

A HAPPY DELAY.

BY MRS. F. M. HOWARD.

"I am afraid we shall have snow before night, Stephen," Mrs. Crane, looking out of the window at the heavy cloud in the northeast, which justified her prediction.

"You'd better wrap up warm and have plenty of straw in the bottom of the wagon. I'll have the soapstone for your feet."

"No, you won't. I don't want to be cooiled like a baby," replied Stephen Crane. Then, as if ashamed of his roughness, he added, in a gentler tone: "It isn't high so sharp as it looks from the inside. You women squinch at the least bit of cold."

"I want to squinch for myself, Stephen," the wife answered, in a hurt tone. "You are all I've got to care for."

"Well, well! I don't make a baby of me, that's all. What do you want from town to-day?"

"Why, it is almost time for Christmas, Stephen, and I'd like some raisins and spices, and—and it seems as if some nuts and candy would taste real good. I've haven't had any in a long, and some cranberries, for turkey don't seem natural without cranberry sauce."

Stephen Crane's face had darkened angrily at the mention of Christmas. "I don't see no need of getting Christmas trimmings," he said harshly. "I can get the things, if you say so. I can't get the things, but there won't be no flavor of thanks to go with them. That can't be bought at the store."

"But you can ask the Lord for it, Stephen," replied the wife eagerly. "It does hurt me so to see you hard and bitter toward him. Look at neighbor Blake's people, losing their only one, and in such a harrowing way, but still they haven't been bitter against the Lord."

"Death is something that comes to every body, but—the other man," replied Stephen Crane in a choked voice. "Don't say any more about it, Martha. And he stalked out but thin clad for the possible changes in the weather, his wife looking after him with quivering lips."

shame to let years go by without a glimpse of one's own kindred."

"I quite agree with you, Nate," replied Mrs. Crane heartily. "Separations among friends are hard enough at best."

Mr. Crane drew on his gloves in the hall. "You will be ready, then, Matilda, for the 9.40 train?"

"Yes, the satchels are all ready, and I will be down on the 9 o'clock car."

The planning of a journey is one thing, the carrying out of the plan is another. Thomas was five minutes late in coming for the luggage, the car had one of those inopportune breaks which are so annoying to hurrying passengers, and when Matilda, red with vexation, hastened into the station, her husband met her with a vexed look in his face.

"The train has been gone just three minutes," pulling out his watch. "What was the matter?"

"Oh, say a word, Nate!" she exclaimed, dropping into a seat. "The car always breaks down if I want to catch a train. I am so tired!"

"Oh, well, there's another train in an hour," Mr. Crane's brow cleared. It was one of his best points—a graceful yielding to the inevitable. "There is a later train on the branch, and I can wire Steve to wait for us, so don't fret, Matilda."

Mrs. Crane resigned herself to wait for the next train, while Mr. Crane read the morning paper—that solace for every ordinary woe in a husband's man's life. People surged in and out, and the train crier's stentorian drawl echoed through the room at intervals.

Suddenly Mrs. Crane poked her husband in the ribs excitedly. "Look over in that corner—quick, Nate, or you'll lose her. It's Lettie—I'm sure of it!"

MILITARY TROUBLE.

Pretty Stiff Talk by Major Bennett, Who Wants to Raise South African Police.

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—Much friction is felt in local military circles over the severe remarks of Major Bennett, of the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, in referring to the men who failed to obey orders to attend the Thanksgiving service in Christ church for the return of the South African soldiers. On returning from the church to the drill hall Col. Worinop referred to the appearance of the men in complimentary terms and handed them over to Major Bennett. Major Bennett told the men their colonel's remarks only applied to those present and not to absentees, who, on account of a petty snow storm and two feet of snow, declined to parade. He is reported to have said they were fair weather soldiers, unfit to wear the Queen's uniform; that they were curs and a disgrace to the regiment. Such men as these were men that neither Canada nor the empire could rely upon in the hour of need, and if he had any doubts on that point, he would refer to the funeral of little Bertie Maher, who was burned to death on Saturday, was held yesterday, the services being conducted by Rev. P. D. Davidson. Burial was made in the new cemetery here.

Albert County. Hopewell Hill, Jan. 8.—The body of the late Mrs. A. H. Kinney was brought here today from New York. Interment was made in the new cemetery. The service at the grave was conducted by the Rev. P. D. Davidson. The funeral of little Bertie Maher, who was burned to death on Saturday, was held yesterday, the services being conducted by Rev. P. D. Davidson. Burial was made in the new cemetery here.

Queens County. White's Cove, Queens County, Jan. 8.—The weather of late has been very cold, but the young folks still continue to get married. Lumen O. Farris and bride, formerly Miss Knox, of Mais Hill, Me., arrived home on Friday evening last. Rev. A. K. McDonald preached at Mill Cove on Sunday afternoon and Rev. Mr. Blackburn in the evening.

Greenwich, Jan. 7.—Rev. H. A. Cody was unable to attend service Sunday, on account of ill health. School reopened here today, under the management of Miss Minnie Shunkin, of St. John.

Mr. Ernest Walton has gone to visit friends in Fredericton and St. John. Miss Ada Walton, of St. John, is spending a few weeks with her mother, of this place.

Mr. Zebulon Richards, who was recently kicked by a cow, is still unable to walk.

Miss Gertrude Price is in St. John, attending her sister, Mrs. M. Johnson, who is very low with typhoid fever. Business is booming in this section. John O. Van Wart, Asa Jones and Geo. W. Jones are busily engaged in lumbering. George Carter is hauling his hay to the city market.

Agriculture in Schools. The study of agriculture is to be introduced in the Municipal schools if the plans of several members of the board of education prevail. The work is to be compulsory, and the superintendent of teachers is to be in charge of the work.

A Cry for Help.—A pain in the back is a cry of the kidneys for help. South American Kidney Cure is the only cure that has been found to relieve the pain.

There is in Paris a hotel which has 4,000 employees. The smallest kettle in its kitchen contains 100 quarts, and the largest 500. Each of 50 roasting pans is big enough for 300 chickens. Each dish for baking potatoes holds 225 pounds. When omelets are on the bill of fare 7,800 eggs are used at once. For cooking alone 60 cooks and 100 assistants are always at the ranges.

ST. STEPHEN MAN KILLED.

Run Over by the C. P. R. Near McAdam Junction.

EDWARD B. KIERSTEAD

Intending to Leave the Montreal Train Evidently Forgot—Was Carried Beyond and It Was Thought Jumped Off—Body Awfully Mutilated and Death Soon Ensued.

Word reached the city last evening of a horrible fatality which occurred on the C. P. R., between McAdam and Vancouver, Me., by which Mr. E. B. Kierstead lost his life.

Mr. Kierstead, who is a member of the firm of Ganong Bros., St. Stephen, arrived here on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by his son, W. G. Kierstead, who was on route to Acadia College, Wolfville, where he is taking a course. The young fellow had been to his home in St. Stephen spending the Christmas holidays. The father and son spent the night at the Victoria hotel and yesterday morning the boy left on the steamer Prince Rupert and it was his father's intention to reach his home in St. Stephen last evening.

He spent part of the day about the city with Mr. Fred Hutchinson, the representative of the Great Northern and Mr. S. Harris, of Harris, Harkness & Co., of Montreal.

He boarded the Pacific express yesterday afternoon, intending to change cars at McAdam and take the train on the St. Stephen branch. Arriving at McAdam, Mr. Kierstead apparently forgot to get off the train and did not find out his mistake until the train had started out of the McAdam yard. Then, finding he was being carried along to Vancouver, he ran to the platform of the car and it is not known whether he fell or jumped from the train. The train was stopped and backed up to the place where Mr. Kierstead had left the train and the unfortunate man was found lying partly on the track. When he struck the ground he slid under the rails and his left arm was cut off above the elbow. The left leg was broken and his body was badly crushed.

The body of the man was placed on board the train and taken to Vancouver as fast as possible. There he was looked after by a surgeon, but his life could not be saved and he died an hour after the time the accident occurred.

Mr. Kierstead's partners, the Messrs. Ganong, are in the city with the St. Stephen and like Messrs. Hutchinson and Harris, did not know anything about the accident until informed of it by the Telegraph last night about 11 o'clock. They are deeply grieved over the awful occurrence.

The deceased was well known here. As a business man he was very keen and very about 42 years of age and leaves a wife and five children, three boys and two girls. The oldest child is the son who passed through the law at the University of McGill, he being about 17 years of age.

Mr. Kierstead was a prominent Free Mason and Odd Fellow, and an officer in the Masonic lodge at St. Stephen.

GERMANY'S PARLIAMENT. The Diet Was Opened Yesterday by the Chancellor.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The diet was opened today in the name of Emperor William, who is suffering from a slight cold, by the imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow. The speech of the emperor, the principal point in this was the announcement of the immediate presentation of an extended canal bill, containing the Rhine and Elbe scheme, but also the construction of a waterway for large ships between Berlin and Stettin, a new practicable waterway connecting the many rivers of the German Empire, the Wartha, Vistula and improvements in the Wartha, lower Oder, lower Havel and Spree.

The speech referred to the continued satisfactory management of the empire, and introduced the budget for 1901, which was expected for 1901, while the budget for 1900 had been presented in 1900. The budget for 1901 shows a surplus had been obtained in 1899 and that equally favorable results were expected for 1900, while the budget for 1901 shows a surplus had been obtained in 1899 and that equally favorable results were expected for 1900, while the budget for 1901 shows a surplus had been obtained in 1899 and that equally favorable results were expected for 1900.

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ANOTHER FATAL FIRE.

Mother and Children Burned or Suffocated. New York, Jan. 8.—Four lives were lost in a fire which broke out in the five-story brick tenement house, 337 East 113th street, tonight. The dead are: Antonette Mora, 20 years of age; Louis Donato Mora, 3 years old; Francisco Mora, ten months old, the wife and children of Donato Mora, a fruit vendor.

Francisco Mora, 32 years old, a sister-in-law of Antonette Mora. The family lived on the top floor and the bodies were found after the fire had been extinguished. They had been burned and suffocated.

A Bushel of Eggs. Sheridan's Condition Powder. It helps the older hens, makes pullets early layers, makes broody hens sit tight, keeps them healthy, and makes them lay more eggs.

THE RUSSIAN BEAR.

Sweden Fears He Is Coming Aggressive. (Göteborg, Jan. 8.—Great uneasiness exists throughout Sweden over the designs of Russia. There is a very general belief among the Swedes that the dissatisfaction of the Norwegians, which threatens the union, has been stirred up by Russia. What lends color to this belief is that the leader of the Norwegian Separatists, Iversen, is a frequent contributor to the Russian press of articles against Sweden.)

There are rumors of many Russian spies and secret service agents being spread all over Norway and Sweden.

The former idea that Russia only desires to seize a part of ports in the north of Norway has disappeared and the prevailing opinion here is that the czar intends to capture the whole Scandinavian peninsula.

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