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MEMOIRS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

THE MYSTERY OF THE YELLOW FACE

Sherlock Holmes was a man who seldom took exercise for exercise's sake. Few men were capable of greater muscular effort, and he was undoubtedly one of the finest boxers of his weight that I have ever seen; but he looked upon aimless bodily exertion as a waste of energy, and his seldom bestirred himself save where there was some professional object to be served. Then he was absolutely untiring and indefatigable. That he should have kept himself in training under such circumstances is remarkable, but his diet was usually of the sparse and his habits were scrupulous to the verge of austerity. Save for the occasional use of cocaine, he had no vices, and he only turned to the drug as a protest against the monotony of existence when cases were scanty and the papers uninteresting. One day in early spring he had so far relaxed as to go for a walk with me in the park, where the first faint shoots of green were breaking out upon the elms, and the sticky speckles of the chestnuts were just beginning to burst into their five-fold leaves. For two hours we strolled about together, in silence for the most part, as befits two men who know each other intimately. It was nearly five before we were back in Baker street once more. "Beg pardon, sir," said our page-boy, as he opened the door. "There's been a gentleman here asking for you, sir."

life and in her thoughts of which I know as little as if she were the woman who knocked by me in the street. We are estranged, and I want to know why. "Now there is one thing that I want to impress upon you before I go any farther, Mr. Holmes. Ethel loves me. Don't let there be any mistake about that. She loves me with her whole heart and soul, and never more than now. I know it. I feel it. I don't want to argue about that. A man can tell easily enough when a woman loves him. But there's this secret between us, and we can never be the same until it is cleared." "I'll tell you what I know about Ethel's history. She was a widow when I met her first, though quite young—only twenty-five. Her name then was Mrs. Helton. She went out to America when she was young, and lived in the town of Atlanta, where she married this Helton, who was a lawyer with a good practice. They had one child, but the yellow fever broke out badly in the place and both husband and child died of it. I have seen his death certificate. This sickened her of America, and she came back to live with a maiden aunt at Pinner, in Middlesex. I may mention that her husband had left her comfortably off, and that she had a capital of about four thousand five hundred pounds, which had been so well invested by him that it returned an average of seven per cent. She had only been six months at Pinner when I met her; we fell in love with each other, and we married a few weeks afterwards. "I am a hop merchant myself, and as I have an income of seven or eight hundred, ever two Toronto people know how to take a position. For some time he has been in W. H. Thorne's office staff and his co-workers presented him his future of gold with good wishes for his future success.

ONTARIO BUYS TOO LITTLE MARITIME PROVINCE FISH

Even British Columbia Halibut is Got Via Boston—Some Dealers Assert That Cod and Haddock from Portland and Boston are Better Than Ours—Where Patriotism Doesn't Count. (Toronto Globe.) Toronto people have yet to be educated in the use of sea fish. "It is silly," asked a housekeeper at the fish store when a salt-water fish was commended to her. "I'll tell you what I know about the kind that she was after. "Well," said she, "I want a hundred pounds." "I was a bit staggered at this, for I had imagined it was simply a new dress or something of the kind that she was after. (To be continued.)

ALLAN'S TO BUILD MORE TURBINES Will Add Two New Ones to the Fleet as Soon as Possible.

Montreal, Oct. 2.—(Special)—The Star's London correspondent says: It is understood that the Allan line is so satisfied with the traffic as developed by the new turbines, Victorian and Virginian, that despite the accident to the Victorian, it is building two more vessels of the same type but of larger dimensions and speed. The Victorian is to be refitted with new engines as soon as possible, so as to ensure vastly improved speed next season.

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from New England after one day than from Canada after two. The express charges are about on a level from Boston and Portland and from Canada, though the distance is double. The railway rates were not considered by any of the dealers interviewed by The Globe as affecting the direction of orders to the States. The car-load shipments in the States make a great difference in prices. For example, halibut, which sells at fifteen cents a pound in Toronto, comes in some quantities from Portland and Gloucester. But Canadian halibut are caught on the Pacific Coast and shipped thence to Boston, then re-shipped to Toronto and landed cheaper here, after paying half a cent a pound duty besides, than they can be brought direct to Toronto by express in small lots. The express rates mentioned were \$7, \$7.50 and \$8.00, with 25 per cent extra for ice. "The halibut question is a pretty important one," said a merchant. "Toronto is not educated to eating halibut. In my opinion it is the finest fish caught. If people used it it would benefit a purely Canadian trade—consumers, fishermen and all." The through rate to Boston is for a car lot from New Westminster, B. C., naturally upsets the express rate to Toronto. One dealer said he had a quotation of \$2.80 for car lots direct to Toronto from British Columbia, but could not arrange sufficient freight. All were agreed on the "exorbitant charges on the main line of the C.P.R. anywhere from Vancouver to North Bay," as one merchant stated. In this connection it was also stated that nearly all the whitefish used here now come from Manitoba, the trout from Lake Superior, and halibut for two months, all salmon and export from the west. Salmon from Washington is brought through Chicago, and can be had cheaper in that way than any from New Brunswick or Restigouche. Express rates were said to be \$1.80 from Canada to Toronto, \$1.20 from New York, and \$1.50 from Boston, with 25 per cent for ice on the United States side and the half-cent duty a pound. Freight from Canada is quoted at 55 cents, and express at \$1.80, while car lots would be cheaper still. The action of the lake fish trusts in prohibiting the sale of salt-water fish in Toronto was made the subject of comment by some of the dealers. If they attempt to supply sea fish to customers of the trust they are notified that their supply of lake fish will be cut off. Thomas Ingraham, of 30 Autumn street, while crossing Garden street from Pond, about 5 o'clock last evening, was struck on the side of the head with a potato and rendered unconscious. The potato, it is thought, was thrown by some small boy concealed near by. Mr. Ingraham revived soon and was able to proceed to his home. It is said that boys in this vicinity make a practice of throwing missiles pasters by. The sailor's circle have prepared a nice programme for their jubilee, which will be held in Indian town S. A. hall, 161 Main street, this evening. Adjt. Mrs. Payne will take the chair at 8 o'clock. A number of city officers will assist. Fish are fresher

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