, New York to San Domingo, gen. cargo, and back, sugar, lump sum; schr Annie M. Parker, 397 tons, Jacksonville to St. Georges, Grenada, lumber., p. t.; schr Abbie Keast, 96 tons, New York to St. John, fertilizer, $1.25; schr Lois V. Chaples, 191 tons, Elizabethport to St John, coal, 70 cents; schr Alaska, 118 tons, same; schr Onoro, 137 tons, Weehawken to Halifax, coal, 90 cents; schr Earl of Aberdeen, 416 tons, Norfolk to Halifax, creosoted piling, p. t.; five steamers (Battle line boats) St. John and other Bay ports to U. K., deals, 34s. Season 1904; two steamers (guaranteed) Hopewell Cape to W. C. England, deals, 35s. May. Nor. stmr. Salerno, 1683 tons, St. John to W. C. England, deals, 27s. 6p. Dec. Other charters announced are: Barque Avoca, Gulf port to Rio Janeiro, lumber, $12.50; schrs. Maritana, Jacksonville to Port Spain, lumber, $5.75; Abbie C. Stubbs, Charleston to New York, lumber, p. t.; Eric, Hoboken to St. John, 75c.; Wm. F. Green, Elizabethport to St. John, coal, 70c.; Empress, Fernandina or Savannah to Pernambuco, rosin, 80c. per 280 pounds; stmrs. Manchester Corporation, Savannah to Continent, cotton port; Micmac, Sydney to New York, steel billets, $1.25.

Schooner Beaver, Capt. Holder, reached New York on the 13th from Gonaives in 25 days. On Oct. 5, while on the outward voyage from St. John, the Beaver encountered a terrific hurricane, during which she carried away after rail, broke main gaff and sustained other damage.

Fine Chickens from Midland

Norton Station, Dec. 16.—F. E. Sharp, of Midland, shipped some chickens from here to the St. John market the other day. The lightest pair dressed 10½ lbs. and the heaviest 11 lbs. These chickens were grade Plymouth Rock and had been in the fattening crate only eighteen days. Mr. Sharp says he could have made them better if he could have kept them another week, but they were very fine specimens as they were.

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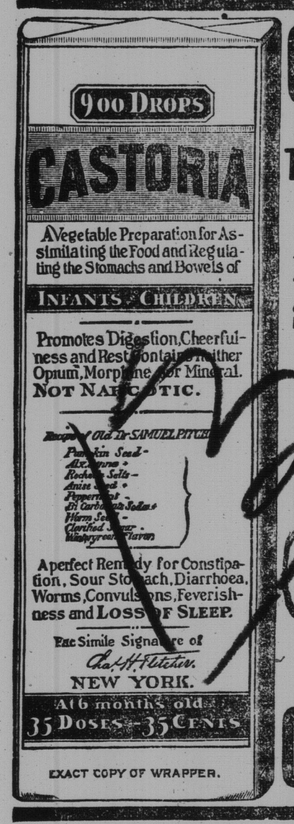

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DESPERATE DEED OF INTOXICATED POLICEMAN.

When Refused Permission to Go On Duty He Put Three Bullets Into His Chief and Then Attempted Suicide.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 17.—Enraged at the refusal of his chief to immediately restore him to duty from which he had been temporarily suspended for intoxication, Police Officer Gardner Northup tonight shot Chief of Police William F. Dinneen. One bullet entered Dinneen's mouth, lodging in the neck, a second grazed the abdomen and a third passed through his right hand. His condition is critical. Overpowered as he attempted to fire again Northup turned the weapon upon himself and received a slight flesh wound over the heart. After being locked up he slashed his throat with a jacknife, but will recover.

The shooting occurred shortly after 6 o'clock in the police station. Northup was to go on duty at 6 o'clock but it is said, was intoxicated, and Captain Jones in charge of the desk on the lower floor refused to let him go out with the night relief. Northup immediately went upstairs to the office of the chief and asked the latter whether he was to be laid off tonight.

"You are," answered Dinneen, "you are not in a condition to go upon the street in uniform. Your presence there would be a disgrace to the city."

The patrolman left the room and a moment later was followed by the chief.

As the latter stepped into the corridor two shots were fired in rapid succession. Officers below were attracted by the shooting and as they reached the scene, Northup was bending over Dinneen and fired again. Before he could discharge the weapon a fourth time he was overpowered. As Northup fell to the floor he turned the revolver upon himself and received a slight flesh wound over the heart. He was disarmed and locked in a cell.

Meantime Chief Dinneen had arisen to his feet and walked downstairs. When the other officers came to him he said:

"I have been shot, boys. Get a doctor. I want you to understand why this man has shot me. He was drunk and I would not let him go on duty."

Mayor F. E. Stafford was the first physician to reach the station and after making a hasty examination of Chief Dinneen's wounds, ordered his removal to the hospital. The physicians said tonight that owing to the wonderful vitality of the chief he would probably recover.

When further attention was given to Northup he was found lying on a cot in the cell and covered with blood. He had attempted to cut his throat with a jackknife, but made a bungling job and will live.

Chief Dinneen is 44 years old, has a wife, two sons and a daughter.

Northup has a wife and . He has been on the force since February 11, 1901. He came to this city from Hoosick Falls (N. Y.), where he was formerly a butcher.

PANAMA JOB ATTACKED IN U. S SENATE.

Senators Hoar and Gorman Score Government for Course Pursued.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate was the scene of a most important debate on the isthmus canal question as affected by the president's recognition of the independence of the Republic of Panama. The debate began by a speech by Mr. Hoar on his resolution of inquiry and lasted several hours.

In addition to Mr. Hoar's address there were speeches by Mr. Gorman and Mr. Foraker. All three were notable utterances and of historical interest.

Mr. Hoar confined his remarks to his resolution and they were carefully written out and read from manuscript. He held that this country had not yet received full official information concerning the Isthmian revolution and criticised in sharp terms the conduct of this country as shown by what had been given out.

There was no reservation in Mr. Gorman's utterances. He practically alleged that the situation in Panama had been created to make a campaign issue and charged Assistant Secretary of State Loomis with a violation of the proprieties in discussing the question at a banquet in New York. He also said that unless further light was thrown on the subject he would oppose the Panama treaty. He also referred to the impetuous action of the executive and declared that the senate should prevent the jepoardizing of the business interests of the country.

Mr. Foraker took Mr. Hoar to task severely for his remarks reflecting on the administration and his indiscretion in speaking in open session concerning executive matters. He defended the administration for its attitude toward the Panama revolt.

A heated colloquy took place between Mr. Foraker and Mr. Hoar during an effort of the Massachusetts' senator to explain more fully his position in the matter.

Manners Sutton S. S Convention.

Harvey Station, Dec. 16—The convention of the Manners Sutton parish Sunday school Association was held here yesterday afternoon and evening. The afternoon session was held in the upper church and although the attendance was not large a pleasant and profitable time was spent. Instructive addresses were given by the president, Rev. J. A. McLean, and Mr. Lucas, who was present. The reports from the different Sunday schools in the parish showed that the work was progressing.

The evening session was held in the station church, the president, Rev. Mr. McLean, presiding. Mr. Lucas addressed the convention with his usual earnestness and ability. He also taught the Sunday school lesson. Miss Keith and Miss Annie Smith sang solos which were much appreciated, and Miss Agnes Alward, principal of the Superior school, read a very interesting and instructive paper relating to Sunday school work. A paper was also read by John W. Taylor. Rev. Mr. McLean spoke briefly at the close. Miss Lizzie Robinson presided at the organ.

A Christmas Eve Surrender.

By Margaret A. Richards.

'You seem to fit well into your niche,' I said, laughing, though I inwardly shrugged my shoulders. This country life was so different from what my sister had been accustomed to, and I wonder d if she was really happy.

I remembered, as I sat on a stool beside her, and leaned on her knee, that the blue gingham apron she wore, and on which my hand then rested, would have been an object of ridicule to her in those old days. But, though her dress was different, and though her life was very unlike it used to be, her heart was as loving as of old, and she rejoiced to have me with her for the holidays.

'Just think,' she said, caressing my hair as tenderly as my mother might have done had she lived to know me, 'it is two years since I have seen you! I was married two years ago to-night, you know, on Christmas eve?'

'Yes,' I answered, 'and how unkind of you! You should have waited until, at least, the day after Christmas, for my sake. That was the loneliest 25th of December I ever spent.'

'And you have punished me for it,' she laughed, 'by staying away from me all this time. Well, I have had some lonely days, too, since then, so we can sympathize with each other.'

'You have been lonely?' I asked, looking up quickly. Was she, as I had half guessed, unhappy in this quiet country home, and did she often think longingly of the life of gaiety she had known in the city?

'What a question?' she exclaimed. 'Why, child, did you think my marriage would make me over again! The human heart must needs long for the loved and absent ones. When Jack goes to his farm across the river, and I am all alone saving for Aunt Hilda, then, of course, I think of you, and wish you were with me. You, with your duties in the college, are too busy, I suppose, to give much thought to me.'

'Do not say that,' I protested. 'Do you not receive evidence once a week of my remembrance?'

'Yes,' she replied, 'and your letters! Dear, they are gems. You do not know how much we enjoy them—Jack and Robert and I.'

'Robert!' I exclaimed. 'Surely that gentleman does not condescend to notice my letters.'

'You do him wrong, Carrie. He is reserved, it is true, but is goodness itself.'

'He thinks too much of himself,' I insisted, lottily. 'He sometimes takes me to task as if I were his little sister, and I a senior! He intimated to me only to-day that I should have spent the Summer vacation with you, when I felt the need of a course at the summer school, and of course, grandmother had to be given the remainder of my time. Last Christmas I would have come, you know, but Jack's mother was sick, and you had to be there.'

'Yes,' she answered. And after a moment of silence she went on: 'We decided then that at Mrs. Morall's death the homestead must go to Robert. Though the youngest of the boys, he has taken care of his mother, and kept the old place up.'

'He ought to have done it,' I declared.

'Yes,' my sister agreed, 'but he deserves credit for the way in which he has done it. There are ways and ways of doing things, you know. Then Robert sacrificed his last year at college because his mother had grown so feeble, and he wanted to take all the care of her he could.'

'I is highly commendable,' I said, coldly.

'You are so provoking, Carrie. You know that Robert loves you, and has loved, you ever since Jack brought him to see us, when you were still in short skirts.'

'Indeed!' I exclaimed, arching my eyebrows. 'Has he ever said so?'

'What would be the use?' my sister queried.

'None,' I answered, laconically.

For some moments we sat in silence before the fire, which was the only light we had in the room, and whose ruddy glow lighted up the furthermost corner. And then I looked straight into the eyes above me, and urged: 'Tell me truly, sister, can a girl who was raised in the city be happy as a farmer's wife?'

'I am happy,' she said, simply. Then, after a pause, she continued: 'The life of the country is different from that of the city, and the work in a country home quite different from that of a city home. We have to become accustomed to these differences, of course, and must do so gradually. There were some things that seemed quite strange to me at first, and some duties I thought I could never do well. But I do finely now, and Jack's mother says I was born for the country. Even if Jack could like city life, I would now prefer to stay here.'

'It is cozy, in truth,' I responded, 'but how different! And your dress—you used to affect long, clinging skirts, with flimsy lace about the bodice. Now you dress so plainly. Is it because you want to—or—because—Jack is ungenerous with his money?'

'I am sensible now,' was the answer. 'I have my garden, my chickens, my flower yard, as well as other out-door duties to attend to. Long skirts and flimsy lace do very well for the house, outdoors they are in the way. But they are simply compensated for,' she laughed, 'in the interest that I feel in all that pertains to my kingdom! I love every foot of ground on the place, every little squealing pig, every growing twig, every downy chick. Biology was my favorite study at school, you know; I study it now from nature rather than books, and like it even better than I used to.'

She would have spoken further, I suppose, only that at that moment we heard steps on the piazza, and Jack and Robert came in. They were loaded down with parcels, and Jack, when he had kissed sister, expressed regret at having had to stay out until after dark. The stores were so crowded, he said, that they could not get waited on early in the afternoon, and everywhere they went was delay after delay until it seemed they would never get through.

Sister declared she did not mind, since I was with her, and Hilda, too, was on the place.

Package after package was opened, and we examined together the gifts Jack and Robert had brought for their respective 'hands,' and laughed to see their efforts to keep certain packages hid from our curious eyes. Presently Robert handed a package over to sister, saying: 'Here, Mary, Jack was busy, and it devolved upon me to purchase the shoes he was to get for you. I don't know anything about buying shoes for ladies, but these are suggestive of you, and I got them because they seemed such as you should have.'

'Let's see what kind of shoes are suggestive of you,' I laughed, and began to undo the string. Soon it was untied, the paper taken off, and the box opened, when lo! there was exposed to our view a pair of cheap, ugly brogans, several times too large for my sister. They all laughed, but I was indignant, and, before any could prevent, I had snatched the brogans from the box and thrown them into the fire, back of the burning logs.

Robert tried to speak, but I interrupted him: 'How dare you insult my sister? Is she no better than a servant that you should bring her such things, and expect her to wear them? She had all that was dainty and beautiful before her marriage!'

Sister put a hand over my lips, and silenced me, as she said, gently: 'Hush, dear, hush!'

Just then Hilda came into the room, a look of perplexity on her black, wrinkled face.

'Dese ain't lak de shoes I allers gits, Marse Jack. Dat clerk done she gib you de wrong bundle, en I ain't gwine hab dem new shoes ter weah on Crismus Day. But law! Aint dese beauties? Fit fo' de queen ter weah!'

'Ah,' said Robert, rising, and taking them from her; 'it was I who made the mistake. These are your shoes, Mary, and Hilda's—'

'And Hilda's,' I finished for him, 'have burned to cinders.'

Then I bowed my head in sister's lap, and sobbed like a foolish child, wetting with copious tears that blue checked gingham apron. She and Jack sought to console me, but Robert came not near. Presently, I heard him in consultation with Hilda in the kitchen, and knew he was making good to her the loss I had occasioned. Preparation for supper called sister to the dining-room, Jack had to attend to some outdoor work, and ere long I was left alone. Not for any length of time, however, for soon Robert returned, and, seating himself by the table, became absorbed in a newspaper, as if I were not near at all.

It served me right, I knew. I had never treated him as well as I had other men, and all because—because—yes, I acknowledged it to myself at last—because my unruly heart had persisted in going out to him more than to all others. I must apologize to him for that night's work, at least, and the sooner the better.

'Robert,' I tried to say, but the sound died within me. Then I became angry—angry with myself that I could not speak, and angry with him because I had wronged him, and because he could but evermore despise me. With me anger could ever find expression, and I was no longer silent.

'Why do you not help me?' I asked, sharply, from my lowly place on the stool.

'Help you?' he queried, putting down the paper and looking at me in surprise as if he had only then learned of my presence.

'Yes,' I answered. 'You know that I am sorry, and that I want to say so.'

'Yes, I know.' And he came and knelt on the rug beside me, 'yet why say so, little one? You know that I would forgive you anything.'

'I hope,' I murmured, 'there will be nothing to forgive after this.'

Stivers—"Do you mean to say you didn't know me when we met yesterday?"

Quince—"Of course I knew you. How else could I have avoided you so deftly?"

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