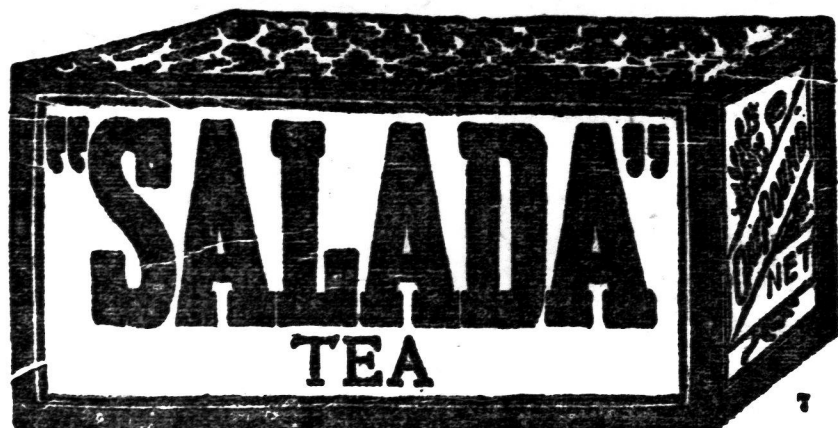


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MADAME'S WARD

BY PAULINE BEVERLY.

"You are going on in a fair way to die, I should think. Nat, look here—be the sensible one. You are a little girl, and break on this confounded engagement now—tomorrow! It is not too late. What's the good of it all, anyhow? Here are you, fretting yourself to death, here is Roger just as miserable as he can be, and you are to be two hundred miles away from Whittlesford before the week's out—and all for what? Some wild little girl's whim could be set right in two minutes if you only chose. Come now—let me tell him tomorrow that you want him to come to you to make it all up. Shall I?"

"No," she said, shortly and coldly, drawing herself away. "You mean that you are going on with this suicidal engagement to Frode?" "I said, more than haltingly, for, from the quiet way in which she had listened to me, I had fancied that I was making some impression upon her. "You mean that?" "I mean just that."

"If you do, I believe you'll be dead before you've been married a year," I retorted. "I hope I shall."

"And a cheerful prospect that is. I don't believe you mean it. Come, now—just say 'Yes' and I shall know that Roger is to come here tomorrow, poor old boy, and that Frode may go to Bath! Come, now—say it."

"I will not," she cried, passionately. "I tell you that if he comes here I will neither see him nor speak to him."

"Although you are breaking your heart after him now?" I said, bluntly. "If that were true," she returned, defiantly, "don't you know that I would rather die a thousand times than tell him so."

"If it were my case, I'd sooner tell him so a thousand times than tell him so once," I rejoined, practically. "Then you won't send a message to him?" "No," she replied, turning away stubbornly. "Although he's going away miserably."

"What answer I should have made I do not know, for Mrs. Deeping always exercised a most depressing effect upon my conversational powers, but, as luck would have it, the door opened just then to admit the rector. He greeted me with his usual jollity, and I gave him Madame's message—I have forgotten what it was now. Then he looked across at the major.

"By the way, Constable, have you that book we were speaking of the other day?"

"Yes," the other answered. "I meant to bring it with me today, but it slipped my memory. Are you in any hurry for it?"

"Yes, rather. In fact, there should be a reference or two in it that I want tonight. I tell you what—I'll step round with you to the Lodge and get it. It's a fine night for a walk."

The major's ready assent was stopped by Mrs. Deeping's fretful voice. "What is that you are saying, William? I did not hear. I'm quite certain that I am getting deaf, although, of course, you will never perceive it."

"Just around to the Lodge, my dear. Constable has a book that I want," responded the rector, cheerfully. The man's unflinching good temper ought to have served as a cloak for the whole catalogue of his sins, whatever they were—that is certain. "Shall not be long—not more than half an hour or so, I dare say."

"Then I wish that, as you are going out, you would take a message to Redpots. Really I don't know what has come to Doctor Yorke. He used to be so attentive, and now he has forgotten the lotion for two days together. Will you call for it? I shall not close my eyes this night without it, I am certain."

As gravely as though he believed in the lotion, the placid rector promised that he would cheerfully adding that it would not take much longer if he went round by the river path; and then the major and I said good-night and went out into the hall, Alice following.

She remonstrated as I took down my coat. "What—you off, too, Ned? I declare it is too bad! I thought you meant to stay and help me to listen to mother. It's too much for me—only a moderately robust person—to attempt, you know."

"Now, now, my dear," the rector expostulated at the burlesque upon his plump person. "I wouldn't say that if I were you."

"No, daddy, dear; you are content to think it. Miss Alice returned, with the coolest audacity, pinching his ear. "Then you won't be merciful and help me, Ned?"

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Inspector to Redpots, too. I wanted to see Yorke.

"Of course!" cried Alice, pouting. "What will you do without your friend passing my comprehension. Well, if you must go, you must. Mind you give my love to Natalie; and tell her I'll never forgive her for being such a little stupid!"—for Miss Deeping could not at all get over Ned's luckless engagement to the master of Holme-deans.

We went to the Lodge, obtained the book the rector wanted, and then, coming out again, hesitated a little. It was intensely cold—the coldest night I think that we had had that winter—and the rector shivered under his thick coat. Evidently he did not much care for the walk down by the river to Redpots, and, seeing it, I suggested that I should give Mrs. Deeping's message there, and that he and the major should go back to the rectory. But he laughed at that.

"My dear boy, if I appear without that blessed lotion, I shall never hear the last of it. No, I'll come. It isn't far—that's one comfort."

The major would come, too; and we all three turned off in the direction of the road by the river, which, as I have said, was the shortest way to Redpots, cutting off as it did a great loop of the High Street. And very cold it was by the river, although very pretty, for a light snow had fallen early in the day which covered everything with a glittering mantle of white. The rector was almost as fond of every inch of Whittlesford as I was, and he paused presently to look about him.

(To Be Continued.)

MILLIONAIRE'S GIRL WEDS A CHAUFFEUR

Family of C. Howland Leavitt, New York, in a Peck of Trouble.

New York, Jan. 11.—The family of C. Howland Leavitt, banker and railroad financier, confirms the announcement that his daughter, Margaret Howland Leavitt, 25 years old, and heir to a million dollars, was married "without the knowledge or consent of her parents," to Joseph F. Smollen, her chauffeur.

Miss Leavitt's father purchased for her a six-cylinder motor car last summer, and engaged Smollen, who was formerly James J. Corbett's chauffeur, to teach her to operate it. Last Thursday he and Miss Leavitt went to Jersey City and were married, according to the statement issued by her family.

The bride's parents have not announced their forgiveness.

PECULIAR SITUATION AMONG TELEGRAPHERS

C. P. R. Men Ask U. S. Consul-General for Assistance.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 11.—A peculiar situation has arisen among the C. P. R. telegraphers here, resulting in an appeal to the United States consul-general for assistance in the transportation of four United States operators back to the United States.

For some time the local C. P. R. telegraph service has been recruited somewhat extensively in Chicago and other American cities, and several were hired in the United States some time ago and brought to Canada. The local operators were very bitter at the time, claiming that the alien labor law was being violated by bringing these men to hold as a club over them. Now the men have been released, and they are gone.

They have demanded transportation home but cannot get it from the company, hence their appeal to the consul-general.

WOMAN LEADS NEW YORK

Pays More Taxes on Personal Property Than Any Other Citizen.

New York, Jan. 11.—No. Andrew Carnegie and his millions in steel, but a woman with millions left by her husband, heads the list of personal property assessments made public in New York today. She is Mrs. Emma J. Kennedy, widow of John S. Kennedy, who left \$26,500,000 to charity when he died recently; and she must pay taxes on personal property valued at \$6,000,000. Carnegie, who topped the list last year, tied this year for second place with Mrs. Russell Sage at \$5,000,000.

John D. Rockefeller comes third with personal property assessed at \$2,500,000, and in fourth place Mrs. Florence Ainslie and Bessie McLeod Leggett, and W. K. Vanderbilt, each assessed for \$1,000,000. William K. Vanderbilt, jun., is listed for half a million.

Col. John Jacob Astor and J. P. Morgan may pay on a personal property of \$400,000. Charles M. Schwab is down for \$250,000. Jacob H. Schiff for \$200,000, and August Belmont and Thomas F. Ryan for \$100,000 each.

SUNSHINE SOCIETY VISIT THE ASYLUM

Splendid Programme Put on by the Members.

A most enjoyable concert was given at the asylum on Monday evening by the Sunshine Society of St. Clair's foundry. Mr. J. Barne, who organized the society, was in the chair. The programme opened with "The Maple Leaf," sung by a chorus composed of F. J. Delaney, E. C. Howey, W. A. Bailey, B. Faulkes, C. Burns and P. Barne. This was followed by songs by Miss Duncan, Miss O'Neil and Mrs. Reid.

Mrs. Patterson captured the audience with her Scotch songs. Mr. J. Pulkin, with his Scotch songs, kept the audience roaring with laughter, and Mr. John Patterson, who, in his native dress of the heather, was remarkably good in his comic Scotch songs. Mr. Wm. Dickson gave some selections on the mandolin which were excellent.

Mr. James Patterson rendered several solos most acceptably. At the conclusion of the programme the members of the society were tendered a banquet by the asylum staff, and heartily thanked for the excellent entertainment they had provided.

KILLED IN BASKET FACTORY

Hamilton, Jan. 11.—A fatal accident occurred in the basket factory at Waterdown yesterday. When John Slater was working at a circular saw he fell across it in some way, and before the machinery could be stopped his body was almost cut in two. Slater was dead when released. The deceased was well known in the neighborhood, and leaves a widow and four children. It is only a short time since the factory was opened.

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SENSATIONAL COLLAPSE IN COTTON PRICES

Monday's Break Followed by Continued Excitement and Rapid Fluctuation.

New York, Jan. 11.—Yesterday's sensational break in the cotton market was followed by continued excitement and very erratic fluctuations at the reopening of business this morning. The price of cotton futures, which had advanced for additional margin in consequence of yesterday's sudden decline of nearly 50 cents per bale in prices, had brought in a perfect avalanche of selling orders from out of town, and after opening from 10 to 15 points higher, owing to relatively firm Liverpool cables the active months broke about 20 points in less than that number of minutes, with March selling at 12.50, and May at 13.25, the latter month being a shade under the lowest point reached yesterday.

After the initial burst of forced liquidation the market rallied on covering, and a renewal of bull support, with March selling up to 13.50, and May to 14.00, or about \$1 per bale from the lowest before the end of the first hour.

INTERESTING FIGURES OF THE COST OF LIVING

Some Strong Statements Made by Those Who Have Been Investigating.

Some idea of the very rapid advance that has taken place in the cost of living all over the country are shown in a series of articles by Messrs. J. R. Cahill and J. P. Street, the British labor experts, who have been making an investigation in the United States and Canada.

According to their figures if a man earned \$100 a month ten years ago and is now earning \$100, his wages have been reduced by practically \$60. The statement is also made that if a person goes into the market to buy 100 articles, which two years ago would have cost \$12 he will now have to pay \$11.62 for them.

Cost of Meat.

It is pointed out that in the United States and Canada meat which is selling for from 10 to 15 cents a pound is sold in England by Canadian and American branch packing houses at from 12 to 16 cents.

WOMEN WHO SUFFER

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