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A ROYAL WARD

By Percy J. Brebner, author of "Princess Marika," "Voyagers," etc.

"Was his wife ever a servant at Lady Betty's?"
"Yes, and lost her place by reason of the length and insolence of her tongue. Old John was very communicative and well earned the crown I gave him. There must be some very strong reason why his wife, with her greed for money, did not fall a victim to your golden cajolery."

"She doesn't puzzle me as much as Evertsen does."
Without further delay they made for the Exeter road, and changed horses at the first opportunity. The mail had just rattled through the High street and come to a standstill before the inn. Dubuison inquired about the coach of the guard, but it was a passenger who gave the information.

"With two ladies inside, sir? Yes, but no man, I fancy. There was a man beside the driver, a footman, I should say. The driver was a splendid whip; it was his handling of the ribbons which made me notice the coach. I warrant he's driven long distances for wagers before now, and perhaps broken his fortune at the game. He was no ordinary coachman."

Dubuison thanked him, and wondered whether Evertsen was driving the coach himself.
With good horses under them, they travelled rapidly, and marvelled at the skill of the driver when they became certain that the coach was still some distance ahead of them. They heard of it from a mounted messenger, who was riding post-haste to London with news of rioting beyond Exeter. The horses appeared fresh, he told them.

Evening had come when they entered through a belt of wood and came out upon a common across the road swept in a quarter circle to woods on the other side. It was dark, with a promise of moonlight presently.
"Hallo, my beauty!" cried Evertsen, suddenly, as his horse shied so unexpectedly as nearly to unsettle him.

"Here, hold my bridle," said Dubuison, as Evertsen steadied his animal. "There has been an accident."

He was out of the saddle in a moment and bending down to look at two horses fallen upon the road. "Dead!" he exclaimed. "This one shot, I think, I can feel the hole between the eyes."

"Harmless on them?"
"No, nothing." And then Dubuison's foot struck something that gave out a sharp metallic sound. "A stirrup with a broken strap."

"Then these poor brutes can't concern us," said Evertsen. "If two of the coach horses had gone down we might have come up with Lady Betty before."

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PATTERN DEPARTMENT, LONDON ADVERTISER.

"Highwaymen, Baxter, how about highwaymen?" said Dubuison as he mounted again.

"Less dangerous without their horses than with them," Baxter answered. "But we'll keep a sharp eye on the road. They might think our worth the struggle."

They cantered down the incline into the woods on the other side of the common, down which the coach had passed not very long ago, and half a mile further saw dim lights through the trees.

"It's an inn," said Baxter. "I call a halt for my horse's sake as well as my own."

"It's lonely enough to serve as a retreat for our horseless highwaymen," said Dubuison as they came upon it.

"If they are unpleasant we can post as gentlemen of the road, too. Can you look after the horses?" Baxter called to a man who appeared in the doorway. "We shall want them again in an hour or two."

As they entered the parlor two men turned from the fire, blazing on a wide hearth, to look at them. One was a tall, loose-limbed man with little appearance of a highwayman about him; the other was Walter Evertsen.

CHAPTER XXVI.

All is Fair in Love and War.
For the man who has almost achieved success yet just failed at the last moment there must always be a particular bitterness. Since fortune and good luck bring him to the supreme moment, he must feel that the reason for failure rests with him, and as a rule, when it is too late, he will find it very difficult to understand the reason if he chooses to be honest with himself.

This was Walter Evertsen's case. Fortune had favored him in a truly remarkable manner. On returning to Almack's last night, after walking with his friend to hear the important news concerning Dubuison, he found that Lady Betty had left a message for him.

"I think it is quite curious," she said. "Even if the duchess is ill, why should she send for Lady Betty Walmsley? Perhaps we are in for a mystery tomorrow, Mr. Evertsen."

Then a porter at Almack's declared that the carriage in which Lady Betty had left was not the Duchess of Petersham's, which he knew well; and as though fortune were determined to favor him, when he hurried into St. James street, he met a friend who had been at Petersham House all the evening. The duchess was perfectly well, had spoken of Lady Betty, but had certainly never sent to Almack's for her. Evertsen immediately hastened to his lodging, calling on a friend, who was always ready to do him a service on the way, and together they were in pursuit of Lady Betty a good hour before Dubuison and Baxter had left the inn by Tyburn road.

Evertsen did not doubt for a moment that Dubuison had run away with Lady Betty, possibly with her consent. He was fully persuaded also that Lady Betty's rescue from an undoubtedly scoundrel was the thought uppermost in his mind. The process of reasoning which made him follow Exeter mail coach road out of London he would have found it difficult to explain; possibly the fact that Lady Betty had already hidden Dubuison at Abbots Chase had something to do with it. Fortune again smiled him.

At a hostelry some eight miles out of London he met a news of a coach, which he jumped to the conclusion that it was Lady Betty's, and went on perfectly satisfied. Twice during the following day he got news of a coach, once at least it probably was Betty's. A man by the roadside spoke of furious driving, and mentioned that the coach had come from a side road and might purposely have avoided the piece of common across which the road swept in a quarter circle. If he were right, the coach could hardly avoid this piece of road, and so they waited. So good luck had attended him, and then, in his excitement, he had become careless. When towards evening he called on his companion and they dashed after it, never calculating upon so sudden and determined a resistance from the coachman. By the time Evertsen had picked himself up and realized what had happened, the coach had disappeared into the woods. Neither of them was really hurt, although Evertsen's companion had had the wind knocked out of him by his fall, and stood in a doubled-up position for a few moments. There was nothing for it but to take their saddles and

bridles, walk on to the next inn, and try and capture other horses. They had just learnt from the landlord that horses were not to be had that night for love or money, when Victor Dubuison and Finley Baxter entered.

"Even stay around as though he doubted whether he had seen the strangers clearly."
"By Gad, Pellant, we haven't failed after all!" Evertsen flung out his arm towards his companion. "This is the man."

The loose-limbed friend jerked himself into a position of attention, but did not speak.
"Where is Lady Betty?" Evertsen demanded.

"I have ridden out of London to put that question to you," Dubuison answered.

For a moment it seemed as if Evertsen would fling himself upon his enemy without another word. His own sense of dignity may have come to his aid, or perhaps he was steadiest by a sudden movement from the lands, which ever it was, his twitching fingers were suddenly locked behind his back.

Cleverness is a necessary part of your profession, I take it, Mr. Dubuison," he said with a scorn, "and I grant you honest men find it difficult to deal with men of your stamp. They are driven to dirty means and sordidly-outrage agents if they would hold their own. This time you are over-reaching yourself. I know you were at Almack's last night, and you honor me by a sneaking admiration for your impudence. You went there to see Lady Betty Walmsley. No sooner had you left than she came to my house by the story, by the Duchess of Petersham. It was a lie, Mr. Dubuison. She was villainously abducted, and at the very moment when my friend and I had succeeded in coming up with her, double murder was attempted on the King's Highway."

"We passed the dead horses on the road," said Baxter.

"I have not the honor of your acquaintance, sir," returned Evertsen, sharply.

"Better late than never, and I think we are well met tonight. My name is Baxter—Finley Baxter."

To be continued.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Irishmen of Quebec, Ottawa and Kingston Celebrated.

Ottawa, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day saw no procession in the capital. There was a concert at which E. B. Devlin, M. P., spoke. Earl Grey has that when he visited his patronage to him, he did not mean any insult and that Mr. Devlin would understand his position, which must be neutral, when policies are introduced.

Big Parade at Quebec.

Quebec, March 17.—In spite of a snowstorm, the St. Patrick's Day parade this morning was one of the largest and most imposing witnessed here in many years. En route four addresses were made. The first to His Grace Archbishop Bevin, the second to the mayor, the third to the lieutenant-governor, and the fourth to the rector of St. Patrick's Church. The parade proceeded to St. Patrick's Church, where solemn high mass was celebrated. The sermon of the day was delivered by the Rev. Father Maloney, C. S. S. R., of St. John, N. B.

Kingston, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day was quietly observed here today. The Catholic fraternal societies attended service at St. Mary's Cathedral, where Father Halligan delivered the oration. Tonight in the opera house the play "O'Brien, the Contractor" was given by Daniel Ryan Company, specially engaged for the event.

At Montreal.

Montreal, March 17.—The Irish citizens of Montreal divided their forces today for the celebration of their patron saint, St. Patrick. The vest and scotch attire of the men, the St. Patrick's Church, where Archbishop Bruchet officiated at high mass, and Rev. Father Barrett, a Dominican priest from Quebec, gave the sermon. The East End Irishmen attended high mass at St. Mary's Church, where the preacher was Rev. Father Edhellier, of the Franciscans, and Rev. Father Luke Callaghan, said mass. Both processions were largely attended, notwithstanding the fall of snow of last night was transformed into slush, which made walking disagreeable. Most of the Irish societies held entertainments of a dramatic or musical character tonight.

BAR ASSOCIATION TO TALK OF LAW REFORM

Will Hold a Meeting Next Week and Have an Interview With the Government.

Toronto, March 18.—A meeting of clation has been called for Wednesday next, when the local bar association of the province will send their representatives to Toronto to discuss the proposed law reform measures and to see the Ontario Government on the subject.

If possible, an audience with the Premier for the purpose of the law reform, and some suggestions will be made to Sir James and his cabinet in the way of amendments.

Speaking personally of one law, after this morning, "the law reform bill is a disappointment, and I trust that it will be changed before the final reading."

SANDWICH ASSIZES

Negro Boy Who Shot Father To Be Tried for Murder.

Sandwich, March 17.—William Thompson, the negro boy who shot his father in the family home in Malden Township, near Amherstburg last fall, will be charged with murder before Judge Teetzel, at the spring assizes here next week, according to the decision reached by the crown after sifting the evidence. It will be the first murder case tried in the Sandwich court for years.

Differences Settled.

Windsor, March 17.—The differences between this city and the Detroit River Tunnel contractors regarding the construction of the new Michigan Central Bridge at Sandwich street, which the contractors propose building as a part of the tunnel plans, have been adjusted. They will after all be no reference to the Dominion Railway Commission to decide the terms. The contractors will build an entirely new bridge, replacing the present structure and extending some distance further east. The wishes of the board of works will be met in every respect, and the city will be relieved of the cost of maintaining all but the roadway.

LUCKY MR. BROWN

If it had not been for "Fruit-a-tives," Mr. Lemuel Brown of Avondale, N.B., would still be living on stale bread and porridge, and suffering tortures with indigestion.

His stomach was so weak that he had to give up all kinds of meats, potatoes and other vegetables, and even deny himself the comforts of a cup of tea. Fortunately, he bought a box of "Fruit-a-tives," bought a box and was so much improved by taking the tablets, that he used four boxes altogether. I have been a great sufferer from indigestion for fifteen years.

About two years ago, I read about "Fruit-a-tives" and concluded to give them a trial. I used nearly four boxes of "Fruit-a-tives" and they have made me feel like a new man. I can eat all kinds of hearty foods and enjoy tea and coffee. This is not a rare case, but the regular experience of every one who uses "Fruit-a-tives" for weak stomach, indigestion and dyspepsia.

Try them. A box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial box, 25c. At dealers or from Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

ENGLAND NOT HELPED BY THE TAFT TARIFF

Not Believed That Much Real Reduction Will Be Made.

London, March 18.—The question of tariff revision is of very real and unusual interest at the present moment for the British public. The realization that there must be an ever-increasing reduction on the navy to add to the budget difficulties already brought about by liberal social reforms, makes the over-burdened taxpayers long for any direction for relief, and the situation is one calculated to return the waverers into the tariff reform camp.

Hence the American tariff bill and its effect in Congress will be watched with keen interest to ascertain whether there is any slackening in the belief in America in the virtues of a protectionist system. The American correspondents of the English newspapers refuse to believe that the Senate will sanction any really effective reduction in duties. They point out that there have been four revisions of the tariff since the civil war, but that none of these has resulted in a reduction of the duties, and although it is believed that the President genuinely wishes revision there is no idea here that the new bill, when finally adopted, will change anything but incidental duties. The most interesting points of the tariff bill for the British public are the proposed application of an extra duty on the import of the raw materials of the British exporters, and the patent clause, which is regarded as a retaliation for the act promulgated by David Lloyd-George. The reduction in steel duties is expected to benefit the British trade.

There is much interest also in the free admission of works of art, which is calculated to act as a powerful incentive to American collectors in donating Europe of its art treasures. On the whole, however, the bill is regarded as doing little to help the protectionist party here in its campaign.

BETTER SIGNS TO MARK THE STREETS

Matter Will Be Taken Up Shortly by Board of Works.

The board of works will shortly take up the question of better street signs for the city and samples will be submitted.

A suggestion was made by a prominent citizen of the city who has been much abroad that would be of considerable value if adopted. He obtained the idea in Germany, where it is in vogue, and it proves of great assistance to travellers and strangers especially.

At the corner of every street on a sign giving the name of the street, the numbers in rotation of the houses in the block. A stranger has then little or no difficulty in locating the house he is searching for, and it is a great help.

"Something should be done to provide for better street signs and house numbers," said Ald. Stewart, "and it is practically impossible to locate a number and, merchants experience great difficulty in delivering their goods. If some scheme like that were devised it would prove of great benefit to the city. The cost would not be excessive, but would readily repay the people for making."

Will Castro Dare?

Berlin, March 17.—Foreign Minister Von Schoen received Jose de J. today, and assured the Venezuelan commissioner of Germany's good will towards the government of President Gomez. Senor Paul thanked the minister for Germany's good offices in the dispute between Venezuela and Holland. Senor Paul probably will be received in audience by Emperor William.

Senor Paul does not believe that Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela, who is now in Dresden, will return to Venezuelan soil. If he seeks

A Sneezing Epidemic

IT'S NOT INFLUENZA—BUT CATARRH THAT COMES WITH CHANGE OF SEASON.

Every second person that you meet seems to have a sneeze and stuffed feeling in the forehead and nostrils. To cure promptly, say, in half an hour, there is nothing worth using except Catarrhoxone. You inhale its balsamic vapor, and feel as if you were among the Norway Firs. This is because Catarrhoxone is a healthy, curing medicine, light as pine air, which cures Catarrhoxone, colds, croup, sore throat, may be taken by young and old with absolute certainty of swift, permanent cure. Try "Catarrhoxone," and beware of the substitutor who may try to induce you to take something instead of Catarrhoxone. Large size lasts two months. Price 25c. Smaller sizes 25c and 50c. Sold by all dealers, or The Catarrhoxone Company, Kingston, Ont.

Who'll Win European Free Trip?

Western Ontario is interested in the outcome. People are everywhere discussing the contest and the prospects of the candidates.

Some of the contestants have made remarkable gains during the past few days, and there have been several changes in the standing. In no case can you foretell the result in any district, but it is evident that some of those now in the "back row" are going to be near the front in a few days. May the best workers win.

Candidates Should Realize the Importance of Special Ballots

Many who have apparently been depending on the ballots that are printed in The Advertiser every day are now increasing their "count" by leaps and bounds, a thousand votes at a time. The special ballot is "THE KEY TO SUCCESS." When you stop and consider that one year's subscription at \$5 is worth 1,000 votes, in addition to the ballots printed every day in the paper, doesn't it seem plain to you that the special ballot is the winning one?

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