MADAME'S WARD

BY PAULINE BEVERLY.

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Madame began to scold me for having did she do?"
dropped the major's book, and, stoop"Read it," I returned, deliberately ing to recover it from among the rugs and sententiously. And really it and the folds of her skirt, was most charmingly unconscious of the pretty is mostly done with letters? But Yorke little tableau beside her, as the black and blue eyes flashed together, while Nat's little fingers were lost for a moment in Roger's broad palm.

The substance of the pretty is mostly done with letters; But Yorke did not think so, I suppose, for he gave my arm another jerk.

"If you don't drop that precious rubbish, Ned Chavasse, I'll shove you into

had said good-afternoon and taken to cut away and leave her like that, I himself off across the road, and Yorke and I stood alone outside the rectory gate. Certainly I was not going to drive back to Chavasse now. Madame had not dreamed of asking me.

"When we would be proposed to the proposed to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I would be said to the was in my letter, and that I was not going to the was in my letter, and the was in my letter, and the was in my letter, and the was in my letter. had not dreamed of asking me.

"Where were you off to. Roger?" I asked, slipping my arm within his. I was awfully glad to have him back again, and, if I had been a girl, should have hugged him. I dare say. There was no mistake about it—I cared more with it when the part of the part

thing else," he replied, with a short | "I thought it best not as things

"Madame? Oh, pretty fair, I think! Had a bit of headache this morning, but I believe it's gone off now."

"Pshaw," he said, laughing again and giving my arm a shake. "What an idlot you are, Ned! Answer properly, can't you?"

"All right! Yes Nat's well enough"

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"Now that I am back it is different, I shall speak to Madame Chatery of Madame Chatery of the said, laughing again again and giving my arm a shake. "What is, you won't if you're wise. We're all topsy-turvy at Chatery of the was diving down after that ridiculous book of yours. Besides, there wasn't anything to notice."

"All right! Yes Nat's well enough"

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ing at. Looks so, doesn't she?"
"As far as I could see. Did you give at me and plainly forgetting every-"Of course. You don't suppose I wanted it?"

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"Pooh! Well"-impatiently-"what

It was only for a moment, though, the gutter as sure as I'm a living sin-Then the carriage was bowling swiftly down the High street, St. George
had said good-afternoon and taken

was no mistake about it—I cared more with it under her pillow. It's well for that letter he wrote you for Roger Yorke than for any one else you're back—it would have been worn worn out in another week!" Looking for you as much as any-you write again?"

thing else," he replied, with a short! "I thought it best not as things laugh. "I fancied it just possible that were," he returned, reddening. "You is to might find you at the rectory. I see," he went on, "I've no right to compromise her in the slightest detailed by though. How is she?"

"Madame? Oh, pretty fair, I think! not. Now that I am back it is different. I shall she had been my letter he would have read it quite as often."

"And kissed it quite as much." I interpolated. "H'm—perhaps so, say,

"All right! Yes, Nat's well enough man-wait until this blessed rumpus I suppose that's what you are drivis over before you tackle Madame."

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"What rumpus?" he asked, looki "What rumpus?" he asked, looking

thing but Nat. "That precious ball. It's tomorrow, you know; and I say, wait until it is over and off Madame's mind. It will give you an opportunity of seeing Nat Your invitation went with Di-

"Perhaps it would be better," he aid, thoughtfully. "I'm sure it would; and in any case doubt if Madame will be visible until the evening.

ier. Ned?" s about it." "Better? Oh, yes, thanks; he is

was in an awful state—that's why she elegraphed for me. I thought myself that he was booked when I got there, poor fellow; but he pulled through, luckily! He was out of danger when I came away, I'm glad to say." So frankly, readily, and easily he spoke that I felt my face burn, re-alling the suspicion which had seized

apon me when he went away. Confound mademoiselle! I thought. Why should her pale face make me doubt my friend, and what had she meant by turning so ghastly white at the sight of him just now? Hang made-"Was it an accident, Roger?"

"No-fever. That abominable French drainage is enough to kill an elephant —it was nothing but that. I say, Ned,

who is that fellow-eh?" "Eh? Who?" I questioned, staring about me, as we stopped at the gate NO. 8584—A PRETTY STYLE FOR A We talked. "Whom do you mean."

MISS OR SMALL WOMAN.

"That fellow who was with you, of Who is he?"

"Oh, I see! His name is Raby St.

"Comes after Natalie Orme," Roger struck in, coolly, I laughed. "Your eyes are sharp enough. How

any address on receipt of 10 cents in hands in his pockets, he listened calmy, nedding now and again, but not be stationed on the Atlantic.

speaking. "Handsome fellow, isn't be?" I ended. "Uncommonly." "They say he's rolling in cash, too.

Are you jealous, Roger?"
"Not I!" He laughed, pressing his old man; you don't care to come in. I suppose

"No, thanks—I must get back to din-er. What am I to tell Nat? Shall I give her a kiss for you?"

anything. She will understand, and I shall see her tomorrow. Good-bye." I walked back to Chavasse at rapid pace, but I was late for all that So was Madame, luckily, for when I went into the morning-room-where

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"As though I believed that, you ridiculous boy!" she cried, laughing and turning about as red as the ribbon at her neck. "Oh, Ned"—slipping a coaxing little hand within my arm— "tell me what he said; do—there's a darling boy!"

"A good many things-among others, that I was an idiot." "I'm sure I don't wonder!" she cried, impatiently. "Oh, Ned, do tell me! I have been waiting for you all this time. He didn't say one word to me-Madame would have heard. I knew he sent me a message. Tell me what it was."

"No, he didn't exactly," I answered, seriously, for, looking at the beautiful shyly-radiant little face, I hadn't the heart to tease her any more, "I suppose he thought that I should only make a muddle of it, and he said that you would understand." "Oh, yes!" she said, softly.

"But he asked me a heap of questions about you," I went on; "and he means to open fire upon Madame after the ball. He wouldn't write to you while he was away for fear of making trouble, he said. Just what I told you. you know!"

"I remember. Is that all, Ned?" "Pretty much, I think. Oh, I told him it was a mercy he had got back, for that letter he wrote you would be "You didn't!" cried the little lady blushing all over her pretty face.

"Oh, yes, I did! You ask him."
"Well, I don't care if you did!"—
tossing up her curly head, "I dare say

"Oh, wasn't there! Did mademoiselle, then?"

"Mademoiselle had the toothache."
"Oh, had she" I didn't believe it. "I'll tell you who did see, though, Nat." I said

Why, St. George, to be sure! He looked as if he could have knifed Roger with pleasure." "I can't help how he looked."

And don't care either, eh? I say, Nat, if thereh ad been no Roger-in he case don't you think you-"No," she cried, emphatically, cut-ting me short. "Never! Oh, Ned, don't talk about him! I don't want to think about him. He is like a cloud to "Oh, yes! I say, Roger, your brother-in-law is better, I hope?" Dizarte told haveing over me. Oh, Ned"—raising her shining eyes to my face—'I can hardly believe that I shall really and getting on all right now! Poor Clara truly see him tomorrow!" She appeared to allude to Raby St have been at the Antipodes and wel-come for all the little damsel cared. (To Be Continued.)

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BUYS H. M. S. RAINBOW

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are also being made for securing from future plans. the admiralty another second-class

It had been the intention of the Government at first to secure the loan of the Rainbow from the admiralty, pendconstruction programme, but arrange- on the same subject. strong hand upon my shoulder. "I'm ments now made are for the purchase like Othello, Ned, my boy; I say, 'My life upon her faith.' Not that I feel worth it, bless her! Well, good-bye, reasonable price. The purchase price is

not yet divulged, but will be announced in the Commons next month. The vessels will be manned at first, of course, by British officers and men. of course, by British officers and men, whose place will be taken by Cana- Physician Warns Against Perils "You'll get it if I catch you at it, seeing that it's more that I've ever are obtained. The main object of getdians gradually, as men and officers ting cruisers at once is to secure the speedy training of crews for new warships, which will, of course, not completed for probably a couple of

The complement of the Rainbow's 400 tons, length 380 feet, beam 43 feet. draft 16.6 feet, armor 41/2 inches, speed 20 knots. She carries two six 6-inch guns, six 4.7-inch guns, eight sixpounders, and four torpedo tubes.

WINDSOR WANTS TRACK

Will Petition Government Against Anti-Race Track Legislation. Windsor, Ont., Dec. 23.-Windsor's

against race tracks will be brought before the Canadian Government in the ferer. form of a petition being circulated, which will be submitted before the proposed legislation comes under discussion. The petition points out that the holding of races affords a profitable market for farm products, and that negotiations are now being made to secure the free use of the present track for a Windsor fall fair. A large number of signatures have been secured, and the petition probably will be ocal members of Parliament.

DR. COOK MURDERED?

Brother Thinks He Met With Foul Play in Europe.

his brother, Dr. Frederick L. Cook, theatre. had met foul play abroad, and he feared that he had been murdered.

North Pole. He should have reached them on the mat. Copenhagen before this, and as he had been threatened with violence it is done without damage to one's boots, I

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WHITNEY IN DISPAIR OVER FARM LABOR

Says It Is Almost Impossible to Secure It in Great Britain.

Teronto, Dec. 23.-At the close of the cabinet meeting today the members of the Government took the first trains for their homes. Hon, W. J. Hanna is already in New York, where die hard, but I believe the use of gahe is spending his holidays. Premier Whitney will remain in the city at work. He will knock off on Christmas Day, of course, but he will be busy as usual tomorrow

During the term between Christmas ing Ship for the Dominion's

New Navy.

and New Year's, the department of agriculture will take advantage of the absence of deputations to complete the reorganization and some term between Christmas and statement. Our sale of galoshes now is quite four times as heavy as it was five years ago," he said.

"Some time back any customer unreorganization of its officers in Great Britain. Since London has been made aged people considered them frump-Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The first Canadian the headquarters for Ontario's agent, sh' and 'dowdy.' I admit they did not varship will be in commission in Can- the Liverpool office has been closed.

adian waters next spring. The Government has arranged for the purchase from the British admiralty of the second-class twin screw cruiser Rainbow.

It is not likely that Ontario will were always useful.

"But the manufacturers have risen to the occasion now and turn out light, light fitting." ond-class twin screw cruiser Kainbow. and of the states of the Australian an ornamental toecaps, in which we cruisers, and the vessel is now in dry-Commonwealth are styled. Mr. Colcock do a great trade. dock in Great Britain undergoing ne- is now in Toronto, and after Christmas lantic early next spring. Arrangements deputy minister, will confer as to

taffetas, and buttons to match, will develop this design effectively. The pattern is cut in three sizes, 14, 16, 18 he?"

"As easily as you would have done in my place. Who is he? What is he?"

"As easily as you would have done in my place. Who is he? What is he?"

"These, too, are proving popular. mated that the Government have almost despaired of securing farm labor and as they can so easily be put on and taken off, ought certainly to go protection cruisers and in England through imigration offices. far to prevent the 'mud infection' A pattern of this illustration sent to what Nat nad told me. With his probably put in commission on the Papolicy of the Government to deal with cific coast, and the second cruiser will local British organizations who will undertake to secure for Ontario suitable persons as settlers. The Salvation Army is in the lead in this work. A ing the construction of the seven new Scotch society in Aberdeen is now in ships contemplated in the initial naval communication with the Government

PICKING UP GRIPPE WITH ONE'S SHOES

in Mud-Bespattered City Streets.

London, Dec. 23. — Strong medical crew is 273. She was launched in 1891 the Lancet that the germs of influenza neuil and Jules Robinctte having reor grip are distributed by being car- ceived each a letter decorated with the the mud on one's boots.

muddy shoes anyone not in the best resident to gratify a personal spite. of health sitting in the room is almost certain to become a victim to 'flu,'" says the senior house surgeon of a well-known London hospital.

"Similarly when influenza 'runs through' an office, it may be fairly objection to proposed legislation safely said that it is due to germs introduced on the boots of the first suf-

Other Bacteria in Mud.

"Nor is influenza the only malady spread in this way. In a grimy and overcrowded city like London the bacteria of almost every known disease, from tuberculosis downwards, must find in people's muddy boots happy media for propagation. "The fact has long been recognized

in medicine-so much so, indeed, that brought before the Government by the a recent investigation of the matter revealed, if I remember right, that tetanus is the disease most often picked up in this way during a walk in the country, and consumption in the streets of a crowded town. That doctors acknowledge the danger may, of course, be seen from their common New York, Dec. 23.-Wm. L. Cook practice of wearing long rubber sea declared today that he believed that boots when engaged in the operating

"The only really effective way of remedying the nuisance would be to "I had a letter from Dr. Cook early place small bowls of some mild carthis week," said the brother, "in which bolic solution outside front doors, and he said he was hurrying to Copenhagen to insist that all who enter should dip with his proofs of having found the the soles of their boots and then wipe

"But, though this could easily be feared that his enemies have killed fear it is rather too simple and wholesome a remedy ever to become popu-

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The head of a large firm of retail boot-sellers in Cheapside bore out this last statement, "Our sale of galoshes

look particularly neat, though they

ecssary alterations and repairs, pre-he and Hon. J. S. Duff, minister of the invisible galosh. This is a stout paratory to being sent across the At-agriculture, and Mr. C. C. James, the piece of rubber, which fits closely along the sole of the foot and is fas-

REDWATER TRAGEDY.

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 23. - The coroner's jury having brought in a verdiet that W. J. Dyson, night operator at Redwater, came to his death at the hands of Jas. Morin and Wm. Cornish, the two men appeared in the police court this merning. Magistrate Weegar remanded them, however, for one week, as neither the crown attorney nor the lawyers for the defence were ready to prosecute

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