SAM LOYD'S PUZZLES.

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GREAT PICNIC PUZZLE.

When they started off on the great annual picnic every wagon in town was pressed into service. Half-way to the grounds ten wagons broke down, so it was necessary for each of the remaining wagons to carry one more person. When they started for home it was discovered that fifteen more wagons were out of commission, so on the return trip there were three persons more in each wagon than when they started out in the morning. Now who can tell how many people attended the great annual picnic?

ANSWER TO REAPER'S PROBLEM PRINTED FRIDAY.

In that problem of the three reapers, Ben could have done the work in 12 and 12-29 days, and Bill would have required 48 days, while if they both worked together, they could have completed it in 9 and 63-73 days. Jake, who could do the job in nine days, is evidently worth ten shillings for the five days. Ben who should have received 40 shillings, got three shillings and ninepence less, as that was given to Bill, which establishes his rating, so that it would take him 48 days to earn 90 shillings.

A ROYAL WARD

By Percy J. Brebner, author of "Princess Maritza," "Vayenne," etc.

Dubuisson looked at Sir Rupert, but he was contemplating Evertsen, with a smile upon his lips. This young soldier was evidently the man who had commanded in the attack upon the smugglers, and, in spite of his foolish boasting, he went up in Dubuisson's estimation. On duty he was a much better man than anyone, seeing him now, would have given him credit for. Was Sir Rupert aware that he had made known to each other the hunted and the hunter? Dubuisson wondered. Truly, he was in a very maze of difficulty and without a real friend.

"But this can hardly interest you, Mr. Dubuisson," said Evertsen, turning from the mirror, still uncertain, it seemed, whether his coat was everything it should be. "I promise you that your affairs shall have a great deal of my attention. I will take you to the clubs, I will see that you are invited to the Duchess of Petersham's, and I will endeavor to interest her grace in you so that you can obtain the entree to Almacks. If in these places you cannot find the man you want, he is either dead, or you have been misled with regard to his position."

"I can only thank you now, but shall hope for the opportunity of repaying your courtesy."

"It is nothing, Mr. Dubuisson, nothing, I assure you. Give me the address of your lodging."

"Mr. Dubuisson is hardly settled in town yet. Address him here," said Sir Rupert.

"You are——"

"That also is nothing, Mr. Dubuisson."

"An item of news, Sir Rupert, that I warrant you have not heard at the clubs," said Evertsen.

"Concerning the prince?"

"No, and yet in a way it does; but not so nearly as it does me. My Lady Betty Walmisley comes to town."

Evertsen's back was towards Dubuisson, so he did not notice the start which this piece of news caused. Sir Rupert smiled, as though he had noticed it.

"And Walter Evertsen rejoices," he said. "You will find rivals in half the men in town."

"Would you have me marry a lady no other man is dying of love for? She will be the toast from Carlton House to the Pavilion at Brighton."

"Let us hope she is amongst those who do not think all other men ill-looking beside the Prince Regent," said Sir Rupert. "He might object presently to her being toasted anywhere but at the Pavilion and Carlton House. Ah, Walter, you fly at high game, take care you do not fall."

"I trust you have few relations, Mr. Dubuisson," said Evertsen; "they are a very plague. You shall see my Lady Betty before you are much older, and I should not wonder if you became one of my rivals."

"That would be too great an honor."

"Faith, Mr. Dubuisson, they did not forget to teach you the trick of paying compliments in the north. I foresee pleasant times in your company. You have been courteous enough to consider yourself in my debt; it may be that you will amply repay it by having an opportunity of doing me some slight service with the lady. I have known a friend's praise do much for a man before now."

"This is clipping a rival's wings with a vengeance," laughed Sir Rupert.

"I but acknowledge Mr. Dubuisson's power," said Evertsen.

"I may have the good fortune to serve the lady as well as the gentleman," Dubuisson said.

"You will be one of the few, then, that ever found a reward in such a double task," laughed Sir Rupert.

So Lady Betty Walmisley was coming to town, and he would see her. This was the thought uppermost in Victor Dubuisson's mind as he walked away from Bury Street. For a time the difficulties which faced him, the tangled maze of intrigue into the very centre of which he seemed to have stepped were forgotten. He was unconscious of the streets through which he passed, of the men and women about him, of the busy, throbbing world; he was standing bareheaded upon a silent terrace, the misty light of a watery moon about him, and there was a girl looking into his eyes, endeavoring to read his very soul through them.

She was coming to town, and this coxscomb of a soldier had already marked her for his prey. Would she even look a second time at such a man? Perhaps. Who can tell what a woman will or won't do?

"Le bon Dieu understands them," he murmured, "but he has not given such an understanding to men. I shall see her, perchance carry a message for Monsieur Evertsen. Bah! It is too much."

He spoke and thought in French—sure sign that he was excited, and he quickened his pace as though he would leave all such disagreeable considerations behind him. To some extent, he succeeded, but the thought of Lady Betty was pleasant, was persistent, and remained with him, even when he went to meet Finley Baxter presently at the Golden Cross. It was curious that Baxter had made the appointment for the ostensible purpose of discussing the winning of a woman, for before they parted that night Victor Dubuisson, although he did not name her, had asked his companion to honor a toast.

"To the lady of my dreams," he said quietly, and Baxter raised his glass, asking no questions.

CHAPTER VIII.

A Perplexed Man.

Walter Evertsen was as good as his word, and gave a considerable amount of his time to Dubuisson's affairs. He began by helping him to select a suitable lodging in King street, and laughed when his companion expressed some doubt concerning the requisite depth of his pocket.

"If we all paused to consider such a trifle as that," said Evertsen, "a vast number of us might as well be dead and buried. If you would catch a fortune, you must make the bait attractive, and forget the cost. You will never find the man you are seeking unless you are in the world, and to all right-minded gentlemen the world means this Parish of St. James's."

There was no combating the air of conviction with which he spoke, and, since money was not of paramount consideration with him, Victor allowed his objections to be over-ruled. Neither did he refuse to be put into the hands of Evertsen's tailor in Bond Street, who was, apparently, the only man in the world who could cut a coat in such a fashion that a gentleman could wear it complacently. And, these preliminaries settled, Evertsen introduced Victor to some of his friends, took him to the clubs, arranged that he should receive a bow from the Prince Regent at Carlton House, and brought him generally into contact with men of fashion and position. Without gambling much and without drinking to excess, vices which were foreign to his nature, Victor Dubuisson managed to impress his new companions as being an acquaintance well worth cultivating. Of course, such friendship was all on the surface, a veneer merely, but it served the purpose of unlocking the gates of the world of fashion into which he must enter if he would have success.

It must be admitted that Evertsen's help was given unselfishly; he had little to gain by it, and perhaps his feeling towards Dubuisson had rather more depth in it than his sentiments toward his fellows usually had. There was a certain quiet force about Dubuisson which was attractive; he could be frivolous, but it was more natural to him to be serious, to get down under the surface of things and to see the real earnestness of life. Evertsen realized this, and at those times when there was any semblance of seriousness in himself found especial satisfaction in Victor's company. He was serious about Lady Betty Walmisley, who had come to town, and whom he had already met on several occasions, and he made Victor the recipient of his confidence. Dubuisson had not yet chanced to meet her in London, for although Evertsen had pointed her out driving one day, she had passed before he had caught a glimpse of her face.

"You will see her at the Duchess of Petersham's reception," Evertsen said on one occasion when Lady Betty was the subject of conversation, "and you will admit that I have not praised her too highly."

"Others praise her as highly," Dubuisson remarked.

"I am not looking for an easy victory," Evertsen answered, "but I have advantages which others do not possess."

"Indeed!"

"Oh, I am not thinking of those which my mirror shows me, although I am not ill looking, and looks go far with a woman, however much she may deny it; nor am I thinking of advantages of birth, although I am very likely, in course of time, to succeed to an ancient and honorable title. No, I speak of the advantage of having a friend at court whose word is certain to impress the lady. I have two friends, in fact; nay, three, for you have declared yourself in my debt."

"I hardly think I should—"

"You do not believe your services would be of much use," interrupted Evertsen, with a laugh. "Perhaps not. A word in my favor, should opportunity occur, pays your debt, Dubuisson; but it is hardly likely that Lady Betty will give much thought to your opinion. No; my other two friends are more valuable in this affair, and one of them I am strenuously playing now, as an accomplished fisherman does a fly. Lady Betty has a companion—an elderly woman—who is never tired of being flattered. Jove! I have exhausted myself of compliments to please her, and she is still greedy for more."

"Is that the royal road to success?"

"One of them," answered Evertsen, with a meaning which Dubuisson could not appreciate, since he was ignorant of the fact that Lady Betty was the king's ward. "One of them, for the lady has much influence with her young relation; has brought her up, in fact, is a depository for all her secrets."

"And they are delivered to you second-hand?"

"They will be, when I have sufficiently flattered the depository. Besides, does not this elderly person keep the key, as it were, of Lady Betty's house in Pall Mall? Win the guard of the city to your side, and the siege is nearly at an end."

"There is a savor of treachery in it, isn't there?" asked Dubuisson.

"There are few women's hearts that are not won by deceit, my dear Dubuisson; the better the woman, the greater the deceit. For what man amongst us is really worthy of a good woman? yet he will perjure himself to prove the contrary. Even if he bemoans his unworthiness, and makes a sort of half-confession to her, he does it in such a manner as will excite her pity, and so he wins, for pity and love are twin sisters and ever go hand in hand."

Dubuisson looked at him reflectively. "I did not know you could be so serious," he said.

"A little while ago I did not know it myself," was the answer. "If ever you are called upon to answer for my truthfulness in this matter, you can speak with a clear conscience. But talking of love makes us sentimental, which is bad for digestion. Where do we dine tonight? Let us, for once, seek company where there is no talk of mistresses."

"Is such a company to be found in St. James's?" Dubuisson asked.

"If not, we'll dine alone and toast Lady Betty together," Evertsen answered. "For the nonce, you can imagine that you are in love with her."

Into the circle of his artistocratic acquaintances Finley Baxter did not come, and if he chanced to be in Dubuisson's lodgings when any of these friends arrived he always took his departure at once. Still, Dubuisson saw a good deal of him; he met him constantly, often climbed the rickety stairs to the crooked little room overlooking the river, and perhaps felt more real friendship for Baxter than for any other man of his acquaintance. No explanation of Sir Rupert's visit had been asked or given, nor had Dubuisson told Baxter that Sir Rupert was the man who had recommended him to go to the Brazen Serpent. The first words towards a full confidence ought to come from Baxter, he argued, and they were not forthcoming. The game of double-dealing was not an easy one for Victor Dubuisson to play, but in this, as in so many matters, careful persistency often defeats natural brilliancy, and he was rapidly acquiring that practice which would fit him to pass as an accomplished schemer. He was, in fact, prepared to trust nobody, yet, in spite of Baxter's reticence, he came nearer to trusting him than anyone else, and it seemed evident that the American had taken some trouble on his behalf.

"I have set one or two men making careful inquiries," he said, when Dubuisson had climbed the rickety stairs one day. "In every plot there is always someone who does the dirty work, and they can often be persuaded to talk about it."

"Did you mention my quest to the man who interrupted us on the occasion of my first visit to your lodging?"

"No; I know too little about him. At that time I didn't even know his name."

"Oh, I thought he gretted you as an old friend," said Dubuisson carelessly.

"We had met twice; some months ago for the first time, and again on the previous day. I have since found out that his name is Sir Rupert Ashton."

"Yes; I have met him," Dubuisson returned.

"You might find him useful," said Baxter. From what I learn, he is not much in town in these days, but was well known a few years since. He might have known your father."

"Is he a man to be trusted?" Dubuisson asked.

To Be Continued.

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Depart for the east—*12:14 a.m., *3:40 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., *11:38 a.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m., (Eastern Flyer).

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