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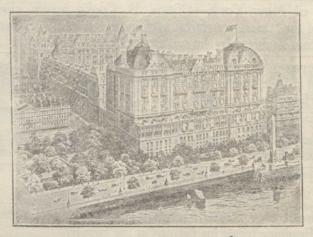
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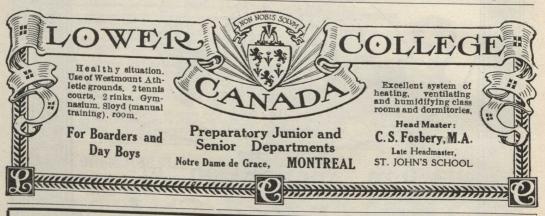
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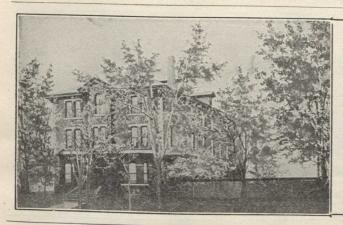
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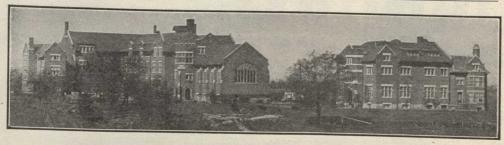
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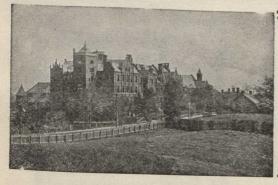
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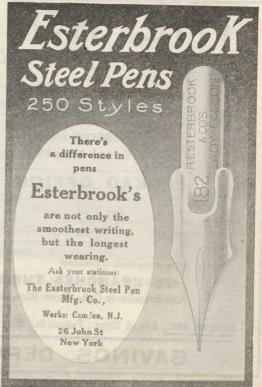
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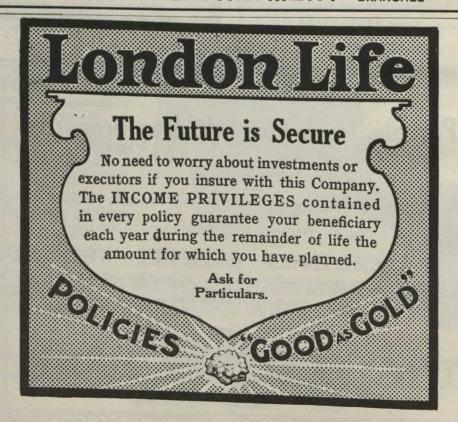
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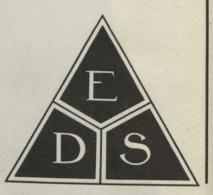
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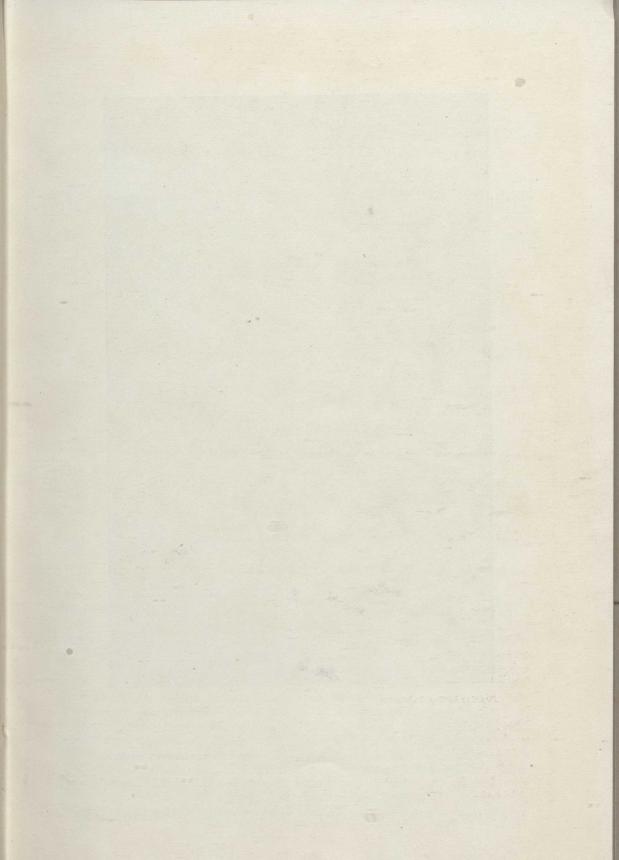
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#### THE TRAIL BEYOND COBALT

#### BY DUNCAN ARMBRUST

"MOOS-WAH!" (moose) whispered Jim, as there came a splash from across the lake, followed by a crunching sound. "See lots of them in a few days," he further suggested as I rose to peer into the semi-darkness.

We were sitting around the campfire after our evening meal, talking over our proposed trip to the hills. We had been prospecting south of Gowganda in the Ontario silver fields most of the summer, each day searching the rock-faces for veins without any startling success, and hoping every morning that our lucky day had dawned at last. But Dame Fortune was still to lead us on many a wild-goose chase.

The mad rush to Gowganda in the winter of 1908 had thoroughly awakened the prospecting fever in our blood, and the late spring found us in the thick woods of that region. The history of Cobalt, Larder Lake, Montreal River and Miller Lake was here repeated. Everything within a radius of ten miles was staked solid. We arrived on the scene to find nothing left but a few choice claims of swamp and muskeg. Not caring to invest in water lots, we moved back of Hanging Stone Lake, prospected

there awhile, and found numerous and beautiful varieties of slate which never yielded anything except slate, and poor slate at that. Returning to Flannigan Lake, the site of our present camp, we found the few scattering hills of diabase rock staked with a vengeance, having been "jumped" several times.

Curiosity to see what lay beyond that blue ridge to the south was strengthening upon us, so, as the summer was getting on, we held a council of war and decided that my partner should hit the trail next morning for the heart of the moose country, while I, after finishing some work about camp, was to follow two days later. Many times in those two days I speculated on just how far into that wilderness of primeval forest my partner would lead me. In filling the pack-sack I allowed for any contingencies which might arise from his inordinate bump of travel.

The last day dragged to a close. Next morning, companioned by the pale glow in the east and the birds whose songs had awakened me, I snatched a hasty breakfast and was soon on the trail. All summer my camera had lain in the tent among our supplies and never been used, so

I decided to take it along and get some of the scenery if I shouldn't get any of the silver.

Leaving the lonesome red pine beside the camp, I took the trail which

ing ahead in the dim light, a line of white blazes showed where Jim had forced his way through. After travelling for some time I came to an open muskeg, which was quite a re-



FLANNIGAN LAKE

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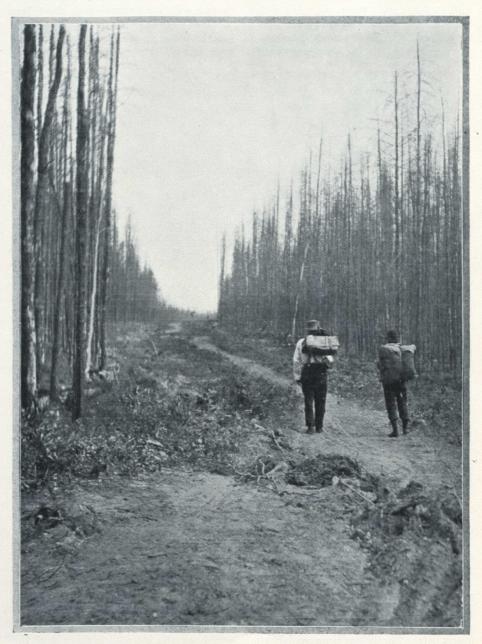
rounded the lake and suddenly plunged into the dense forest at the southern end. Although the country was thickly wooded it was rugged in the extreme and alternately led me through rocky canyons, bestrewn with windfalls, and then through thickets of balsam and spruce. Often I would emerge from one of these and enter a beautiful grove of birch and poplar, where blueberries grew and wild currants and partridge-berries hung in gaudy clusters. Here I met old Mrs. Partridge with her brood. Mildeved and unafraid, she clucked about, quite undisturbed at my approach.

After a couple of miles the trail grew less distinct, it having been an old and well-worn moose run-way leading to the lake. However, glow-

lief after fighting the thickets, and I was glad to throw off my pack and breathe the free air of the open spaces.

Looming large before me were the mighty hills, and the sight of them quickened my pulses. After painting my face and hands with "dope" to keep off the blood-thirsty flies, which were as thick as briers in the open, I made my way across the steaming moss of the muskeg. A small lake nestled in the spruces at the foot of the slope. The trail here led abruptly up the hill, but the hard hoofs of many moose had made a path broad and smooth, leading upward until it finally lost itself in a maze of branches.

Carrying a fifty-pound pack up a



ON THE TRAIL TO GOWGANDA

mountain isn't as easy as going up in an elevator, a fact that impressed itself pretty thoroughly upon my mind as the day wore on. All about me were signs of moose. The whole mountain top (with new respect I now regarded it as a mountain)

where a spring crossed the trail. I knelt to strip off my pack, and just succeeded in getting the shoulder straps caught around my shoulders when a fine bull moose stepped out of the bushes. He sniffed the air and circled about in my direction,



THE FOREST SOUTH OF GOWGANDA

seemed to be one huge moose-yard. More than once during the afternoon I had heard them scampering through the bush at the side of the trail, but the thick undergrowth obscured them from sight. Later in the afternoon the climb was more gradual, the country quite open, with many little knolls between which the trail zig-zagged back and forth. On rounding one of these knolls I saw the bushes move thirty paces ahead,

while I remained in my humble attitude, trying to free myself from the pack straps. Once he stopped behind a large rock, and I managed to free myself, but he came on again, trying to get my scent, and when he faced me ten paces away I had my gun pulled and my tree picked. I could see the blue of his eye and the tawny patches on his sides where some of the old hair still remained. He was a noble looking creature and

peaceably disposed, thank heaven! My high opinion of him was evidently not reciprocated, for, after a most searching look, he swung his great head around and hastily took a south-easterly course for the thick timber.

would be as dry as if protected by the finest tarpaulin. After I had made some tea I still kept the fire going, as the night was chilly and the fuel plentiful.

Only once during the night did I awaken from my delicious slumber



THE BALSAM SHELTER

While the afternoon sun was still well above the horizon, I came to a spring of pure mountain water gurgling over its mossy rocks, and I decided to camp there for the night. Here I found some fine canoe birch, fully two feet thick at the base, and as straight and smooth as a young pine. In case of rain all that was necessary was to strip off a piece large enough to cover me, and I

on my sweet-scented bed. Down at the spring some twigs were crackling, which I supposed to be caused by a moose after a drink. I took occasion to pile some more logs on the fire before rolling up in my blankets again.

I was up and away by daybreak, following the blazes from tree to tree, and occasionally stopping to examine the rock to see if the formation

had changed. But it was still that sickening white quartsite, with here and there in the hollows some float of various species. It began to look like, a long, weary trail and a fruitless one.

Thick undergrowth of tangled

line ahead was persistent and real.

So many story books written nowadays of the back-woods life tell of the hero "swinging" down the trail in the early morning sunlight, etc., etc. Up here in the Canadian north woods it is slightly different—you



A STREET SCENE IN GOWGANDA

brier, wild hazel bushes, and maple scrub on the rising ground, with tag alders and young cedars in the hollows, made progress more and more of a struggle. The axe had been brought into play, and a path literally cut through in some places. Here little roots often caught my toes and tripped me. Flies and mosquitoes irritated me, while the tump-line burned into my forehead. It was a strenuous battle, a battle of grit, strength and woodcraft against the forces of nature. But that glowing

may be a hero, but you do not swing. Your progress is a combination of the hop-step-and-jump, catch-as-catch-can, cold plunge and the crawl stroke. You 'shuffle' down the trail, come to a log, tackle him high, leap to the ground, hop over a deadfall, side-step a tree, hitch up your breeches, take the cold plunge under a leaning stub, and swim ashore through the underbrush. There you straighten up and adjust your pack for a fresh start. Just then catch your toe in a root and land on your

eyebrow in a muskeg ten feet away! There you are, not singing "The Maple Leaf Forever," nor admiring the beauties of nature, but silently repeating between puffs the known and unknown words in the category of provokable cusses. But even the worst of trails must end.

In the afternoon the country began to open up, and I found myself travelling along a ridge, which ended rather abruptly, and I could catch glimpses through the trees of the country about me. It had been our custom, while travelling through unknown country, to climb trees for the purpose of getting a view of our surroundings. Indeed, we found this necessary if we wanted to see beyond a few ards ahead, so thick were the forests. I now selected one taller than its neighbours and, from much practice, shinned up with the ease, if not the grace, of the original Adam.

Suddenly to emerge from the dim light of the woods to the open height above the surrounding country was a transformation of scenery welcome and wonderful. After travelling for nearly two days I had reached the highest spot in the country. From this vantage point I was able to get a conception of Canada's great forest wealth. Far below me in three directions stretched away a magnificent panorama of blue, rolling hills and valleys. To the east, to the west, and to the south, stretched a great sea of forest, ever changing from sunshine to shadow and fading away into the dim, ethereal blue. From a series of rolling hills to the westward, near Shining Tree Lake, to Maple Mountain, on the Montreal River, in the east, lay a hundred miles of forest. In the immediate foreground was a wide valley, with here and there open spaces of muskeg of lighter green, showing in contrast to the sombre green surroundings. From the centre of the lighter verdure, gleaming and sparkling like a silver ribbon, a tiny stream pursued its sinuous way, destined soon to lose itself in one of the small lakes which showed its mirrored surface far below. In all the vast perspective there was no visible sign of human life, unless the bush fire that was sending up dense columns of smoke over in the land of little sticks beyond the valley, told of a prospector's carelessness.

For perhaps an hour I sat there in the tree-top, lost in wonder as I looked down upon the legion of spearpointed trees, under the spell of the vastness and the loneliness of it all. While gazing down the valley I saw something which suddenly brought me to myself. From an open space on the summit of one of the lower hills about three miles distant, a thin wreath of smoke started curling up among the trees. I watched it for a short time and concluded that where there was smoke there was a camp-fire, and that it likely belonged to my partner. The direction I noted by my compass, and, without further delay, I bade good-bye to the blue sky and descended to the piny shade of the woods. The descent was made over jumbled rocks, and very often by dropping from ledge to ledge.

It was nearly half an hour afterward that I reached the first gully. The trail followed a moose run way for some distance, then turned off at right angles, straight for a hill which rose out of the muskeg like a giant loaf of bread. At the base of the hill the moss and roots had been stripped back for yards and yards, leaving the naked, gray-blue diabase exposed to view. Here was the mineral-bearing rock, a young mountain of it, rising straight out of the muskeg. Its rough sides showed signs of a prospector's work. Many cracks and crevices had been cleaned out. and there were great reddish-yellow stains on much of the rock.

As I scrambled up the precipitous rock, the musical clink! clink! of a prospector's pick sounded on the air. It was with greatly accelerated speed that I bore down on the music. In the centre of an open space, on the very summit of a hill, I found the camp. A shelter stood in the open space and near by a fire was burning, while Jim was plugging away at a rock near the fire. As I threw off my pack, he turned about and looked me over for a moment.

"Well, got here, did you?"

"Yes," I said, "mostly; what hide and clothes I still have left you can see for yourself."

He laughed. "You ain't got an awful pile of duds on at that, but

hide is cheap."

"Yes, almost as cheap as birchbark," I said, as I noticed a large patch of that material on each of his knees.

With this his eye fell on the grub bag, and in a short time we were mowing away the bannocks in true lumber-jack style. Bannocks, "dislocated potatoes," sowbelly, and coffee—have you ever tasted a meal like this? Were you ever there? Some might laugh, but there are those whose mouths will water and they will say, "By Golly, yes!"

After supper I asked Jim to gently break the news whether we were millionaires or not. He meditated, with

many puffs of his pipe.

"This is the queerest formation I ever struck in my life," he said. "Have you looked it over?"

"No; just glanced at it."

"Well, take a look at your com-

I did accordingly, and was surprised to see the needle spin round, stop, spin round the other way and then stop—pointing south.

"It's gone bugs!"

He smiled at my astonishment and told me quite calmly that I was sitting on the biggest corner in iron that nature had pulled off for some time. He fetched me some pieces he had just broken from a projecting ledge, and its evidence fully bore out what he had said.

"No wonder the compass is

dizzy," I exclaimed.

The rock appeared shot with iron—"white iron"—from particles the size of a pin head to lumps as large as your thumb. Indeed, it was iron first, with the rock just incidental.

"I've been pretty much all over this blamed country and found nothing but this iron pill," ejaculated Jim in disgust. "There ain't a likely looking wrinkle even on it that's got anything except rust in it."

He then related his two days' travels and how he had only found this isolated variation from the quart-site of the big hills. Even this indication of the possible presence of other mineral seemed an illusion and one of nature's freaks. We determined to make one final search of this iron hill and this far country before we turned our faces for the long homeward trail.

For ten days we worked hard, and the days passed quickly by without our being any nearer the goal of success. The iron hill was still iron beyond all doubt. From a tree-top near our camp we had sighted some white-crowned hills, away across the muskeg, and on that last desperate day we cut our way through a tangled hell to reach them. turned out to be sand-white sand. This was the last straw. The indomitable hope which sent us prospecting through the hardships and privations of the past summer we left in that sand bank.

"This would make great building sand for the new house, wouldn't it?"

There was a long, ominous silence; then the magic of that word home suddenly stirred Jim to the point of eruption. "Home, did you say? Great Guns! let's get started now," and with this he sprang to his feet and made off down the trail.

Late that afternoon, as we rested in camp, when old Sol was hanging on the horizon by his finger tips and painting the opposite hills all goldengreen, with the purple hills in the distance. I felt that, after all, this was worthy of the struggle of the blazed trail. At this hour of day the great quiet of the North comes down full of mystery and awe. Behind the great silence is the furry life of the wilderness. The little people of the padded feet come abroad to prowl the thicket and haunt the trails - shadows within shadows. Here the days had passed quickly by, the nights were made cheery by a huge fire at the very door of the balsam shelter, which threatened at times to turn it into an ash heap. The shelter itself was a simple affair, constructed of poles, covered with birch-bark and hung about with balsam. It faced the sunrise, and the last rays of the setting sun warmed its rough sides with dull red fire. Not far below a spring of water supplied our camp, guarded and tended by pes-he-wah, the lynx, whose wet, round foot-prints we often saw on the log that lay across the pool.

The feeling that the game was up and we had missed the pot at the foot of the rainbow soon disappeared. It was displaced by the thought of green fields and orchards, of a little farm near Niagara, five hundred miles straight south.

Jim whistled and piled more logs on the fire, which sent a shower of sparks skyward and deepened the growing shade of evening. Bang! The heat of the fire had split the rock and sent fire-brands in every direction. The hills echoed the sound until it died, far away up the valley. A moment later Jim put his hands to his lips and gave a most unearthly howl. The death-like stillness was immediately filled with wild howls. echoing and re-echoing from hill to hill, while we laughed until we could laugh no more.

"We'll bust this darn quiet for once," said Jim, and with that he let out another volley of wild howls, screeches, groans, and barks, until the air was filled with a chaos of hysterical echoes.

The next few minutes we were prostrate with laughter and lay groaning for breath. A pebble rolled down the hillside. As soon as we were able, we adopted this new suggestion and rolled rocks down the steep slope. We united our efforts on the large ones and worked them to the place where they would help themselves, then gave them the final heave. A rock weighing half a ton and partly composed of iron, with a fair startwell! The way it covered ground and tore up the underbrush was appalling. Thud! Bang! Crash! And then when we thought it had finished its mad career, a moment later we would hear it go "kerplunk" into the muskeg far below. This would send us off into fresh spasms.

Late that night when we crawled into the shelter with aching bodies, it was to sleep like a pair of kids. In the morning Jim was out early, and during breakfast he told me of a dream he had had.

He thought where the rock had split the night before it had disclosed untold riches.

"Did you find anything?"

"Yes," he answered, while I held my breath, "more iron!"

### CYNEWULF THE SAXON

#### BY WARWICK DEEPING

THERE was a hurrying of people towards the southern gate of Caer Segont.

"Ursus and his men have taken

"A giant!"

"Hairy as a goat!"

A bank of red clouds cut the evening sky into two sheets of blue and of gold, and the tall cypresses and elm trees in the gardens were still bathed in vellow light. Tossing these words from mouth to mouth, the townsfolk made haste to see this wild sea-wolf from Ursus and his hunters had taken in the woods. The idle groups melted from the sunny places about the forum. Men and women ran out from the narrow ways between the crowded houses. Old fellows left their little gardens under the city walls. Girls in bright-coloured tunics hurried along together, chattering and holding hands.

Those who had reached the southern gate saw Ursus swaggering there and showing his white teeth. A gigantic negro, his blackness wrapped up in a scarlet cloak, he stood with the butt of his boar spear resting on the ground, his chest expanded, his head thrown back. The nostrils of his flat nose seemed swollen with arrogance, and gold bracelets glistened on his arms.

The people did not look so eagerly at Ursus as they did at the man who stood alone in the open space within the gate, held like a bear at the end of a rope. He was naked, but for a sheepskin about his loins. Some-

one had smitten him through the thigh with a spear, and from the wound blood still oozed. His arms were lashed behind his back so tightly that the thongs were almost hidden, and there was a red mark round his neck where the rope had chafed the skin.

He stared at the people of Caer Segont with a kind of fierce timidity, and they stared back at him as though he were a strange, wild beast. The man was young, tall, and strongly built, with a fleece of fairish hair, and a boyish beard spreading in gold flakes over his chin. The people could see his ribs moving as he breathed. The muscles stood out strongly under the skin, twitching from time to time like the muscles of a nervous horse.

The negro stretched out his spear, and looked boastingly at the crowd.

"A fine beast, citizens, a fine beast! I had a tussle to take him."

He grinned, and showed off his huge arm.

"See here. I crushed him. I hugged the breath out of him till he was quiet."

This tawny headed, blue-eyed savage was the first sea-wolf whom the people of Caer Segont had seen. Though ruin and death had been spread along the southern coast, though Anderida had fallen and the barbarians had made a great silence there, the great forest had hidden the violence of these happenings from the people of Caer Segont. True, they had built city walls after the Legions

had sailed many years ago, but the barbarians had never touched the town. They were like the rumour of a pestilence that would exhaust itself and pass. The great forest, grim and impenetrable, had shut off the gray blue sea and the white sails of the plundering ships. The fields and gardens about the town continued to bring forth corn and fruit.

The people crowded about Ursus and his captive. Some of them put out their hands and touched the barbarian. A young black-haired girl pricked his arm with the pin of a fibula, and laughed. Another stroked his heard with a bronze strigil.

Ursus showed his teeth.

"The beast is quiet now, neighbours. He is tamed. But you should have seen him before I crushed the breath out of his body. He fought the five of us more fiercely than any boar."

A cobbler wearing a leather apron felt the Saxon's muscles.

"It is a strong beast. What will be done with him?"

A hard-faced old woman who had lost all her teeth spoke up in a shrill, cracked voice.

"Set him to grind corn."

The crowd laughed.

"Old Mother Mors has lost her grinders. She has an eye to the millstones."

Ursus shrugged with scorn.

"Corn-grinding is for old women. I am the lord of the beasts. This seawolf goes to my cages. He will make sport at the games."

The people applauded, even the

girls clapping their hands.

"Let him fight with the brown bear."

"No; the dogs would be better."

"Yes; but Father Gildas has forbidden us to let men fight in the amphitheatre."

"Christians, true! But a heathen

beast\_\_\_\_,

"That is different."

"Let Ursus have him. The præfect will not say him nay."

The negro swaggered, turning his great head this way and that.

"Leave him to me, neighbours. I know how to make good sport. Make way—now! Men who have hunted come by a holy hunger. I will cage up the sea-wolf in one of my dens."

He struck the barbarian with the shaft of his spear. The man stumbled, turned a fierce face, and then went forward through the crowd. Ursus holding the rope that was fastened about his neck. The people gave way. but followed on with chattering eagerness, flushed with the blood-lust that Father Gildas and his priests had not been able to wipe away. Even the young girls were noisily elated. Though here and there some softer soul felt it a pity that the young man should be torn by the claws of the bear, or have his throat bitten out by the negro's dogs.

It happened that when Ursus and the people came crowding along the stone-paved street, Flamma, the præfect's daughter, stood on the porch steps of her father's house. slaves waited below her on the steps. with collars of lead about their As for Flamma herself. throats. daughter of Probus the Roman, she was the despair of the petty lords of those parts who had not the valour to conquer such a mate. Her brownblack eyes melted the hearts of men: her red mouth tempted and scorned them. There was the aloofness of pride about her. She looked too fiercely beautiful to be touched. Her rustred hair seemed to light up her smooth brown cheeks, her deep, burning eyes, her little, scornful nose, and the scarlet thread of her mouth. She was a Roman girl, with the blood of the old Romans in her.

Flamma stretched out an arm, and Ursus the negro stood like a figure in black marble. His eyes glistened, and looked evil and hungry.

"What is this? Who can this be?"
Ursus told her.

"A dog of a Saxon."

"Show me the man."

The people who had crowded even up to Ursus's elbows fell back, the women sneering a little, the men content to gaze. The cobblers, silversmiths, and carpenters stopped their work, and poked their heads out of the doorways of their shops when Flamma, the daughter of Probus, passed. As for Ursus, he bowed himself, gathered his scarlet cloak more tightly over his black chest, and tugged roughly at the rope.

"Down, dog of a heathen!"

The young man, straining instinctively against the rope, stared up at Flamma as though some goddess had thrown open the brazen doors of her temple and appeared in her splendour before men.

Ursus smote him on the mouth, and

then pointed to the ground.

"Ox-eyed fool, down on your knees!"

The young man continued to stare at the Roman woman, steadily, yet with wide-eyed awe. The crowd laughed. Flamma looked them over as a great lady might look at a drove of swine.

"Hold your rough ways, Ursus.

How came you by the man?"

The negro cringed before her, and when a boastful man cringes he becomes ugly and contemptible. Ursus spoke with a quick, chattering grandiloquence, parading his own prowess, and showing off the muscles of his arms. Ever and again his eyes shot an upward glance at Flamma's facea glance that gloated, and was afraid to abide. As Flamma listened she seemed to grow taller, and to look down on Ursus from an increasing height. Her mouth hardened, her nostrils became scornful. She desired to spurn the negro with one of her sandaled feet.

Ursus folded his bare arms, making

the huge muscles stand out, and inflating his chest.

"Lady, I am the beast-master and your servant. I will make a fight for you between the sea-wolf here and the brown bear, or with dogs, or a wild boar, as it may please you. Or I will fight the barbarian myself, and break his back with my hands."

Flamma looked from Ursus to the Saxon. He did not cringe or shiver, and something in his eyes touched her—a fierce and half-wondering appeal, the dumb look of a thing that had been hunted. Blood from his wounded thigh marked the gray stones of the street.

She spoke to one of her slaves, and the fellow disappeared through the porch into the great corridor of the house.

"I will buy this man for a slave."
Ursus stared at her, and grinned.
"God forbid that you should take
a wild beast into your house."

"God forbid that he should be treated like a beast! I say that he shall be my slave. The full price shall be paid to those who took him."

Flamma's man returned with a little iron box. He knelt on the steps and held it before his mistress, who took a key from the silk bag at her girdle.

But the people of Caer Segont were not well pleased. They began to shuffle their feet and murmur.

"She carries things with a high hand!"

"The præfect. We will see the præfect."

"This heathen dog deserves to make sport for us."

"It is easy for the rich to rob the poor."

Flamma had been counting money from the box. She raised her head and looked down upon the people. Her scorn was like fire thrown from the steps of a temple.

"What say you, people of Caer Segont? Do you murmur because I have pity? Get you to your homes, and ask Christ's mercy."

They looked at her sullenly, holding together in restless, grudging groups.

"Are you beasts that you would tear and torture? Go to Father Gildas and boast of this to him."

She turned to the barbarian and to Ursus. The young man had been watching her with intent and listening eyes.

"Cut the rope—and those bands." The negro shrugged, drew his girdle knife, and obeyed her, while the crowd recoiled as though Ursus were letting loose some wild beast. Flamma kept her eyes upon the young man's face. When Ursus had freed him she beckoned with her hand.

"Come."

He understood the gesture, and the mercy in her eyes, and falling on the steps before her, kissed the hem of her tunic and her feet. Then he knelt up, took one of her hands, and laid it upon his bowed head. The people were silent, though a few of the women laughed.

The young man sprang up, and standing on the lowermost step, he looked threateningly and haughtily at the crowd. Though he uttered no word, and would not have been understood by them had he spoken, the people of Caer Segont knew that he defied them, even though he had knelt willingly at Flamma's feet.

When Cynewulf the Saxon was taken into the præfect's house the people of Caer Segont prophesied against the madness of the thing, saying that the man was a wild beast whom no one could tame. He would frighten his fellow-slaves, break out into violence, and escape by night out of the city. Such a wolf was bound to turn upon strangers and tear them, and Probus would rue the fact that he was ruled by his daughter.

Yet all these prophecies were falsified, for the barbarian was as quiet

and as even-tempered as some big dog. The little world of Caer Segont was new and amazing to him, the streets and houses, the great basilica, the mosaic floors, the paintings on the walls, the furniture in Probus's house. The men of his race were strangers to towns and cities, hating and mistrusting them; but Cynewulf seemed made of different stuff. The place was full of wonder and enchantment. Moreover, he was near to the woman who had saved him from Ursus and the crowd.

Titus the slave-master was set to teach Cynewulf the Roman tongue. and Cynewulf showed a grim hunger for the strange new words. So eager was he that he would pester his fellow-slaves by eternally pointing at things and asking their names. would say words over to himself as he worked at some task that had been given him, knitting up his forehead and staring hard as though he were following the tracks of new and unknown beasts. For Cynewulf had had a full heart in him ever since Flamma had made Ursus cut his bonds. His gratitude to her was dumb. He hungered to pour out words, to understand her when he heard her speak. Her voice had a wonderful power over him, and made the unknown words that she uttered seem full of some noble meaning.

His fellow-slaves had made him understand that he had been saved from a dog's death, and Cynewulf brooded over it as though he had incurred a debt. Lying awake in his little sleeping-cell at night, he would think of Flamma as a glowing figure, saffron robed, with eyes that were very merciful. He was one of the slaves who were chosen to walk before her when she went through the streets. Cynewulf took a pride in marching along with his staff, and thrusting the laggards out of her way; but he was always left in the court before the northern porch of the church, even when his fellow-slaves were suffered to enter. Then a sudden loneliness would come over him, and he would feel like a dog left out in the cold, while he listened to the voices of those who were singing. Cynewulf began to hunger to speak to the God whom his lady worshipped. His own gods, and the wild, storm-voiced spirits of the north, seemed to have fled away from before the presence of this woman.

Two months passed, and Cynewulf had learnt a great number of words. Titus the slave-master had spoken to Flamma concerning him, and it seemed to Cynewulf that she looked at him more kindly and smiled her praise. Sometimes he had a curious conviction that his lady had him in her thoughts, that she desired some great service from him, that she was watching to see what manner of man he was.

One day Titus called him as he was drawing water at the well.

"Come," said he, looking solemn. Cynewulf wondered. He was taken through the gallery into the præfect's garden, where roses trailed over stone arcades and sleek grass stretched between hedges of clipped yew. Peacocks spread their tails in the sunlight, and in the centre of the garden there was a stone fish-pond with steps going down to the water. The place was very beautiful. Cynewulf felt a yearning in his breast because of its beauty.

In a stone chair by the fish-pond sat his lady on cushions of rose and gold. She had a white veil over her head to shade her from the sunlight, and her hair shone through the white stuff like red beech leaves through silver mist. Cynewulf felt great awe of her. Titus withdrew, and left him alone before the stone seat by the fish-pond.

Flamma beckoned him to come nearer. Her eyes were big, solemn, and searching, but as they looked at Cynewulf they smiled. And Cynewulf could have fallen flat before her and offered her his life.

"Cynewulf, you are learning our

Roman tongue?"

He stammered out: "Yes, lady."

"You are content—here?"

"Yes, lady."

"You do not wish to run away?"

"To run away?"

"To your own people?"
"No; I be your man."

She seemed to muse for a moment, and Cynewulf thought that she looked troubled and sad. She glanced up suddenly, and their eyes met.

"Cynewulf, you are free. You can

go back to your own people."

He did not understand her immediately. She spoke the words again, and Cynewulf flushed, and looked troubled.

"Have I not served well?"

"It is not that."

"Am I-bad man?"

She smiled at him, and Cynewulf trembled.

"I not leave you," he said.

"Then you are no longer a slave. I give you freedom."

"Tell me—stay."

"Is it your desire?"

"I am my lady's," and his eyes

appealed to her.

Flamma turned her head and watched the gold-fish swimming in the water. She sighed, and her hands felt under the folds of her robe. She drew out something that shone—a Roman sword.

"What is this, Cynewulf?"

He was prompt with the word.

"A sword."

She held it so that the point was turned towards her throat.

"To kill with?"

He nodded.

"In the hand of a bad man—to kill Probus, my father. To bring sorrow and shame—to me!"

Cynewulf trembled, but not with fear. Lines crossed his forehead. His mouth looked fierce and desperate. "Show me that evil man!"

"You would fight for us?"

He opened his arms, and his face blazed.

"Give me the sword. I-kill."

Flamma leant forward and looked at him as though searching his heart.

"Cynewulf, listen to me. Evil men would kill my father, and our slaves are not to be trusted. Valens, who sleeps at the door, is a false man. He has taken money, and I have sent him away. I give you this sword, and make you watchman, to lie across the door at night."

Cynewulf's face was transfigured. "If needs be, I will die there," he

said.

Flamma gave him the sword, and he kissed its blade, and thrust it into his girdle. For the moment he stood irresolute, looking at her with the eyes of a dog.

"Speak, Cynewulf."

"Lady, I would pray to your God, Him they call Christ."

"You would be a Christian?"

"I would send my prayer after my lady's prayer."

She smiled, as one smiles at a child. "It shall be so, Cynewulf," she said, "the holy men shall teach you."

These were wonderful days for Cynewulf the Saxon. He was given a shield and a coat of mail, and suffered to take to himself a shorthandled axe that he found in the woodman's lodge. At night he spread his mats across the street door at the end of the great corridor, and lay down, hugging an immense pride. By day Sanctus the priest came and taught him in the vine-covered loggia opening upon the main court. Cynewulf would sit and listen, and learn to utter simple prayers. The strange beauty of the Christ's life entered into his soul. And sometimes, towards evening, Flamma would send for him into the garden, and would teach him from her own lips, telling of the mighty and just wrath of God, and the merciful love of Christ the Son. She taught Cynewulf the simple tales of Bethlehem and Galilee, of the Garden of Gethsemane, of Calvary, and of the rising from the tomb. She told him, too, of the saints and martyrs, of Joseph of Arimathea, and the great church at Glastonbury. Yet even through the soft murmur of the holy words ran sounds of fierceness and of valour that stirred Cynewulf's soul. He longed to leap and to use his sword for the White Christ, and for Flamma his lady.

It was a July night, and a full moon was shining, when Red Morgan's men climbed over the city wall and crept through Caer Segont under the shadows of the houses. There were five of them, three Britons, a Greek, and a Spaniard, ruffians who lived by brigandage and violence. The Spaniard, who was a very big man, and the leader, carried a heavy iron bar. Red Morgan had given them his orders and a sum of money, for he wished Probus the Roman dead.

Cynewulf was sleeping, but he woke to the sound of men whispering in the porch. Then something was thrust between the door and the door-post, and the wood cracked and the hinges groaned. Cynewulf leapt to his feet and drew back three paces, shield on arm and axe in his right hand. The corridor was in utter darkness, though faint streaks of moonlight showed about the door.

Morgan's men were straining at the iron bar. One hinge snapped, the other followed it, bolts and lock gave, and the door fell in with a crash. Cynewulf did not wait to parley. He was on the men like a leopard out of a cave, and striking with the axe before they could guard their heads. The Spaniard went down with a split skull. A Briton stumbled, bloodblinded, out into the moonlight. The other three took to their heels and ran.

Then Probus's slaves awoke. Torches were lit and came flaming down the corridor. Probus's white head towered above the heads of his slaves. A woman wrapped in a black cloak, her red hair loose upon her shoulders, hastened down the stairway that led to the upper rooms. Cynewulf stood there, holding the wounded Briton by the throat.

"I fight," he said; "they run

away. But here are two."

The slaves took the Briton from him, uttering shrill cries. Probus, sword on thigh, stood and stroked his beard. Cynewulf looked towards Flamma wrapped in her black cloak.

"Cynewulf keeps faith," he said;

"he is Christ's man."

Probus took a ring from his finger. "Christ's man—and mine. Let him

be baptised."

And baptised he was next morning in the church of St. Joseph, where Father Gildas served the altar. Probus the præfect and Flamma stood as witnesses. They gave him the name of Gerontius, though he was known afterwards to the Britons as Geraint.

Summer went and autumn came, and vague rumours of evil began to breathe about Caer Segont. It was said that the barbarians had landed near Vectis, that they were plundering and slaying, and that Winchester had fallen. Then white-faced, wayworn people came straggling to Caer Segont, people who spoke in hoarse whispers of anguish and horror and death. The reds and golds of the autumn woods were sad and distressed. The wind moaned. Men were afraid to go out and gather the apples in the outlying orchards.

Probus and the Fathers gathered together the old soldiers, called on the young men, and brought forth a bronze eagle out of the treasury. Guards were set at the gates, sentinels along the walls, and men were drilled in the forum. As for Cyne-

wulf, he looked grave and troubled. Some of the people mistrusted him, but Cynewulf trusted his own heart.

The hour of its death agony came suddenly and by night to Caer Segont. There was the screaming of a trumpet at the southern gate, wild cries, the glare of torches, a running to and fro of men in the streets and lanes.

"The barbarians—the barbarians!"

Women huddled their children together and fled to the great basilica and the churches. Probus had gone forth with his slaves to rally the men of Caer Segont, but he left Cynewulf in the house.

"Guard thy lady," he had said.

And Cynewulf had kissed the old man's hand.

Men fought that night at the gates and in the streets, in the gardens, and in the houses. The barbarians were everywhere. They leapt like madmen. striking with axe and sword, bellowing when wounded or when burning brands were hurled into their faces The men of Caer Segont were slain in their own streets, nor was mercy shown even to the women and children. Probus the præfect fell very early by the southern gate. The people were taking refuge in the churches, and in the basilica, defending themselves desperately and barricading the doors and windows.

Crowds fled past Probus's house, shouting, "To the basilica—to the

basilica!"

Cynewulf and Flamma were standing in the darkened porch. She was very silent, full of a mute anguish, fearing the worst.

"My father?"

Cynewulf sprang out and seized a man who was flying by.

"Where is Probus the præfect?"
The man squealed and tried to escape, but Cynewulf held him fast.

"Speak! What news?"

"Probus is dead."
"Swear to it."

"I saw him slain. Is that enough?" Cynewulf let the man go and went back to the porch. The fellow had uttered the words so loudly that Flamma had caught the truth of her father's death. Nor did it come upon her as a blow out of the darkness. Death had looked at her out of her father's eyes when he said farewell.

She stood there, looking out into

the night.

"Cynewulf, save yourself."
"Lady, I still serve you."

"No, no. Probus my father is dead. It is sufficient that I follow him. Join yourself to your own peo-

ple."

Cynewulf sprang up the steps suddenly and thrust her back into the porch. A stream of fierce, panting men went by in the darkness, shouting barbaric words. Flamma shuddered, despite her courage. As for Cynewulf he was trembling, but not with fear.

"You shall not have death!"

"Cynewulf!"

"I fight death—I beat him off. Come! I am mad for the Lord Christ."

He caught her up before she could so much as put out a hand to stay him, and descending the steps, he began to run through the darkened streets.

Flamma struggled in his arms. "I charge you, let me go."

From the mouth of an alley a man sprang at them with threatening sword. Flames had shot up from the roof of a neighbouring house, and the glare showed the man's barbaric beard and hair.

Cynewulf roared at him in the Saxon tongue.

"Keep off-the spoil is mine!"

The man laughed, peered into Flamma's face, and clapped Cynewulf on the back and laughed again.

"Well chosen, brother; there is

good plunder here."

From that moment Flamma lay very still in Cynewulf's arms. Now and again he felt a great shudder go through her, but she remained silent and resisted him no longer. Cynewulf threaded his way through the side streets towards the western gate. The town seemed empty and silent here, stricken with dumb horror. Away towards the forum flames were waving above the housetops and about the black pinnacles of the cypresses. Uproar filled the night.

Cynewulf gained the western gate. It was closed, and the bar was up, but the guards had fled from the guard-room. He stood his axe against the wall, threw down the bar with one hand, shot back the bolts, and swung the door open. A fresh breeze blew through the tunnel of the gateway. Cynewulf took his axe again, and carried Flamma out into the night.

An hour passed before Cynewulf paused, and turned to look back at Caer Segont. He had stumbled along field-paths and through orchards, and had gained the edge of the western woods. Caer Segont showed as a red mound, a little heap of flames. Cynewulf was hot and weary, and his heart laboured under his ribs. He set Flamma upon her feet, under the boughs of a great beech tree.

She leaned against the tree trunk and covered her face with her hands. The agony of the night seemed more bitter under the shadows of the silent woodlands. The darkness felt big and swollen with despair.

When she uncovered her face, Cynewulf was kneeling at her feet.

"Have no fear," he was saying. "See—I am your man and your servant. No evil thing shall come near so long as I live and am able to strike."

Flamma's heart went out to him in a sudden rush of tears. She bowed herself, and her tears fell down upon Cynewulf's face.

"Cynewulf, stay with me."

And from that moment Flamma loved him.

## THE HAND LAUNDRY

#### BY HILDA RIDLEY

CALEB HIGGINS looked round him with pride. To him the little place seemed indeed the doorway into that larger land of which he had so often dreamed. Again he could see in his mind's eye, far away from the noisy city, a farm set in green orchards, fed by cool streams. It was only a bare little room which he surveyed, standing in the busy thoroughfare of a large city. Outside in large black letters were the words "Hand Laundry."

"And to think, Mother," he said, addressing one of the women who stood beside him," how often we joked you about your being such a fine laundress, and you saying you wished you was one and never dream-

ing it would come true!"

"It was your enterprise, Caleb,"

replied his wife humbly.

"Yes, I guess I have an eye to business," admitted Caleb, smiling at the other woman who was with them and who was his sister. "You see, I knew laundry work was a paying proposition, 'cause there was never a laundry that I went into as wasn't rushed for business, and then when I was looking round, thinking and thinking how I was to make enough money to buy a farm, it come to me like an inspiration that laundry work would do it, seeing how handy you and Martha was with that kind of work."

"And you're handy, too, Caleb," said Martha. "Why I never knew anyone get to ironing blouses so

quick as you."

"I guess it was the packing that kept my hands nimble," said Caleb, "so there's good in everything, even in packing."

Hardly had he spoken when the

door opened.

"Can't be a customer already!" exclaimed Mrs. Higgins breathlessly.

The newcomer was a young man. He flung a package down on the counter.

"Want it Saturday night, sure

thing," he said.

"Yes, sir," replied Mrs. Higgins, with ill-concealed agitation, for as she afterwards confessed she felt "all of a tremble."

"The name, please, sir," said Martha bravely, as she hastily produced a book.

He flung it at her as he had flung down the package and went out banging the door.

"And this only Wednesday night, mother!" said Caleb, while Martha made a list of the contents of the

package.

"Say," continued Caleb, with his arms akimbo and his legs well apart, "ain't I glad I give up that packing and that pittance of \$12 a week! Oh, it's good to be independent!"

His face was aglow. He was a little man, slight and wiry, quick in his movements and with his hands. His brown hair stood up stub-like from his fair, rather lined face, which was ordinary, save for the blue eyes into which there sometimes crept that light which betrays the presence of a vision longer than is necessary for

the common tasks of the day. Mrs. Higgins was taller and stronger than her husband, but she had the calm, resigned face of one who held herself in subjection.

"What I wish is that there was more of us," said Martha.

But it was useless to wish this. A child had come to bless the union of the Higgins, but he had died when only a few years old, and then Mrs.

only a few years old, and then Mrs. Higgins had opened her arms to her husband's sister, who had no one in the world but her brother. These three were bound together by the strong bond of affection and faith.

"Oh, we'll hire help by and by," returned Caleb grandiloquently.

On the following day the door of the little laundry opened and shut quite frequently. People seemed to find it convenient. Caleb and "mother" and Martha spoke never a word, as they doggedly set to work. It was still early spring, and the heat of the laundry did not unduly try them. Caleb was in excellent spirits. It was true that he was working for longer hours than he had ever worked before, but every additional customer seemed to him to make more and more possible the realisation of the dream of his life. A little more of this hard work, and then-the laundry faded away in mist and he saw once again that peaceful country where the sun always shone and the trees gave shelter from the noonday heat. He drew a long breath as the mist dissolved and he could no longer see through it.

They were too exhilarated, too excited over the novelty of the work that first week to realise how tired they were. It was only at the end of the second week that they confessed that they were "all in" and thanked God for the Sabbath. They were simple Bible Christians and nothing would have induced them to work on Sunday.

It was late on Saturday night that

Caleb Higgins went away by himself to "count the profits," as he told his wife and his sister, with a twinkle in his eye. He was shut up by himself for a long time. Ruth and Martha went to bed and were soon in the heavy sleep of utter weariness. Caleb was very pale when he came from his retreat. His fingers and lips kept moving.

"Not ten dollars clear," he murmured, "it can't be right, it can't be right with all them people!"

Perhaps it was because they were slow, he thought, being new at the work, and yet he remembered how hard they had worked, scarcely taking time to eat, curtailing their hours of sleep.

He said nothing to his wife and sister about the "profits," and they, looking at him, did not refer to them. They went to church and there the quiet words of the Gospel fell on their tired ears like David's music, soothing and curative.

It was in the middle of the week when more people continued to come that Martha said resolutely:

"Caleb, don't you think we ought

to have some help."

Help on a profit of les than \$10 a week seemed farcical to Caleb, but they must have it, for he could not bear to see the tired faces of the women he loved.

"Go ahead," was all he said.

Martha put out a sign with "Girls Wanted," and it soon brought Then more trouble beresponses. gan. The girls were either inexperienced or too experienced to want to work in a hand laundry. When the property of a few of their customers had been ruined and they had listened patiently to the "piece of mind" of a woman who called them "slow," "out-of-date," and "oldfashioned," they decided that they must fall back upon themselves.

"I think, Caleb, we ought to turn away some of the customers and limit

ourselves some," suggested Martha.

Caleb turned pale.

"Well, one thing I'm sure of," he said, "I ain't going to have you women folk do so much hard work. I'll do the extra.

"Oh, Caleb, you ain't strong," ex-

postulated his wife.

"A man's stronger than any woman," declared Caleb, with the conviction born of an honest study of

St. Paul's epistles.

His one object in these days seemed to resolve itself into the nightmare effort to make a weekly profit nearly equivalent, at least, to what he had earned as a packer. When he had insisted upon his wife and sister withdrawing, he himself would stay on in the laundry, with his hands deep in hot starch or ironing far into the night. Summer had come upon them suddenly, with its long, hot days. Caleb saw no more visions: it is true that the laundry sometimes dissolved before his tired eyes in mist, but he never saw through it.

In the meantime Martha, who had the business head of the three, had ascertained the real state of affairs, but with instinctive sympathy for Caleb's pride she had not divulged her knowledge to him. She did, however, gradually disclose the matter to Ruth. When Ruth grasped it she

turned very pale.

"Oh, Martha," she said, "why can't we persuade him to give it up and go back to the packing? He was happy with the packing, although he

didn't know it."

"Ruth, that's what I would do," said Martha earnestly. "A wife should counsel her husband—Paul says that. You say the work it too much for all of us—not especially for him—that you must have a rest or you'll break down. You know how to manage it, dear."

So that evening when it was growing late, and Caleb had looked up once or twice from his ironing to say somewhat querulously, "Well, mother, why don't you quit?" his wife still lingered.

She was looking at him, and as she looked at him and observed his attenuated little figure, and the weary, vague look in his blue eyes, a sudden passion came upon her. She went up to him and put her arms round him.

"Oh, my man, my man!" she sob-

She lifted him in her arms.

"Why, mother, what is it?" he said, as he mopped the sweat from his brow and looked up at her with apathetic blue eyes, unconscious for the moment of his undignified position.

"Can't you see that I'm breaking down—that I can't stand all of this work?"

"Why, mother, you seem powerful strong for a woman," he said suddenly, realising his position and struggling from her arms to the floor.

"Well, I ain't," she said defiantly. "I must have a rest. Martha and me are both fair tired out. Let's give up the work, Caleb, it's too much of a strain on all of us. It's nothing but work, work, work from the moment we get up till bedtime. Caleb, can't you get back your old job—you was happy there, though you didn't know it."

"Yes, I was happy there, though I didn't know it," repeated Caleb mechanically. Then he considered a moment and added, "but I was too much given to dreaming—that's why they wouldn't have me back—leastways, that's what the boss says, and I guess he knows."

Martha and Ruth exchanged startled looks.

"Did you ask for your old job back, Caleb?" asked Martha breathlessly.

"Why, yes, going on three weeks ago now, and he laughed and says, 'Not on your life, he says—you lost us a big job before you left through your—here he uses an awful swear-word—of dreaming.' And then he says: 'What are you doing now?' and I says 'hand laundry,' and at that he laughs out hearty.''

There was a silence. It was broken by Ruth.

"The brute!" she said.

"No, mother," said Caleb, "you mustn't say that. It's my own fault, I guess—my own fault. I used to be always thinking of the farm."

"And why shouldn't you?" said Martha. "A man's a right to his thoughts."

"And in the sweat of thy brow shalt thou labour," murmured Caleb. "I like them words."

The women left him weeping.

The long, hot summer wore away. Once Caleb fainted at his work, and then Ruth called in a doctor.

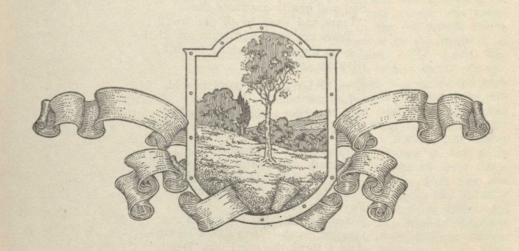
The doctor ordered a complete rest and hinted at heart trouble. Caleb was obliged to go to bed. Then Ruth and Martha bravely took up the work and Caleb certainly never knew how they denied themselves to give him the comforts that he needed. His mind wandered in those days. He seemed to live in a world of his own and to be oblivious of their real presence, although they often figured in some imaginary scene.

One day they found him sitting up in bed, gazing with wide blue eyes, which saw far, far beyond them, and his face was transfigured with a fearful joy.

"There's Ruth milking the cows," he cried. "Don't she look cunning in that sunbonnet, and there's Martha and little Willie, sitting by the duck pond—and little Willie has such red cheeks!"

He ceased—the light faded from his face, the radiance from his eyes. He put his hand to his heart, as he sank back on the pillow.

Ruth and Martha sprang forward, but it was too late. Death had at last claimed him. And so babbling of green pastures and still waters the plucky little laundryman passed away.



#### THE LEGACY

BY ISABEL ECCLESTONE MACKAY

S AID One, must you weep alway?

Tears are not for one so fair,
Ringless hand and robe of gray

Mock the charms which they declare—

Hear the singing in the street!

Youth and joy salute the day,
Life and love caress your feet—

Will you turn away?

Sad and sweetly answered she,
"What are jeweled robes to me?
Soon I'll wear a grass-green dress,
Dew-pearls for my gems, no less,
Now, can comfort me."

Nay, Love, let me lift your hair, Heavy with its weight of gold, With rough hand, but tender care, Let me plait it as of old.

Very sad and low said she,
"What is hair of gold to me?
When 'tis turned to daisy gold,
Starring all the rain-wet mold,
Sweet and sweet 'twill be!"

Ah, most Dear, speak not in sighs!

Has my love no healing art?

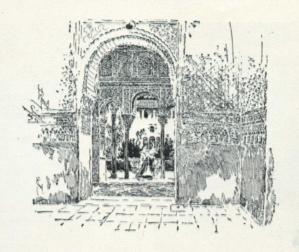
Every teardrop from your eyes

Falls like fire upon my heart.

Sad and gently answered she
"Tears and sighs to all are free.
Tears are sweet and sighs are kind—
Soon they'll drift along the wind,
Blowing over me."

Love, O Love, your hand is cold, Let me take it—let it be Mine to keep and warmly hold Till your sad lips smile on me!

Very sad and sweet said she,
"Warmth and smiles are lover's fee—
Warmth I'll find and maybe mirth
In the arms of kindly earth—
Pray you let it be! . . .
When Love left he whispered me
One low word—'twas like a breath—
And I think the word was 'Death,'
Love's own legacy!"



# JOSEPH PENNELL: ETCHER AND ILLUSTRATOR

BY BRITTON B. COOKE

ILLUSTRATIONS FROM ETCHINGS BY MR. PENNELL

T has been said that the sum of a creator's work is the representation of himself: that in the end, the greatest thing a great composer, an inspired painter, a master sculptor or a literary genius leaves behind is the record of himself. Men have argued from this, that it would not matter how Carlyle had written, what sides he had taken, nor how he had expressed himself: provided he had found expression through one medium or another the treasure of his own personality would have been given to the world. Going even further, men have said that the mere creation of beautiful objects, however superb the conception and excellent the workmanship, does not make the man who created them a great man, even though separate items in his work may have measured up to items in the work of masters: for the artist is great, say the wise, only when each piece of work is consistent with some underlying quality in the man and each a further revelation and record of that man's outstanding individuality.

This is a rigorous standard by which to measure the thousands of earnest men and women who spend their lives in the endeavour to express themselves in the creation of The poets who beautiful things. starve-or are said to starve-in garrets, the workers who thrive and grow vulgar in complacent mediocrity, the men who wax wealthy by gratifying some passing whim of the public for Gibson heads, or Billikens, or Fisher girls have contributed at least a little to the enjoyment of their times, even though history with her pen and tablet following in the footsteps of time, utterly ignores them and gives preference to Michael Angeloes, Rembrandts, Corots, Miltons, Brownings, Herbert Spencers, and Wagners. One man achieves wonderful



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tones in his pictures, exqusite grace in his music, nobility in his sculptures, or power in his writings. He may serve to stimulate our sense of the beautiful, to touch some string of sentiment, to show us beauties in things in which we had not seen the beauty before, and yet he lacks those other qualities which go to make a truly great creator: his inspirations are sporadic, his fine conceptions are accidental, they do not spring from the underlying gift of great genius.

Among modern etchers there are few whose work so consistently shows the characteristic touch of a master etcher as does the work of Joseph Pennell. It has been said that he is the greatest of contemporary etchers. Hans Singer, writing in The International Studio has said that he, personally, places Pennell's architectual etchings even above Whistler's. In his sense of the beautiful, in his sense for "atmosphere," in the spontaneity of his work and what Whistler called the "gayety" of his plates Pennell manifests the remarkable gifts with which he is endowed.

and in his various works has unwittingly recorded the fact that he is a master in his art and one whom history will not ignore.

Everyone knows what Ruskin said when he declined to visit Americathat he could not exist in a country which contained no ancient eastles. Although Ruskin was himself a seer, a man who introduced the world to beauties which it would not have seen but for his eye and his pen, he had not, in some regards at least, the insight of a Pennell, for had he lived. and had he seen Pennell's etchings of the sky-scrapers of "The Unbelievable City," or of "Coal," "Oil," and "Steel," he would have had reason to alter his decision and say that, although there were no castles in America, there were other things indigenous to that country which would more than compensate for the absence of aristocratic land-marks.

And even those of us who have seen the sky-scrapers of New York, and breathed the fetid atmosphere of the great industries of which Pennell has made etchings, must feel indebt-



AT LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

ed to the etcher for new light which he throws upon these subjects. The buildings which we may have thought were hideous, or at the mere dimensions of which we marvelled, have another side which one is apt to miss and which is brought out in the Pennell etchings. He discovers the romance and the beauty in the skyscraper of New York, or in a row of dirty houses in London, or in a view of a smoke-reeking steel manufactory, which people are apt to accredit only to objects in which the element of romance is more obvious, such as the castles which meant so much to Ruskin and the beauty points of Venice as listed on the folder of a Cook's tour.

Pennell and his wife have produced a great amount of work: Pennell as an artist and writer, and Mrs. Pennell as writer. They have written charming little histories of their joint journeyings into new and old parts of the world. Pennell, with his etching materials and his sketch book, and Mrs. Pennell, with pencils and



LAST OF THE SCAFFOLDING



ROSSETTI'S HOUSE

scribbling paper, have discovered and laid before the stay-at-home public in the form of magazine article and bound volume, new beauties in old places and old beauty-for all beauty is old—in the most recent works of the architect. Pennell contributes to the histories of their excursions the record of the things that his quick artistic eye beheld: a record done with life and sparkle and freshness so that you and I, looking at the work as produced in the periodical or the volume, are given the privilege of seeing, for the moment, as he saw —we possess his faculties of observation while we look at his work. On the other hand, Mrs. Pennell furnishes a story for the ear, a drawing done in vowels and consonants. The vivacity of her style, enriched as it is with well-placed moments of reserve, makes a perfect counter-part for her husband's work.

As pictures alone, however, Pennell's treatment of New York skyscrapers, of London scenes, and his portrayal of some of the great industries of the United States are outstanding from the rest of his work. He is not a mere topographist, he does not merely record elevations and angles; and yet he does what few men can do with real success: he paints "portraits of places."

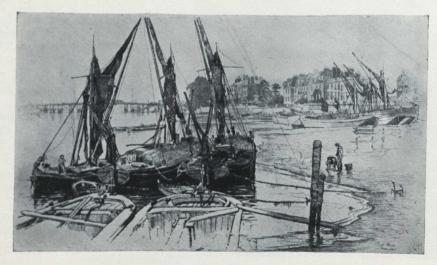
To make a portrait of a man means



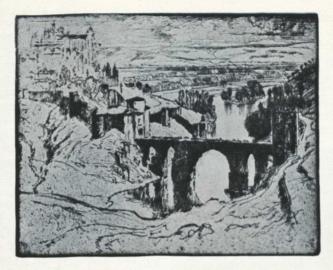
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one of two things—assuming a degree of skill on the part of the artist: he either makes a likeness, or a likeness with an interpretation. The "Portrait of a Place" is apt to be made either a mere likeness, a mere perspective like an architect's drawing, or else the place is forgotten by the artist except in so far as it serves as a model, or as a groundwork for the real picture which the artist has in mind. Whistler made pictures

from what he saw, not of it. Pennell, studying a probable subject, finds the beauties it contains and records them as the paramount quality of the final likeness of the place as he produces it. Friendly critics have pointed out that he succeeds in representing not only the beauties of the scene before him, but also the atmosphere in which it lies: a London scene in a Pennell etching contains London atmosphere; a Spanish etching carries with it the



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SAINT MARTIN'S BRIDGE, SPAIN

air of that languid country, and the same is true of any etching by this artist.

Pennell was born in Philadelphia, of Quaker stock. He first studied at the Philadelphia Industrial School of Art and later at the Academy of Fine Arts in that city. The president of the academy was James L. Claghorn. Before Pennell was twenty years of age—he is now forty-five—Claghorn had observed unusual talent in the

student and encouraged him in every way. In a year or two he was showing Pennell's work to his friends and declaring he had discovered a prodigy. These early works were very good in their way: they were auguries of the better work which Pennell was to do.

One day, when first Pennell had conceived the idea of etching his New York series, the crowds that passed up and down Broadway were



IN THE TWILIGHT

amused to see a lanky-looking artist standing on the curb, an etching tool in one hand and copper-plate in the other, "sketching" one of the groups of great buildings in lower Broadway. As a matter of fact, Pennell was working on what was to be a finished etching. He did not, and does not now, do as do so many ar-



TOWERS OF SAN GHIMIGNANO

tists: make a sketch of the subject and work it up afterward in a studio. Pennell has made his most beautiful etchings standing on street corners, with beggars and street urchins peering over his shoulders, policemen debating in their minds whether he was crazy enough to be "run in" or safe enough to be let alone; demimonde casting eyes at him, business men scowling at this impractical artist, and wise young men speculating that he was the agent for a sign company spying out the land for some new electric marvel. They did not guess that a jar to the elbow of the worker, a tremour in his hand, one false stroke or misplaced dot in the wax-covered copper-plate, would ruin the whole work.

Probably this method of work has contributed to Pennell's success as an etcher. A Frenchman, touching upon the subject of art, once wrote that. while artists work daily on paintings, it is only on good days that they etch. Another French authority has said that no one can do a thing thoroughly well unless he can do it with ease. Sir Seymour Hayden, the great landscape etcher, once said to Frederick Keppel, the famous collector of etchings in New York city: "An etching that occupies an artist for three days is, in fact, the work of three different men: the artist's mood is one thing on Monday, another on Tuesday, and still another on Wednesday; but the freshness and unity of an etching cannot be maintained unless the artist knows exactly what to do and then does it at once." The same great etcher wrote at another time. "The painter, by overlaying his work, may modify and correct it as he goes on. Not so with the etcher. Every stroke he makes must tell strongly against him if it be bad or prove him a master if it be good. In no branch of art does a touch go for so much. If one stroke in the right place tells more for him than ten in the wrong it would seem to follow that that single stroke is a more learned stroke than the ten by which he would have arrived at his end."

This spontaneity of which Sir Seymour Hayden speaks is always present in Pennell's work. He does not pore over his plate in a studio ten blocks from the scene he has just etched, to perfect what he remembers of what he saw. He completes it at once.

Vigour is the key-note to Pennell and his work. This has been characteristic of him in all things. When he had been in London a certain length of time he fell into controversies on a great many questions with the art critics of that city. His

earlier years were stormy ones, for he could not resist the impulses of the insatiable controversialist. audacity made not a few of the sleepy critical dignitaries of London gasp. They waxed indignant. They tried to snub him and found that they could not afford to do it. thought to "squelch" him by sheer weight, and found that he was irrepressible. They attempted to answer his arguments, and in many cases failed lamentably, to the benefit of art and art criticism in the old country. One of them, as Mr. Frederick Keppel tells, came to the etching-collector in high dudgeon (he was an eminent critic) and demanded to know "How dare this rash young American upset our accepted theories. and attack men of established reputation!" There could be no answer but time, and as time passed these old Tories of Art found that the Radical, Pennell, was not infrequently borne out in his criticisms and condemnations. His activities as a controversialist were not, however, confined to destructive criticisms: it was he who discovered and proclaimed the extraordinary talent of Aubrey Beardsley, and it was he who recalled from partial neglect the merit of the illustrations of such great artists as Charles Keene and Daniel Viérge.

Whistler and Pennell were intimate friends. Whistler was a sort of Divinity to Pennell. But the great eccentricist lacked in his quarrellings an advantage which Pennell held. Whistler resented not only artistic sin, but the sinner. Pennell waged furious war against the sin, but was wont to vote the sinner "a very decent fellow."

New York has always been a source of delight to Pennell. While he has more often expressed his conceptions of New York with copper-plate and etching stool, at the same time he has recorded his love for that city in writing—an art in which he, like his

wife, has some skill. He has written:

"New York rises a vision, a mirage of the lower bay . . . the colour by day more shimmering than Venice, by night more magical than London. In the morning the mountains of buildings hide themselves now to reveal themselves again in the rosy steam clouds that chase each other across their heights. In the evening—they are



AT RICHMOND

mighty cliffs glittering with golden stars in the magic and mystery of the night. As the steamer moves up the bay, on one side the great Goddess greets you, a composition in colour and in form, with the city beyond, finer than any in any world that ever existed, finer than Claude ever imagined or Turner ever dreamed. Why did not Whistler see it? Piling up higher and higher right before you is the city; and of what does it suddenly remind you? San Ghimignano of the Beautiful Towers away off in Tuscany, only here are not eleven, but eleven times eleven, not low, mean brick piles, but noble palaces crowned with gold, with green and with rose; and over them the wavering, fluttering plume of steam, the emblem of New York. To the right, filmy delicate and lace-like by day are the great bridges, by night, a pattern of stars that Hiroshige never knew. You



THE PORCH, LOUVIERS

land and are swallowed in the streets that are Florence glorified—to emerge in squares that are more noble than those of Seville. Golden statues are about you, triumphal arches make splendid frames for marvellous vistas, and it is all new and all untouched, all to be done. . . The Unbelievable City—the city that has been built since I grew up; the city beautiful, built by men I know; built for people I know. The city that inspires me—that I love."

This is Pennell's account of New York. For prose it is perhaps a little overdone to please the practical ear. Other men would remind Pennell of the unbeautiful side of New York, forgetting that in the province of the artist beauty is first. But when Pennell comes to express his admiration of New York in an etching there is then no qualifying comment to be made. The thing is completely beautiful. Marion Crawford, for

whose books Pennell has done many illustrations, remarked to Pennell when first he saw the etchings of New York sky-scrapers: "Oh; I see, Pennell, that you have made architecture of the New York buildings!"

It is one of the privileges of sojourn in London to meet Mr. and Mrs. Pennell in their home there. The hospitality of these remarkable people is proverbial, and the quality of their conversation, whether it be upon art or olives, is charming. Pennell loves to "dump" himself into a deep chair in his library—a low-seated wicker chair—and there talk and be talked with. Whistler once made his portrait in this very pose. Knees and elbows were well in evidence.

Three hundred years ago Rembrandt became the printer of his own work. He would trust no one else. and when he worked with his presses. worked secretly, he allowed no one to witness the process. The fastidious Whistler did likewise, and now Mr. Pennell, carrying on the tradition, does the same. It requires skill for an artist to print his own plates. He must be something of a handicraftsman. Printers' proofs, as Mr. Keppel says, in writing on the subject of printing etchings, are never equal in originality to the proof issued by the original artist, provided he knows how to print. Mr. Keppel also adds that no modern paper yields so good a proof as does fine hand-made paper which has been mellowed in tone and texture by one or two centuries of age. Mr. Pennell, in his many travels through Europe, was careful to be on the look-out at all times for good paper. In this way he collected a considerable supply. The proofs of his etchings show the important part which such paper plays in the reproduction of good work.

## THE HOUSE OF OEDIPUS

THE WAY WE WANTED THE WAY

ADAPTED AND PUT INTO ENGLISH BLANK VERSE BY ARTHUR STRINGER FROM THE ITALIAN OF FERDINANDO FONTANA

PREFATORY NOTE TO "THE HOUSE OF CEDIPUS."

THE plays of Æschylus and Sophocles, those supreme masterpieces of Greek civilisation, are little more than a tradition to our drama. They stand practically unknown to the modern playgoer. When, through some purely academic effort, "Edipus King," or "Œdipus at Colonus," or "Antigone," is performed on the twentieth century stage, it is more as an exposition of a long-obsolete stage-craft than a presentation of an immensely moving and human story. So it has been the student of literature alone who has found delight in these greatest of all dramatic compositions. Many poets, among them Alfieri, Monti, Foscolo. Nicolini, Racine, Crebillon, Voltaire and Goethe, have made efforts to reestablish the great Greek tragedies. In many cases the effort was failure. although magnificent failure. These adaptations are to be found to-day only between the covers of library volumes. The reason for this over-polite interment is obvious: The modern poet attempted to revive the antique form, adhering to the complex five acts of the Athenian stage and the further exotic artificiality of the "Chorus" . . . The claim of "The House of Œdipus" is that, while its action faithfully embraces the movement and characters of the three greatest Greek tragedies ever written, it has touched these hallowed

masterpieces with a spirit of modernity, keeping them vivid and vital. In other words, everything has been made subservient to the human, the dramatic interest, without departing from the spirit of the "Œdipus" revealed to us by Æschylus, Sophocles. Homer, and the other authorities. Every effort has been made, in marshalling the incident and translating the form into modern three-act drama, to preserve the beauty and vigour and pathos of those deathless tragedies before which the world has bowed for twenty-five hundred years.

CHARACTERS CEDIPUS (King of Thebes). POLYNICES ETEOCLES (Sons of Œdipus). Jocasta (Œdipus's wife). ANTIGONE ISMENE (Daughter of Œdipus). CREON (Brother of Jocasta). HAEMON (Son of Creon). THESEUS (King of Attica). TIRESIAS (Prophet). MANTO (His Daughter). OLD LYSIAS. Young Gorgias. FORBAS (A Herdsman). A MESSENGER. MENECLES. TIONICO. MENIPPUS (Shepherds). BATTO. SIMETA (A Young Girl). A WOMAN. AN OLD WOMAN. A VERY OLD MAN.

ANOTHER OLD MAN.
A CAPTAIN OF THE FOOT-SOLDIERS.
THE SPIRIT OF LAIUS.

TISIPHONE. ALECTO (Leaders of the Furies MEGAERA (Tuesday).

The Furies—The People of Thebes— Herdsmen of Colonus—Courtiers— Matrons — Priests — Foot-soldiers —Thebans — Athenians — Phoenician Virgins—Cithaerons.

#### FIRST PERIOD.

#### SCENE I.

THE SPIRIT OF LAIUS. (Spirit of an aged man, white-haired, wrapped in a royal mantle of purple, and wearing a crown. There is lightning and thunder as he comes out from the mouth of the Cavern.)

O sleeping Furies of black Hell and Earth, Five years drag by since I was put to death,

And still I, Laius, King of Thebes, await

My vengeance! (The Furies mutter in their sleep.)

Œdipus my son it was

Did slay me. He still with his mother shares My throne, and with her knows incestuous sleep!

THE FURIES. (Dozing.)

Beware!

Seize-seize!

THE SPIRIT OF LAIUS. Action I ask, not dreams.

(He opens his mantle, and shows his white robe stained with blood.)
This is the wound he dealt. Rise up and smite

This killer of his father, deep in lust!

Aye, stab him with your breath as with a sword; Bruise him and make him suffer; let him stand Bereft and naked of all earthly things,

Of crown, and home and country, light by day, And rest by night, and mercy at all time!

Let him become a wanderer held up

To shame! Drag, drag him unforgiven down To Hell, where he shall pant and writhe, the prey, The everlasting prey, of your fierce claws!

(More lightning and thunder. The Spirit disappears.)

TISIPHONE. (Awakes, and quickly rises up.)

Hallo! Up! Up!

MEGAERA. (Rising.)
ALECTO.

The others let us wake!

Up! Up! (They go to waken their companions. Tisiphone remains near the mouth of the Cave.)

Beware! Seize! Seize!

(They seem strangely disturbed, and move about the stage questioning among themselves, and helping one another light their torches.)

CERTAIN OF THE FURIES. The Spirit dark
Of Laius also in our sleep appeared!

OTHER FURIES. On his son Œdipus he asked revenge—

ALECTO. Imploring that in life he might be lashed Unmercifully-

And dead, to Hell unpardoned go! MEGAERA.

ALL TOGETHER. On this black sin then let us strike!

TISIPHONE. Listen!

(The Furies stop to listen, then all approach Tisiphone, who stands near the cavern-mouth. Through the glimmer of the torchlight and the lightning, they stand out in all their repulsiveness of aspect, half-nude, wearing only short tunics and girdles of red. Their faces are bitter and malignant, as though thirsting for blood. They wear serpents twisted in their hair. Their finger-nails are long and pointed and blood drips from their brows.)

'Tis true!

TISIPHONE. But Œdipus unknowingly did err!

'Tis true!

TISIPHONE. His hand was guilty, not his heart! MEGAERA.

TISIPHONE. But sinning even more than Œdipus

Is Creon, who pretends to bow before The other's will, yet thirsting after power

And plotting for his death, all justice flaunts. THE FURIES. The blackest sinner stands in Creon then!

(After a pause.)

Since we are just, we Laius must avenge, Yet Œdipus may still find peace in death If to our Temple he turns penitent! Creon alone shall be our timeless prey!

(They take a step forward, brandishing their daggers and flaunting the snakes twisted in their hair.)

TISIPHONE. Like howling dogs the Furies rush on him! MEGAERA. He hears the far-off voice! He quakes and turns And flies in terror, reeling as he goes!

ALL TOGETHER. In vain!

Inexorably is he their prey— MEGAERA.

E'en though the sacred breath of Jupiter Came to his help!

For where the Furies' claws

Reach not, their hissing asps still find him out! (Taking a serpent from her head.)

Here from my head I tear this, flinging it Upon the culprit, crying "Seize him! Seize!"

ALL TOGETHER. Seize! Seize!

TISIPHONE. Its sharp hiss splits the air!

It strikes white-toothed into the victim's flesh, Until he writhes in agony and screams,

And sinks upon the ground and faints away! ALL TOGETHER. His blood, like crimson liquor, then we suck! TISIPHONE. A thing of bones, he drops among the dead!

MEGAERA. Nor shall he solace find by altars white, Nor hide away in templed silences!

ALECTO. For we, from these, shall tear him piece by piece With our sharp nails!

Some Gods indeed there are Can be appeased, some sins unpunished go!

But never with the Furies! Here we nurse Eternally the vipers of remorse!

ALECTO, MEGAERA. Yea, nothing can our fury quite appease
When once the madness takes us—past the grave
Our anger reaches!

TISIPHONE, ALECTO, MEGAERA. Our nostrils even now Can sniff the pleasant odour of red blood

From human veins!

ALL TOGETHER. Beware! Beware! And seize!

(They fling themselves into the cave. The lightning ceases. The gleam from the cave-mouth goes out. The stage remains in darkness while the scene changes.)

SCENE II.

(The court before the Palace of the King of Thebes, the back of the stage opening upon one of the principal squares of the city, with the view of a chain of mountains in the distance. To the left is the entrance to the Acropolis Cadmea. To the right is the royal palace itself. Near the entrance to this, on the right, are set the thrones of Œdipus and Jocasta, on a raised platform. The throne of Jocasta stands empty. On the other throne sits Œdipus, surrounded by noblemen and footsoldiers. His face is sad and thoughtful.

Towards the proscenium. near the throne, stands a pagan altar, surrounded by the priests. They are engaged in reviving the fire about

the carcass of a sacrificial bull.)

The People. (Their hands outstretched to Œdipus.)
O, save us, thou, who overcame the Sphinx!
From this new terror that is come to Thebes,
From this foul plague that poisons all the air,

OLD LYSIAS. Creeping through the limbs at first
Comes weariness, then with unsightly sores
The flesh is covered; then there comes a thirst,
As fierce as Hell's own fires, and nothing then
But Death's cool waters can the torture heal!

Young Gorgias. Fear born of this contagion breaks old bonds, Once sacred . . . dead my wife now lies . . . in vain The mother at some last breath wails aloud!

A Woman. We saw the well of Direc boiling black

With poisonous smoke, with fumes so foul of smell They withered up the trees and herbs nearby!

Young Gorgias. The sun is lost in livid clouds, and seems Forever setting in a sea of blood!

OLD LYSIAS. And night has not a glint of moon or star!

A Woman. And thro' the dusk pace ghosts that groan aloud,

And we the baying of Apollo's hounds can hear!

THE PEOPLE. Save us, O Œdipus!

'Twould be in vain!
I with this monster might in truth contend,
But 'tis a Sphinx unseen. . . . That earlier Sphinx
Nursed mysteries between its hands alone—
This newer one is all a mystery!
Only the Gods can save us! I have sent

To Delphi—as by Creon 'twas advised— To ask some word that might by all be read, Though first I summoned here Tiresias, The prophet, to explain the sacrifice.

(Meanwhile Tiresias and Manto enter from the square; Tiresias, old and blind, and leaning on his cane; his daughter, Manto, a girl of twenty, playing a cithara or Greek lyre. Both declaim.)

TIRESIAS, MANTO. As lightning-flashes through a clouded sky

As birds, the falling souls to Ostium come
Incessantly. O fate so like man's fate—
Thebes flourished yesterday, but even now
Is withered by the blighting lip of Death!
Pallades, help our people . . . help the ones
Who knelt and honoured thee so long ago!

ŒDIPUS. (To Tiresias.) Soothsayer, here, see, is the smoking flesh Of one white bull, that with due ritual Was slaughtered by the priests, that you might learn In your deep cunning, what this omen is.

Tiresias. (To Manto, giving her a handful of incense.)

Then cast this incense!

Manto. (Goes to the altar, and casts the incense.)

I have cast it, see!

Tiresias. (Surrounded by the anxious crowd.)

Rose then the flame?

MANTO. (After a moment.)

Now, now it rises slow!

THE PEOPLE. (Joyfully.)

It rises, yes!

Tiresias. (Anxiously.) And tell me, is it bright?

Manto. No; sometimes it is saffron, sometimes blue,

Tiresias, And rises like a tongue.
Manto.

'Tis split in two-

Alas . . . it dies! The People. (Terrified.)

It dies . . . it dies away!

Manto. A-crackle with low flashes . . . ah, 'tis dead! (Then frightened and surprised.)

O Father, Father . . . from the ashes rise Smoke-coils that on the King's head seem to fall! (Trembling she approaches Tiresias, who stands pale and motionless, held by some terrible vision. Meanwhile the smoke rising from the altar in thick coils, hangs over the head of Œdipus.)

OLD LYSIAS. (To Tiresias.)

What is the meaning of such signs as these?

TIRESIAS. (Starting, but still absorbed in his vision.)

Atrocious! In the thickened murk I see

Mad spirits in a dance. Here brothers born Once of the Dragon's Teeth are howling "Death!" Here livid, swathed in slime and weeds, the Sphinx, With glassy eyes along the sea-floor prowls, Here are the Furies, with the hissing snakes Upon their heads, with mouths agape for filth! Œdipus. (Bluntly interrupting him.)

But why, O aged one, this wrath from Heaven?

Tiresias. Explain . . . I cannot . . . the Oracle must speak!

ŒDIPUS. (Beholding Creon approach.)

Lo, Creon, with a crown of fruit and flowers, Draws near, and goodly news then he must bring.

CREON. (Advancing.)

Clear comes the answer from the Oracle,
O citizens—Save we obey the Gods
We shall not live! For it has spoken thus:
Purge thou from Theban soil this monstrous thing
Still nourished there! Give thou due banishment,
And render up still death for death!

ŒDIPUS.

Whose death?

CREON. He who killed Laius, that a year did reign Before this triumph from the Sphinx was wrung.

ŒDIPUS. (Rising proudly.)

. . . And from the Fate that can not make me cringe. That hour most glorious of all my life, And yet most sweet, that day I tore from her The throne of Laius and Jocasta's hand, Who was his widow, as was promised me! But not the splendour of that throne had fired My soul to challenge death! 'Twas but the face Of her . . . Jocasta! 'Twas the face that bowed So sweet, so wrapt in mystery, that life Seemed given me alone that I might gaze Upon such loveliness, as when her eyes Into my soul seemed melting! Thus I fought, And overcame the monster, knowing well I could not fail . . . for no fear can undo Him who accepts his destiny, and views The sledge fall on the anvil, stern at times, And still again most gently, as it molds!

Tiresias. (Bitterly—aside.)

This is the wisdom of the world that still
Has eyes, and yet has never learned to see!

(EDIPUS. (More proudly.)

The son of Polybus and Merope
I am, and likewise heir to Corinth's throne.
Yet once at Delphi did the oracle
Foretell that I should take my father's life
And mating with my mother, thus should bring
Thrice-tainted sons and daughters to the world.
Forsaking crown and home, I Corinth fled,
Nor shall these feet return, while still I know
My parents live. I crossed the Hellade;
And so have worsted Fate, since happily
Still reign there Merope and Polybus,
And all my enemies are crushed!

Tiresias. Be still!

They who affront that law beyond all law,

To which earth, men, the gods themselves must kneel,
Bring down but wrath on their most foolish heads!

ŒDIPUS. (Proudly.)

The Theban people put their faith in me,
And still waits Delphi to avenge the death
Of Laius, and to smite the unknown one
Who struck him down, and dwells here in our midst.
I... I that man will find, and if he proves
A stranger he shall die. If one of Thebes,
Or made a citizen by you, he goes
Forth into exile. . . . Every man shall know
His name, and who he is, so he may find
No refuge and no comfort, so that sapped
And stung to desperation he shall pray
For that most ultimate of gifts . . . to die!
Yea, if I knew he in this court abode
And I should stoop to save him . . . then on me
I ask each torment that I prayed for him!

(Seating himself after a pause.)
But where was Laius killed?

CREON.
To Phocis!

'Twas on the road

(Edipus. (Trying to control himself.)

. . . Road to Phocis! Who said this?

CREON. A slave, the only one surviving of his band!

ŒDIPUS. What said he?

CREON. That a band of murderers

There struck him down.

ŒDIPUS. (After a pause.)

So bold an act, I think

Might be accomplished by some hand That hated Laius!

OLD LYSIAS. Such was our belief
In earlier days, but since the Sphinx's plague
Descended on us, we forgot the thing!

CEDIPUS. (Stepping from the throne, to Tiresias.)

Then, you who know the very innermost
Dark secrets of the earth and heaven tell
Me with your mystic art what man it was
Thus murdered Laius!

Tiresias. (After a silence.)

Better it would be

To know it not!

ŒDIPUS AND THE PEOPLE. No . . No!

Tiresias. (About to go.)

Let me depart!

(Edipus. Speak—you could save this city, yet you stand Against us in your guilty silence!—speak!

Tiresias. On what I once have spoken I shall speak

No more. . . Yet each thing left untold by me

Shall come to pass!

Edipus. (Angrily.) The rage of Œdipus, Blind man, you would defy?

TIRESIAS.

That rage now leaves

Your eyes more blind than mine!

ŒDIPUS.

Nay, more I see!

Because no one upon your brow can read What there is written, and what I have seen: Unable with your hand to strike him down, The murderer of Laius you did bribe, Conspirator with one who wished the throne!

Tiresias. (Touching his forehead.)

The cause of all Thebes's woe is written here, And that is YOU! And Thebes shall not be saved Till hounded into exile you have gone. . . . For you the murderer of Laius are!

THE PEOPLE. Oh, horrible!

CEDIPUS. (Looking enraged at Tiresias and Creon.)

Yes, horrible indeed!

On this poor crazed old man. . . On Creon's fool! Tiresias. And yet the fool you are of your own self!

CREON. I, Œdipus, have always served you well!

ŒDIPUS. (Indignantly.)

No—no; you lie! I followed your advice,
And sent you into Delphi, calling here
Tiresias; a charge of guilt it sounds,
This answer that you bring . . . and even he
Pours accusations out upon my head!
But now I see your plot. All wealth and power
Is ever envied and conspired against,
As monuments are ambushed ceaselessly,
By slow-beseiging ivy! (To Tiresias.) Sorcerer,
Where were you when the Sphinx its riddles asked?
Then silent were your lips. Yet even I,
A simple mortal, spake the answer straight!
So would you now in shrewdness match with me?
Go forth from Thebes! Out! Out! From where I reign—
You are exiled!

TIRESIAS.

You reign, yes, on your throne, But over you and earth Apollo rules! From his alone are mandates harkened to! 'Tis not from Creon nor from you, indeed! Blind-eyed you are not . . . yet you cannot see! You view not what's before you, what dark fate Ne'er caused by them who gave you birth, nor them About you, nor the Furies huddled thick Behind you, waiting to pursue you hence! Earth's light most beautiful you look upon, But soon unfathomed blackness shall descend Upon your eyes. Your cry of anguish lone Will echo through the earth, and up to Heaven, And down to Hell, and out across the years, And like a sob your name shall fall from lips Remembering!

ŒDIPUS. (Angrily.)

No more of this! Go! Go!

Tiresias. I go; hear only this: This day you shall
Become stone blind . . . and blind, thus, you shall die!
Exiled from Thebes ere sunrise you shall go,
As I have gone; and no one unto you
Shall refuge give, for dread of your dark stain!
I go, but see, along with me there goes
This girl of mine own blood . . . but you shall fare
With no such guide! This staff I scarcely need
Upon my journey . . . so I give it you!

(To Manto.)

Aye, leave it on the throne, and let no hand Disturb it! He himself shall ask for it, And it shall be his sceptre till that day A daughter, like to mine, shall lead him on!

(He starts away, leaning on Manto. Then he suddenly stops, and turning back to Edipus, says:)

Weigh well each word I said! If but one lie Fall from my tongue, you rightly call me mad! (Exit with Manto.)

Edipus. Was he, Tiresias, a prophet known,
A seer accepted, ere the death of Laius?

Old Lysias. Thebes even then did honour him as such!

Edipus. And yet he spoke not of this crime before?

The People. No; never.

Edipus. (Suspiciously to Creon.)

Why did he keep silent then?

CREON. I know not!

ŒDIPUS. (Still looking at Creon.)

Yet puzzling, is it not,

That after five long years he speaks to-day,
Accusing him who is the King of Thebes?

CREON. You know what he has spoken: Now let me
Defend my name. You with my sister reign,
And yet in Thebes and Greece 'tis whispered round
That I your equal and advisor stand.

Would I not be a fool, then, to prefer
A throne, with all the fears that 'compass it?

Would I not be a fool, to ask a throne
Where glory never sat? To Delphi go,
And if my answer has not been the truth,
The right to punish me indeed is yours!

EDPUS. (Aside.)

If I am slow to crush this dangerous man

Some plot mysterious he yet may hatch!

(Fiercely to Creon.)

Exiled Tiresias was! You go to Death!

CREON. Defend me, citizens!

CEDIPUS. Death!

E PEOPLE. (Enter Jocasta, hastening from the Palace.)

JOCASTA. What do you, Princes?

Sister, with your voice

Hold back and break the anger of the King! Make him still think me loyal, as I am!

(He enters into the Palace, followed by a cluster of the Courtiers, only a few of the people remaining at the back of the stage. Among them are Lysias and Gorgias, both seated under the arch of the peribolus, talking. The scene grows dark, as at sunset.)

JOCASTA. (To Œdipus.)

What fault was his, then?

Edipus. Sins unspeakable,

He plotted, drunken with his fiery thirst,
To sit upon this throne long coveted,
Here at your side! For Delphi's answer came
That only when King Laius's murderer
Stands punished will our Thebes be safe again
And with Tiresias's help he dares to charge
Me with this crime.

JOCASTA. He ne'er accused you . . . you!

And in your anger you may be unjust.

And who is there believes this prophet now?

Hear, Œdipus: When I with Laius wed,

From Delphi came some word, some prophecy,

Retold by Merope and Polybus,

That Laius by his son's hand should be slain—

Yet by a country robber he was killed!

ŒDIPUS. Of sons he had none, so the words were false!

JOCASTA. Stop! Laius had a son!

ŒDIPUS. (Startled.) He had a son?

JOCASTA. That is a secret I must tell at last!

By me he had a son, but so afraid

Of that son's death, and of the prophecy

EDIPUS. Oh, misery!

Jocasta.

The child, and he in turn tied up his feet
With willow cords, and on a mountain-side,
Most lonely, left him hanging from a tree!

ŒDIPUS. (Sorrowfully.)

In what an age of horrors still we live!
Ah, worse than beasts we are, and day by day,
In hundreds, human beings their offspring leave
To deaths most terrible, and in dark groves
And on the mountains and the lonely hills
How many little bones I stumbled on
In one brief journey! Then, as now, I felt
A slowly-waking horror. This shall be
No more! I shall blot out this hideous thing,
And those, aye, citizens or slaves, condemned
Of such a crime hereafter, shall in turn
Be held and tortured most relentlessly!
This Laius never in the Hellade
Was thought a man of mercy. But still you,

A mother, should ne'er once have let an act Like this be done by him!

I could do naught! JOCASTA.

For falsely it was told me that the child Of some swift sickness died, and I knew not The cruel truth! The Gods' own will it was! But still, behold, the prophecies are vain!

(A pause: Œdipus looks at Jocasta, alarmed. The sunset lights up

the whole stage with ruddy light.)

(EDIPUS. (Suddenly.)

How looked King Laius?

Tall, and fearless-eyed! JOCASTA. Thick waved his hair, and white, for he was old

E'en when he first approached my marriage-bed,

And I was but a girl of fifteen years!

ŒDIPUS. A numerous escort marched with him? JOCASTA.

Five men,

One herald, and one chariot there was!

(Looking at Œdipus.)

But why are you so white? What makes so glazed Your eyes? And why do your lips quiver thus?

(EDIPUS. He lives, that servant who survived the fight?

JOCASTA. He does!

You know him? ŒDIPUS.

Yes! JOCASTA.

I must see him! ŒDIPUS.

JOCASTA. He shall at once be here!

(She beckons to Gorgias, who at once approaches. The scene grows darker, minute by minute.)

JOCASTA.

Hark unto me:

Old Forbas in a hovel makes his home A step or two outside the Electra Gate: Back unto Court bring him, with you-at once! (Exit Gorgias.)

Edipus. (Strangely agitated, he paces up and down under the arch. Then, struggling to control his feeling, he goes back to Jocasta.)

> I can no longer stem the raging fires Of anguish. . . I could tear my heart in two! When I fled Corinth, I arrived at dusk Upon the road to Phocis. 'Twas the hour When Light and Darkness wrestle intertwined. And Light reluctant is to fall away! Alone I hurried on, to leave behind The mountain gorge, when face to face I met A herald; close behind came following A chariot. 'Twas guided by a man, Tall, fearless-eyed, his white hair on the wind-He looked as you have said this Laius was! I wished to keep still on my way. But this The herald would not. So I drew my sword, In rage, and killed the man, and started on. But when I passed the waiting chariot,

The white-haired man upon it, with his staff
Belaboured me. I turned, in mad attack,
On him . . . and he fell dead beneath the wheels!
Then thick upon me came the other men,
And fierce and terrible that struggle was—

But I, at last, escaped!
(Edipus, deeply moved, seats himself. The scene is now quite dark.)

If that old man
Was Laius, then I am the foulest beast
That blackens earth, though tricked I was to this
Incestuous love and murder of my sire!
Aye, Fate, blind Fate leaves me the murderer
Of Laius, the usurper of his bed!

(Very agitated.)
O High and Sacred Gods, keep from my soul
Such blighting infamy!

JOCASTA. What fears are these? 'Twas not by one, but many, Laius died!

So said the servant!

(EDIPUS. But if he spake not the truth?

JOCASTA. Soon, soon from his own lips it shall be heard!

(The sound of voices outside. A messenger arrives. The crowd enters, carrying lighted torches, surrounding an old man, his clothes travel-stained. From the Palace enter servants, bringing lights, noblemen, matrons and foot-soldiers.)

Lysias. (To the messenger.)
The King is here!

(Edipus. Who now?

Messenger.

I bring you news from Corinth, news both glad
And sorrowful. While Polybus the King
In soft sleep lay, his eyes for all time closed!

JOCASTA. And he it was a son's hand was to kill!—
Who now believes in Delphi's oracles?

MESSENGER. And Merope now waits to reign with you! ŒDIPUS. No, not while still among the living walks

My mother . . . that might still leave possible This loathsome prophecy that Delphi spake!

MESSENGER. Fear not . . . she is no mother unto you! For I to Polybus, who had no sons,

Once brought you in long swaddling clothes—myself!

(Edipus. Dare you pretend I am your offspring?

Messenger. No!

EDIPUS. Ah, then you purchased me?

MESSENGER. Nay, it was on

Mount Cithaeron I found you!

(EDIPUS. (Astonished.)

MESSENGER. I was a herdsman . . . strange the story is .

To me . . . a herdsman of the hills, you owe Your life, O King! For you were dying when I found you there, your feet inflamed, as though They had been bound with thongs—so Œdipus I called you then!

ŒDIPUS. But who had tortured me?

Messenger. I cannot say . . . perchance he knows, who gave You to me!

(Edipus. Someone else then found me there?

MESSENGER. I had you from another.

ŒDIPUS. Then from whom?

MESSENGER. A shepherd, 'twas of Laius!

ŒDIPUS. But his name?

Messenger. That he told not. But after many years
I came here to the Feast of Pallades,
And all unnoticed in the crowd beheld
Him on his way into the temple there!
I asked then who he was, and I was told
That he had served with Laius, and his name

Was Forbas!

JOCASTA. (Very pale, aside to Œdipus.)

Why these old things dig up?

ŒDIPUS. I wish to know where I was born . . . For me Twice glorious 'twould seem, if once a slave, To climb unto a throne!

JOCASTA. (Imploring.) Stop, I implore you! EDIPUS. And would you blush, had I been born a slave?

Jocasta. O Œdipus, now listen unto one

Who loves you . . . and ne'er loved you in the past As at this hour!

CEDIPUS. (With pride.) True, I should peer not past
The face of Destiny!

MESSENGER. (To Œdipus, noticing Gorgias and Forbas enter.)
Here is the man

That I have spoken of.

JOCASTA. (In terrible anguish. She turns, staring at Œdipus.)
Ah, who are you?

That you shall never know, O Wretched One—Yes, Wretched One, now I must call you that!

(Exit in the Palace.)

(Enter Forbas and Gorgias.)
(Edipus. (To Forbas.)

Is your name Forbas?

FORBAS.

ŒDIPUS. A herdsman once

And later still a servant unto Laius?

FORBAS. I was.

ŒDIPUS. Then hear me:

Still ordained it is,

By Delphi, that this plague shall never lift
Until the killer of the murdered King
Has met his punishment! That King you served—
So tell me, was he set upon by many?

Yes.

FORBAS. (Hesitatingly.)

By many! That I have already told!

(Edipus. But was it truth you spoke? To-day, on you, Deliverance of our stricken country hangs, And you shall go unharmed if you but speak The naked truth!

FORBAS. (Still hesitatingly.)

Well . . . it was one alone!

(EDIPUS. But one?

THE PEOPLE.

But one alone?

Yes, only one! FORBAS. The fire of all the Furies burned in him,

And I was sore ashamed to say one man Could overcome so many!

EDIPUS. (Controlling himself.) Would you know

This man?

No, thick the twilight grew, and I FORBAS.

Saw not his face!

(Edipus. (After a pause, still controlling himself.)

Did you once drive the flocks

Of Laius up the slopes of Cithaeron?

Forbas. (He hesitates, trembling.)

I think . .

(Edipus. (Pointing to the messenger.)

And did you meet this stranger there?

FORBAS. (Attempting to evade the issue.)

Meet whom?

This one before you? Answer me! ŒDIPUS.

FORBAS. My mind, forgive me, is not what it was In younger days!

MESSENGER.

Then let me help it out.

One day, some twenty years ago, we two Together met. It was the autumn-end, And you were passing with your flocks toward Thebes. And I toward Megaera travelled. Mind you that?

FORBAS. It seems to me . . .

But surely you recall MESSENGER. How you there left a little child with me And said: "I should have hung this little one High on some tree by these small feet of his, But twice my heart has failed me!"

Forbas. (Pretending not to comprehend.)

I do not

Quite . . . understand all this!

Messenger. (As though about to reveal a secret, pointing to Œdipus.) That child stands there!

FORBAS. You foolish liar!

No such violent words!-(EDIPUS. I want from you clear answers . . . that alone!

F'ORBAS. He talks so like a fool . . . and . . .

You must speak! (Edipus. (Angrily.)

FORBAS. I am a poor old man!

(Edipus. (To the foot-soldiers, pointing to the altar.) Have ready there

Some fire-brand. . . Now, the truth!

O Sacred Gods! FORBAS. (Feverishly.)

He speaks of torture for this hand that he Should stoop and kiss!

(Edipus. (With a cry.) Ah!

Yes, that child was YOU! FORBAS.

ŒDIPUS. Who gave him to your hands?

Forbas. (Trying to escape.)

ŒDIPUS. Speak out . . . the torture!

Ah. you wish it, then . . . FORBAS.

In this Court he was born!

ŒDIPUS. FORBAS. My heart is breaking!

(EDIPUS AND THE PEOPLE.

Speak! The son of Laius! FORBAS.

ŒDIPUS. Oh, on my foolish head then falls this fate That I had scoffed upon as empty words, That I had dreamed defeated and untoothed! Cursed from the cradle . . . cursed upon the bed

Of marriage . . . parricide . . . adulterer . These eves must look not on the light of day!

(Flinging himself on the altar, he catches up the burning coals, and

applies them to his eyes. The crowd runs towards him, screaming.) THE PEOPLE. Oh!

(Edipus. (Falling between the two thrones.)

Oh, this torment. . . . Leave me! Draw away,

O leave me be!

The son of whom?

And leave me, all of you! Quick, to the Queen!

She must not come upon me . . . I . . . the King

Have so commanded! Keep her back!

(All draw back with horror. The courtyard remains perfectly dark. Voices are heard from the Palace, then a terrible scream rings out. It is the voice of Jocasta, who has been told of what has happened. Then follows a second or two of unbroken silence.)

(Edipus. (Rising slowly, little by little, again approaching on the stage,

groping and feeling his way.)

Oh, gulf of midnight, blackness into which

I fling myself, until the end of life

I shall grope on through this, and at my heels Shall crowd the thought of Spirits merciless!

Yet what gift from this world, or from the Gods Would after this be pleasant to my eyes? The soft child-faces, and the mother's brow Would not be sweet, but horrible to me! So cruel is this blow that Fate has struck.

My weeping eyes, instead of tears, shed blood! (Jocasta kneels, weeping. Enter the foot-soldiers, with lighted torches. They are followed by Creon and the noblemen. Then come servants, carrying torches, and the crowd from different parts of the stage.)

OLD LYSIAS AND SOME OF CITIZENS O terrible this thing!

Young Gorgias. (To others about him.)

He wakes in us

Both sympathy and horror! (Edibus. (Aside, rising.)

Could I creep

Out through the streets, a shadow unobserved, Before the sun has risen?

CREON. (And some citizens, approaching him.) Œdipus!

ŒDIPUS. (Starting at the voice of Creon, controlling himself.)

Ah, you! . . Already yours the throne of Thebes!

O Citizens, now hear me: Free shall be Your city from the plague, and strong again!

Your city from the plague, and strong a
But I am King until I pass its gates—

'Tis my voice must still sound the voice of law! Protect then her who was my mother once.

She, for my children, still must rule the State

Until Polynices has come of age

And to the throne ascended. For a year
He holds that throne; and for a year again
It goes unto his brother, then to him!
They will be men, to face life's battle-dust—

Their future frets us not! But through my heart There creeps a nameless terror when I think

Of my two daughters, soft and delicate. . . . Remembering them, these hands seem groping round

Fair innocent heads!

(Deep emotion makes it impossible for him to speak on. Enter a matron, with two young girls, Antigone and Isemene.)

THE MATRON.

They are now close

Beside you! ŒDIPUS. (Kneeling in front of the two young girls, and fondling and caressing them.)

O unhappy little ones!

No longer now you can be helpers at

The Feasts where laugh young girls so merry-eyed

No, all men now, beholding you, shall think

Of me, and Misery! And all the songs

And marriage dances and strange woman-joys

And mother-cares (so sweet beyond the pain

That comes to brooding hearts) will be unknown

To you, because the haunting sin of this

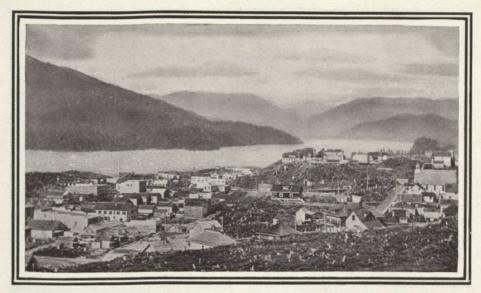
Unholy union e'er will blight your name!

All, all that's left now is a blind man's stick!
(Groping forward he tries to draw near the spot where Manto had placed the stick of Tiresias. Unable to do so, he turns.)

Some one of you, pray be so merciful To put it in my hand. Ah, that is good!

(In the midst of the silenced crowd, Creon steps to the throne, takes up the stick, and gives it to Edipus. The sky is bright moonlight. The crowd watches in silence.)

CURTAIN.



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FROM THE MOUNTAINSIDE BACK OF THE TOWN

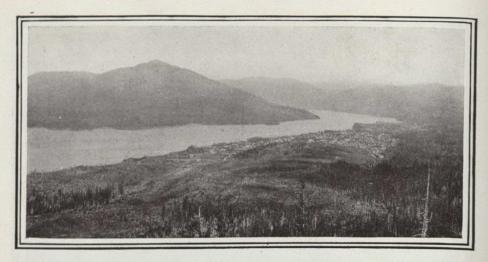
# KEEPING UP WITH PRINCE RUPERT

BY EMILY P. WEAVER

IN March, 1908, there appeared in the pages of The Canadian Magazine a very interesting article on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and its Western terminal. When this was written, work on the site of the new city was just beginning, but even today, though much has been accomplished, it is almost impossible to speak of Prince Rupert without falling into the prophetic vein, for what it is is largely conditioned by what it is to be. The present state of things would be impossible were it not for the anticipated future. But and projectors inhabitants. dreaming dreams and seeing visions of wonderful things to come, are spending money and labour to an amazing extent to prepare the city for her destiny as a great ocean port.

Of course, the little town can have but a cramped, undeveloped kind of existence until the new transcontinental railway crosses the mountains and connects with the hundred miles of line already laid beside the Skeena River, but even now it is an easy matter to reach Prince Rupert by water from the older ports of the Pacific coast. Several companies run regular boats to the new city, some of them also serving the little hamlets tucked away in the hollows between the mountains and in sheltered nooks on many an island in the archipelago which forms a vast breakwater along the five hundred miles of coastline between Vancouver and Prince Rupert.

Necessarily the boats that call at these little ports take some hours



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longer to make the trip than those that make no stops; but the Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship Company gives an excellent express service to Prince Rupert by means of the large and luxuriously-planned steamships Prince Rupert and Prince George. They make the vovage in thirty-three hours, and are as well appointed for the comfort of their passengers as an excellent hotel. High up, on what is called the shade deck, there is a large "observation room," where those who do not prefer to get the benefit of the crisp fresh air on the outer deck may sit at their ease in softly-cushioned elbow chairs, to divide their attention between the changing, always delightful, views through the ample windows and the conversation of their fellow-passengers. This, indeed, may chance to be instructive as well as amusing, if the passengers are not mere transient visitors, but belong to the class called on the coast of Labrador "livyeres." Then it is much better if the traveller does not hear to his sorrow, all too late, of many things he might have done and seen had he only known in time or been on the ground.

But the great ship throbs steadily on its way, without hurry, without losing a moment, and as unregarding of the hopes and fears, the vain regrets, the little disquietudes of its human freight as the stars in Matthew Arnold's poem,

"Unaffrighted by the silence round them, Undistracted by the sights they see."

At least so steadily, easily, seemingly without effort, sped the vessel on which the writer sailed northward on a calm, clear day of late September Except for a few minutes, when clutched by the swirling eddies of Seymour Narrows, where the tide waters, parted by a small island, rush together with fierce turmoil in a contracted channel no more than a quarter of a mile wide, the vessel never lost her stately calm; and, even at the Narrows, which are not without their tragic stories of disaster to the foolhardy or inexperienced who have dared their turbulence, it was but for a moment that the Prince George showed that she felt the wild rush of the waters. On that brief voyage even the crossing of Queen Charlotte Sound, where for two or three hours the vessel is exposed to the full swell of the ocean, was accomplished pleasantly to the veriest landlubber on board. The Pacific, true to its alluring name, was in gentle mood, and

neither fog nor wind nor wave marred the beauty of that summerlike passage.

At first, on leaving the lovely mountain-watched harbour of Vancouver, the route northward lies up the wide Strait of Georgia, but draws gradually nearer to the great, mountainous, partly-unexplored island that guards the western coast of the Dominion. Then the way narrows till in places it is not so wide as many a river, but each curve and turn of this "inland passage" discloses new beauties to en-Mountains. chant the traveller. clothed with noble trees, tower up on either hand thousands of feet above the narrow channels, or "canals," as they are often called. Sometimes they spring abruptly from the water's edge, sometimes they peep over the shoulders of lower hills, or draw back a little to give place for a small strip of level land, which in the years to come may be the site of some busy Often they rise up-up-till their heads soar above the line where vegetation vanishes and the mountains take on the hoary majesty of eternal snow.

On that soft, bright September day the colour of it all was wonderful a strange ethereal harmony in blue that seemed to link this workaday world of ours with the azure heavens. The woods of the nearer heights were deeply green, the floating mistwreaths clinging to the mountainsides were whiter even than the high peaks of silvery snow, but the still waters mirrored the unclouded sky. and woods and mountains of the middle distance and far-away were wrapped in transparent veils of soft bluegrav, here drawn lightly across the face of some gentle hill, there hanging, fold on fold, deepening to purple, about some mighty monarch of a distant range.

At first it was on Vancouver Island that the peaks rose highest, later it was on the mainland to the east, and for hours a great peak forty or fifty miles away seemed to travel with us, while the lesser mountains in the foreground changed position, with regard to it, looming up for a while and then sinking out of sight, to be forgotten in the delight of new wonders. Once, and for long, a vast range of snow-capped peaks shone, to the left, far inland, but not so far that they failed to reflect themselves in the glassy waters parted by our prow.

In all time, woods and waters, rocky isles and mighty mountains must bear much the same aspect, and



these scenes can have changed little since the first daring adventurers felt their way amongst the narrow straits and inlets, not always escaping disaster, if one may judge by the significant names—Tide-rip Islands, Grief and one realises that even in these wildernesses man is beginning in a small way to subdue the earth and to claim his tribute of the lavish gifts of Mother Nature.

When one actually reaches Prince



LOOKING DOWN SECOND AVENUE

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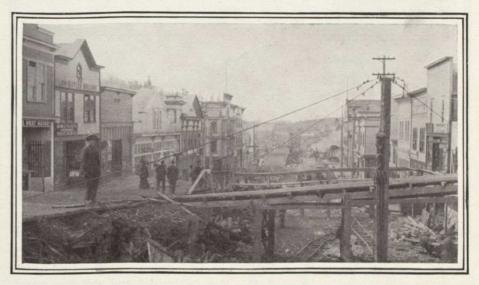
Point, Calamity Bay, and so forth—strewn along the western coasts of the protecting islands. As one pushes northward, league after league, catching glimpses of uncounted peaks which no mountaineer has yet essayed to conquer, of vast solitudes, not only unpeopled but still unexplored, the loneliness of the land becomes awe-inspiring and one feels inclined, with the Psalmist, to ask of the Maker of it all, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?"

Then it may be that a busy little steam-tug, puffing cheerfully along, with a huge barge of lumber in tow, heaves into sight from behind a shadowy headland; or one catches sight, high on the mountain of a camp of lumbermen, who have made a great scar in the shaggy green covering of the giant's side; or perhaps the boat passes close to some little cluster of cottages, factory buildings and wharves, which mean a fish cannery.

Rupert, man and his works and ways seem very much in evidence, though at present the town looks somewhat insignificant beside the great harbour, which is fourteen miles long from its entrance to its upper end This harbour is indeed most spacious and beautiful. It is sheltered by mountains several thousand feet high some wooded to their summits, others tipped and streaked with snow; and it is shut in from the violence of the ocean storms by islands between which lie passages wide and deep enough for the entrance of the largest sea monsters afloat. Within, there is safe anchorage for a fleet of vessels even more numerous than that which, within a few years' time, is practically certain to be needed to do the business of the port.

That Prince Rupert must be a great shipping centre goes without saying, for it lies five hundred miles nearer the ports of Japan and the

East than any of its rivals on the Pacific coast, and, though it is hundreds of miles farther north than any other Canadian port, its climate (no doubt for some good reason) what one lady described as a whole-sale slaughter of the trees, and amongst the buildings of the present



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is so tempered by the warm Japan current that there is good and easy access to it all the year round, with no possible danger from ice. On the other hand, it is very little farther north than Liverpool.

The harbour is of great depth to the very shore; at the Grand Trunk wharves, for instance, even at the lowest of ebbtides, the water is never shallower than twenty-six feet. Huge vessels can therefore tie up close alongside the shore, a great advantage on the whole, though I was told that the sudden depth makes the construction of wharves difficult.

Prince Rupert is situated on Kaien Island, which is seven miles long and contains about twenty-eight square miles. The townsite was originally well-wooded, though not, I understand, with very valuable timber, and the first work undertaken was to clear a spot for the engineers' camp, in May, 1906. Since then there has been

town scarcely a tree remains standing, except one gnarled and weather-beaten old specimen on the summit of a little knoll overlooking the business section of the town.

An excellent water supply is derived from lakes on the mountains a few miles from the city, and it is said that there is no danger of a dearth in the supply even when Prince Rupert has attained to being the great hive of humanity which her promoters intend.

It is claimed that, like Rome, Prince Rupert is a city of seven hills and, though I did not verify the number, I should hardly think it can have been overstated for the place appears to be all hills, either in their natural condition or undergoing a severe process of levelling. From the wharf where the boats come in, a sloping plank road, Centre Street by name, leads the newcomer to the heart of the city, and before he has



CENTRE STREET PRINCE RUPERT

made any lengthy exploration of the place, he will probably be glad to take advantage of one of the long flights of wooden steps leading, as in Quebec, to an "upper town." future streets have been carefully planned both as to grading and direction, and the work of getting them into shape is going on apace. So much preliminary labour on the site is and has been necessary that one can but wonder at the courage that decreed that here the city should stand. The seven hills are composed of rock set in muskeg, and the older inhabitants tell of comic or doleful misadventures in the mud before the era of plank roads. It is, by the way, a treacherous mud, putting on an appearance of solidity that it does not possess and pitiful is the case of man or beast who loses his footing in it. But in one important respect it is not after all an unkindly soil. for the frequent rains keep it sweet and healthy and the people seem to suffer no ill effects, even when they plant their houses on posts in very marshy-looking spots. At the present

rate of improvement the muskeg will soon be drained and will give way to lots firm enough for the erection of solid, handsome buildings; also of skyscrapers, which, judging by the prices asked for real estate, must soon be plentiful in Prince Rupert. Even now, when the completion of the railway is still some distance in the future, no one wonders when a sum of many thousand dollars is paid for a lot buried under twenty or thirty feet of superfluous rock, which will cost a small fortune to clear away.

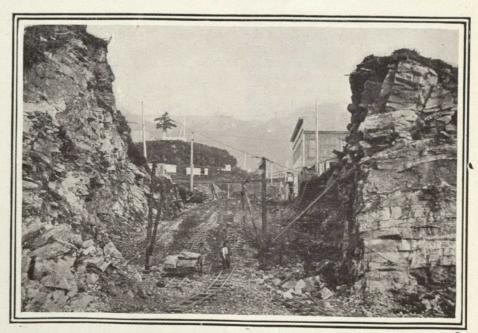
But in respect of extraordinary doings in the real estate market Prince Rupert does not differ greatly from many other Western cities. Her distinction lies in the fact that her beginnings have been different. She was born, like the proverbially lucky baby, with a silver spoon in her mouth, for mighty preparations antedated her appearance on the scene. Before a single lot was sold to those eager to exploit the new seaport or to begin business there the place was prepared for a great inrush of peo-

ple. The Government of British Columbia (which claims a fourth share of the site and a fourth share of the waterfront) appropriated a sum of \$200,000 to be expended towards making the town healthy and habitable for a population of ten thousand folk. This was used for the construction of sewers and water mains and plank roads and sidewalks, and very strange the appearance of the town must have been when at last it was thrown open to the waiting people. It had miles of plank roads and scarcely a house; and still to a stranger, Prince Rupert seems the oddest mixture of things, with its telephones and electric lights, its neatly-painted street names set on sign-posts in the muskeg, and its general appearance, due to much blasting, of having suffered from some vast explosion.

Of course, Prince Rupert is still young, and in itself, apart from its lovely surrounding scenery, it is no more beautiful than an unfledged

bird with its little naked head and grotesque yellow beak rising from a mossy nest of amazing daintiness. But under favourable conditions the ugly nestling soon develops into a creature of light and airy grace, and for Prince Rupert, too, this is the time of promise. The actual city, if lacking beauty, is full of interest. Were there nothing to be seen except its streets and the work going on in them, and the people, for the most part young and eager, who throng them, it would, I think, be worth a visit.

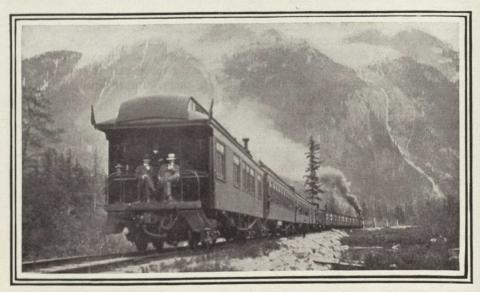
These plank streets which run over the low hills and intervening hollows with very gradual change of level have an extraordinary effect both to eye and ear. They are not corduroy roads of round logs laid on the earth. They more nearly resemble rude bridges mounted on posts, and where the traffic is heavy they are worn and frayed into shaggy splinters. There are twenty miles of these streets, but they are, of course, only a tempor-



A STREET CUT THROUGH ROCK

ary expedient. Already they are being replaced by macadamised thoroughfares, and a troop of men is constantly employed blasting where the rocks crop up too high, building the

churches are at present housed in little temporary structures. It is the same with the Government offices; they are represented at present by one or two very modest frame buildings



OUT FROM PRINCE RUPERT

FIRST G. T. P. PASSENGER TRAIN

fragments into causeways where the roadbed is too low, levelling down the muskeg with pick and shovel, and carrying off the black conglomeration of roots and soil in little trucks running on miniature railways to fill in depressions. By the end of last September two blocks of roadway in the present business section of the town were finished, and other streets were under construction.

Blasting has been going on vigorously for months. It is managed as a rule with care, the rock to be removed being "blanketed" with a strong network of rope to prevent the fragments flying. There have been few serious accidents, though on one occasion a charge exploded in an unexpected direction and wrecked a shop-front.

Of the buildings of Prince Rupert not much can be said, for the time of handsome buildings is not yet. The

overlooking the harbour, but have a real claim to distinction in the smoothly-trimmed little green lawns which surround them. Lawns and flower gardens are not yet numerous in Prince Rupert, but there are enough gav flowerbeds to show what may be done in the future. No doubt many citizens find it impossible to improve their lots till the grading of the streets is further advanced. In fact, not a few householders have thought it expedient to erect their dwellings on high posts, often roughly boarded in, so that they will not need to change their position when the promised street is levelled up. In such cases the front doors are often approached by little wooden bridges suggestive of ancient drawbridges and the old adage that the Englishman's house is his castle. Generally the houses in Prince Rupert are real houses, not tents nor tarpaper shacks, and some of them are of very pretty and pleasing design, though the square packing-box type of architecture is still too much in evidence. Prince Rupert has already a fine school, in addition to an older building, where a kindergarten class is held for the very little people. With the single exception of a bank, all the buildings hitherto erected are of wood, though there are some cement buildings under construction.

It is expected that Prince Rupert will become a great centre for the lumbering, mining and fishing industries, and for the benefit of the latter industry a huge refrigerator plant has been erected, at a cost of a million and a half dollars, about a mile and a half from the centre of the town. Enormous quantities of halibut, salmon and other fish are caught annually within a few miles of Prince Rupert. Hitherto much of the catch has been canned, but of late many cold storage plants have been installed, and a trade in fresh fish is being built up, which is likely to reach enormous proportions when the Grand Trunk Railway is actually in operation, as this railway with its shorter route and unusually low grades in crossing the mountains expects to reduce the time of transit across the continent by many hours. Indeed, it is promised that refrigerator cars will be rushed through from Prince Rupert to Chicago in four

Notwithstanding its lower grades, it is said that the new route will be a wholesome rival of our famous Canadian Pacific Railway for beauty of scenery; and it is anticipated that Prince Rupert will become in a few years a city worthy of its magnificent approaches by land and sea. In itself the picturesque site, rising more or less abruptly from the waterfront to the foot of the green mountains behind, is a most advantageous point of de-

parture for the planning of the city. It is, moreover, a joy to think that for once the advocates of "a city beautiful" will not have to begin their work with erasing and obliterating the errors of the past. In this case the plan is, as it ought to be, older than the town, and Prince Rupert is to be a city of ample parks and playgrounds, of green boulevards and pleasant little grassy squares. In place of the long unlovely streets and monotonous rectangles of the simply utilitarian townplanning of a few years ago, it is to have streets winding as well as streets straight, streets in circles, half-circles and loops, avenues diagonal and avenues of freely-flowing bends and curves: and, best of all, the Government is to hold a share of wharves and building sites and open spaces for the benefit of all. In short, it is intended that Prince Rupert shall be at once a busy port, a vast distributing centre, and a city healthful, beautiful and delightful to live in. If the plans can be carried out—and they have behind them the wealth and power not only of a great railway company, but of the Provincial Government, Prince Rupert stands fair to become a Mecca for those sociologists who have taken for their special task the solving of the difficult problem of making "the city" a clean and fair and healthful environment for the multitudes who must work and dwell within it, and not only for the privileged few, who, while they have the choice of all that a great centre of population can give, may escape at will to the healing quiet of the mountains, the invigorating changefulness of the sea.

From this point of view, happy is the city that has no history, that is unhampered by a dubious past in its efforts to attain a noble civic life. Such a city is Prince Rupert, and if she fails to realise the intentions of her founders, it will not be because she has lacked a fair chance.

### THE LEAGUE OF SEVEN

#### BY MORTON J. LEWIS

IT was during the second year after my marriage. My wife had gone away to spend a few days with some relations, while I stayed at Brown-

ing's flat.

My old friend was the same, little changed by the success which his great ability had gained. In five years he had sprung from obscurity to the position of premier detective in Europe, yet he still remained the quiet, unsophisticated man I had first known, with his simple ways, and passion for music.

He was out when I arrived, but a note awaited me on the table saying he had been called to a case, and telling me to make myself comfort-

able.

A little after nine he appeared, dusty and tired.

"You have not waited dinner for

me?" he said.

His hand was resting on the desk, where laid the trophies of his career—his museum. "I have been searching for a trophy, one I have been trying to obtain for months. I am glad you are here, I may want your help."

He rang the bell for dinner. "I will tell you when we have fed. You must be famished. I told the girl to bring you in something."

"She did, and I refused it," I re-

plied.

When dinner was over, he drew a couple of chairs before the open window; the night was hot, and a sultry breeze blew in upon us.

"It is a most extraordinary case,"

he said. "You may have noticed that for the past six months there have been several murders which have never been solved. Sir Charles Antrim, for instance, and Mr. Digby Grant."

He paused to light a cigarette. "You have heard of Sir Anthony Tredegar?"

"Yes," I replied.

"I have been called in to investigate his death. It is an interesting case, inasmuch as it possesses all the essentials of a melodrama. Sir Anthony was a widower with an only son. This son became engaged a few months ago to a leading actress, much against his father's wish. Since then they have been estranged. On the day of the murder, yesterday, his son went to see him, and a quarrel ensued—a very bad one. Within an hour of the son's leaving, Sir Anthony was found—dead."

"The son has been arrested?"

"This afternoon. I am taking the case up on his behalf."

"You think he is innocent?"

"I know nothing, but I have my suspicions. To-morrow I am going to Sir Anthony's house, and I want you to come with me. It is at Dorking."

At one o'clock the next day we arrived at Dorking. At the station we were met by a dogcart which had been sent from Sir Anthony's house.

It was a typical Elizabethan mansion standing in its own grounds a couple of miles from the station.

In the hall, when we entered, stood

a Mr. Leverson, the family solicitor, who had undertaken the defence of

Sir Anthony's son.

He drew us into the study. "It is a sad affair, Mr. Browning," he said, "and I want you to do all you can to get the boy off. I have known him ever since he was born. He's as innocent as you or I."

"You know of no one else?" asked my friend. "Anyone who would be

likely to kill Sir Anthony?"

"No one."

"I suppose it was not a case of suicide? He had no worries?"

"No. He came to me a few days ago to make a fresh will. He was so angry at his son's engagement, you know. He has willed half his money to a cousin, his only other relation, and he told me at the time that his son's marriage would cost him £200,-000—and I believe it. Sir Anthony was a wealthy man."

"He has left half to a cousin. What

is his name?"

"Charles Tredegar. He lives somewhere in Kensington. I can let you have his address during the afternoon."

"I should be glad if you would," said Browning. Then he went upstairs to see the body. It lay stretched out on the bed. There was a look of peace on the old man's face. Though all vestige of colour had left his cheeks, the flesh had not sunk. On the lips was a slight blue tinge, which my friend examined closely. "This was not here yesterday," he said.

"No," replied the lawyer; "it first became apparent this morning."

"Twenty-four hours after Sir Anthong died," said Browning sharply. "I expected that."

Early in the afternoon we left Dorking and came straight to Browning's flat. There he spent some hours pouring over a book on Toxicology.

"There is no doubt," he said, "that Sir Anthony has been poisoned." He put the book back in the bookcase. "What a blessing it is to have a retentive memory."

Going to the telephone, he called up a couple of his assistants, and gave them instructions regarding certain inquiries he wished made.

He hung up the receiver. "Now," he said, "I have done all I can for the present. There is an exceptionally fine concert at the Albert Hall. I have taken a couple of tickets. We

may as well go."

Throughout the performance he was extremely quiet, and the frown on his brow told me his brain was busy, not with the concert, but with the case he had in hand.

"We will go down to Dorking again to-morrow," he said as we were

driving home.

The next day the new Sir Anthony was brought before the magistrates. A superficially skilful case had been prepared by Scotland Yard, and there could only be one result—a verdict of guilty. The news was telegraphed to us while we were at Dorking.

"A disgraceful thing!" said Mr.

Leverson.

"The best thing that could have happened," observed my friend. "For three weeks we can work without arousing suspicion, and long before that time is up I shall have laid hands on the real murderer."

"You will?" asked Mr. Leverson

eagerly.

"I think so," replied my friend. He was looking through the murdered man's papers. "Did Sir Anthony's cousin know he benefited by the new will?" he asked suddenly.

"I believe Sir Anthony told him," replied Mr. Leverson.

"Ah!" said my friend.

The lawyer looked at him in astonishment. "Surely you do not suspect him?"

"I suspect no one until I have defi-

nite proof of guilt."

His gaze suddenly became fixed on a slip of paper. "Was Sir Anthony in the habit of taking drugs?" he asked.

"He took quinine in small quantities," replied Mr. Leverson.

"In tabloids?"

"Yes."

My friend rose. "I should like to go to Sir Anthony's bedroom," he said. We followed the lawyer upstairs. Browning went straight to Sir Anthony's dressing-chest and examined the drawers. In one he found an empty phial marked "Quinine tabloids."

"Empty," he said. Then his face lighted up. In a corner of the drawer he had discovered one of the tabloids which had been dropped out of the phial. It was covered in dust, which he carefully wiped off with his hand-kerchief, then, wrapping it up in a piece of paper, he put it in his lettercase.

"To-morrow," he said, "we shall have the report of the analyst. I will get him to analyse this tabloid as well."

The next day the reports came in from the two assistants Browning had employed on the case. He read them through carefully. "The net is gradually closing round," he said.

"You know who the murderer is?"

I said.

When he had finished he put on his hat. "I am going to the Great Western Bank, South Kensington," he said. "That is where Mr. Charles Tredegar banks. If a certain cheque has been paid through his bank I shall know who murdered Sir Anthony. In the meantime you can study this." He handed me the slip of paper I had seen him take from Anthony's desk on the previous day.

It was a bill dated from an address in Bayswater, headed G. Lamos, Chemist, and was for two gross of Quinine tabloids at 4s 9d a gross.

When he returned I was still puzzling over it. "What does it mean?" I asked.

"Mr. Lamos took a shop in Bayswater for three months and stayed a little over five weeks. Then he shut it up suddenly, and as far as I can discover he only had one customer—Sir Anthony."

"Then the shop was opened for the purpose of supplying those qui-

nine tabloids?"
"Precisely."

"And the cheque you went about?"
"Six weeks ago Mr. Tredegar paid
a Mr. Richard Irwin the sum of
£10,000. The cheque has been traced,
and I have a man watching this Irwin now."

"I am unable to make heads or tails of the whole affair," I said.

Browning smiled. "In a few hours now I shall be able to tell you everything, and I promise you it will be one of the biggest exposures of the century."

"Who is Mr. Irwin?" I asked.

"An exceedingly elever doctor, who lost his connection through a malpractice."

As he spoke the maid entered. "Inspector Lamorne wishes to speak to you, sir."

Browning rubbed his hands together with a smile. "You can show him in."

The inspector entered; he looked more like a north country farmer than a member of Scotland Yard. We had met before, and I noticed as on previous occasions that there was a nervousness about his manner as his eye rested on my friend.

Browning held out his hand. "How do you do, Inspector," he said. "Sit

down-you got my letter?"

"I did, sir," replied the detective. "Good. I want to have a chat with you about this murder case."

The detective became interested.

"Yes," he said hesitatingly.

"You know, Lamorne, you've made a terrible mistake. Young Tredegar no more murdered his father than you did."

"Evidence looks very black against him."

My friend snapped his fingers. "On the face of it-you want to go deeper than that."

The detective flushed. Beneath his friendliness he was extremely jealous of my friend. "Perhaps you can tell me who murdered Sir Anthony then?"

"I can," responded my friend, with a quiet little smile. "Sir Anthony was killed by The League of Seven."

"The League of Seven? Who the devil are they?" asked Lamorne,

dumbfounded.

"They are the greatest criminal society of the century," replied my friend. "And they have given Scotland Yard more trouble than all the other criminals of the last ten years combined. By the way, you never discovered who murdered Sir Charles Antrim?"

"No."

"Or Mr. Digby Grant, to mention another?"

The detective leapt to his feet. "What are you driving at, Mr.

Browning?" he asked.

"I am asking you a couple of plain questions. You have not. To-morrow, if you place yourself unreservedly in my hands, I will show you the murderers of both those men."

Lamorne looked at my friend in speechless astonishment. "It beats me how you manage these things, Mr. Browning," he said, when he had found his voice.

My friend ignored the rough and ready compliment. "You'll come?"

"I will," said the detective, with emphasis.

"Then I must impose one condition. You must have your moustache shaved off."

The detective fingered it regretful-

ly. "Well," he began.

"You can't come unless you do. Why, man, you're known all over London. You might as well have some one walking in front of you with a red flag."

"You're as well known."

"Perhaps," replied my friend, "but I pursue my investigations in a disguise. Do you know, within the last forty-eight hours I have spoken to three out of The League of Seven?"

"You have?" said Lamorne.

He stayed for another quarter of an hour, and was completely mystified when he eventually left us.

Browning smiled when he had gone. "A clever man," he said. "but with one terrible fault-he lacks imagination."

"I am afraid I cannot follow this

case," I said.

"You have not devoted your attention to it for over a week, as we have been doing."

Browning lit a cigarette. "You remember that tabloid I found in the drawer in Sir Anthony's room?"

"Yes," I said.

"I had it analysed. It was found to contain the same poison as that from which Sir Anthony died. One hitherto unknown."

At four o'clock next afternoon Lamorne called again. I was alone in the dining-room when he entered.

"Mr. Browning in?" he asked, after shaking hands.

"He won't keep "Yes," I said.

you a minute."

The detective sat down. He was silent for awhile. Then he said suddenly, "Mr. Lewis, your friend's a marvel."

Before I could reply the door opened, and there entered a fair young man with a waxed moustache and immaculately attired. I was prepared for the transformation, but Lamorne leapt to his feet.

"You've got the detectives posted exactly where I told you, Lamorne?"

said the young man.

"Heavens!" said the detective. "It's Mr. Browning. Yes, sir, I have."

"Good. There's a motor waiting outside, we'll just step into it. We shall have a busy afternoon."

The detective followed us down the steps in silence, listening attentively when he heard my friend instruct the man to drive to Renton-crescent, Ken-

sington.

As we sped through the streets Browning lighted a cigarette. "I am glad to see you have dispensed with your moustache, Lamorne," he said. "Now I must put you up to your parts. I'm Reginald Vernon, with great expectations from a very rich uncle of mine, who, unfortunately, is alive. You are two cousins of mine, who will also benefit by his decease, you understand."

Renton-crescent, Kensington, is a wide, fairly prosperous thoroughfare, not five minutes from South Kensington Station. The houses stand back from the road and are hidden from view by bushes and trees. As we stopped before No. 75 Browning noticed with satisfaction where the three detectives had been placed.

He walked up the steps and rang the bell. The door was answered by

a neat maid.

"Mr. Irwin?" asked Browning.
"What name, sir?" inquired the

girl.

"Reginald Vernon."

Immediately we were shown into a room at the back of the house. It was luxuriously furnished. In three of the four corners stood a massive oak desk, and at each of them a man was seated.

The eldest, a handsome, tall man, with iron-gray hair, rose to greet my

friend.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Vernon," he

said.

Browning bowed. "These are my cousins, Mr. Irwin."

"Charmed to meet you," replied Mr. Irwin.

My friend was standing near the door. "Now, Mr. Irwin," he said,

"we have come to settle this business. I'm afraid I can't give you very long. I've one or two other important engagements this afternoon."

"You have explained everything to these gentlemen?" Mr. Irwin was sitting at his desk, his legs crossed. He indicated us with a wave of the

hand.

"I have given them the details of the case"—Browning turned to us, "as I explained to you before, as we are all anxious to touch the money that is coming to us by old Guy Vernon's will, and the beggar seems inclined to last for ever, this gentleman has kindly engaged, for a remuneration, to get rid of him for us, in some nice, quiet way that will not arouse suspicion. As he has done several times before, eh! Mr. Irwin."

"Several," responded Mr. Irwin,

callously.

"And the terms, Mr. Irwin?" asked

my friend.

Mr. Irwin drummed on the desk with his fingers, and then referred to some notes. "£5,000 down, and another £10,000 when you come into your money."

"That's rather stiff," observed Browning. He was acting the part

magnificently.

"£150,000 you come in for when Mr. Vernon dies—10 per cent. You can't call that exorbitant."

"You'll use poison, I suppose?"

Mr. Irwin shrugged his shoulders. "We shall use whatever means best fit the circumstances," he said.

"A nice little job of yours, Sir Anthony Tredegar?" observed Browning pleasantly.

Mr. Irwin started, and looked sus-

piciously at my friend.

"A mere guess," said Browning, "it was so nicely done I thought it must be the work of The League of Seven. Besides, I wanted to find out as a sort of reference."

"Well," responded Mr. Irwin, "I don't mind telling you in confidence.

we did have something to do with that."

"I thought so." Browning rose to his feet. "Mr. Irwin," he said and whipped out a revolver, "you can consider yourself under arrest. My name is Browning, and this is Inspector Lamorne of Scotland Yard."

For a moment Mr. Irwin stood clutching the desk and swaying. His face had gone white as death, a terrible look of fear had risen in his eyes.

Lamorne and Browning stood side by side, with drawn revolvers, covering the three men.

My friend turned to me. "You might go and bring in those detectives," he said.

Temporarily the three members of the League had been paralysed by the sudden turn of events. Suddenly one of them made a dash for the door.

Browning leapt forward, and putting out his foot tripped the man up. He fell with a crash on to the floor, everturning a table of ornaments.

"See that no one escapes this house," said Browning as I stepped into the passage.

I opened the front door and beckoned. Seeing me, the detectives left the gardens where they had lain concealed and followed me into the room.

Within ten minutes of our entering the house, the men were our prisoners.

"You will take them to the police station in the car outside," said my friend, "and then have it brought back here."

In the few minutes we had to wait, we made a cursory examination of the papers in the room.

Amongst them we found a couple of letters relating to the murder of Sir Anthony Tredegar, and implicating the dead baronet's cousin.

"We must have him," said Lamorne. Browning drew out his watch. "He is arrested by now," he said, "as well as three other members of the League—the seventh, the genius of the whole concern, we are ourselves going to arrest as soon as the car comes back.

My friend drew from an inner drawer a sheet of note-paper, headed "The League of Seven." "I shall keep this," he said, "as an addition to my museum."

A little later we were speeding on our way to a well-known club in Piccadilly. Lamorne was reduced to silence.

Arrived there, Browning was obsequiously greeted by the porter in charge.

"Is Colonel Melbourne here?" he asked.

"Yes, sir, in the smoking-room."
Browning nodded and led the way, while Lamorne and I followed. The detective had given a little gasp when he heard the name. It was that of one of the best-known members of society. A man who gave lavishly to every charity, who owned a score of racehorses, and was the intimate friend of princes.

We found Colonel Melbourne in an armchair before the window. Faintly there came to us the traffic from Piccadilly.

"Hullo, Vernon," he said, "I've been expecting you."

We crossed the room to his side. "Seen Irwin?" said the Colonel.

My friend looked at him steadily. "Yes," he said. "I've got him safely under lock and key."

The Colonel leisurely put down the paper he had been reading on our entry. "Under lock and key—what the Dickens do you mean?"

Browning laid a hand on his shoulder. "Under arrest, Colonel Melbourne, for the murder by poison of Sir Anthony Tredegar. My name is Browning, and this is Inspector Lamorne of Scotland Yard."

Be it to his credit, the Colonel never lost his nerve for the fraction of a second. "You're Browning, the detective," he said, "well, you've made a terrible mistake this time—I know nothing about Sir Anthony Tredegar—never met him in my life."

Browning looked down upon him. "I suppose you know nothing about 'The League of Seven.' Seven men who have formed themselves into a business to kill people, provided they are offered sufficient inducement. Colonel Melbourne, for the past three years you have been living upon the money you have earned by killing people—I have evidence of eight murders against you."

Colonel Melbourne laughed. "You're a clever chap—I expected we should meet sooner or later, but I never thought you'd win. The game's up, I suppose; well, I've had a good

innings."

He rose; his hand travelled to his pocket, but Browning was too quick for him. With a sharp blow he knocked the revolver out of his hand, and it fell clattering to the floor.

"Hang you," said the Colonel, "but you shan't get me. I'll save you that trouble by some other means."

The four of us walked out of the club together and entered the motor.

Ten minutes later the doors of the police station closed behind the most clever and unserupulous criminal of the century. A man who might have succeeded in any sphere and chose crime. The next morning he was found dead in his cell—he had kept his word and cheated the hangman.

The same evening Browning and I were reading the evening paper, which in large headlines announced the release of Sir Anthony for the murder of his father and the arrest

of Colonel Melbourne.

Browning took a sheet of notepaper, on which was embossed "The League of Seven," from his pocket and locked it away in his museum.

"One more relic," he said with a smile. "A small one, but one I value greatly—I look upon 'The League of Seven' as the triumph of my career so far."

#### ALBERTA'S INDIAN SUMMER

BY ELIZABETH BAILEY

WITH wide, expanding splendour on the wold, 'Neath lucent blue of calm October skies, O'er virgin prairies fraught with high emprise Alberta's Indian summer doth unfold.

She, haply, like King Midas, famed of old, Hath magic touch, and with this sheen of gold She paints a glorious world ere summer dies, To thrill sad hearts and gladden all men's eyes.

For so this radiant bath of sunshine streams On grass, on hill, on far-reached rolling plain, Until it weaves itself into my dreams— Revives life's hopes, relieves this weary strain, And I, led by the luring light that gleams, Forget, forgive, and love thee once again.

## ST. JOHN'S:

### THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

BY W. LACEY AMY

THE man who planted the seeds of St. John's, Newfoundland, lost sight of the fact that a harbour scarcely meets the total requirements of a city. Perhaps he found it such a task to get out of the harbour once he had found his way in that a city in embryo sprang up while he waited for the pilot. He should go down in history as the original Thoughtless Man. He died without a worry at the struggle of his descendents to make the city possible. Until the visitor gets into training he usually wishes he had died sooner-or lived to climb the hill between his back door and the corner of the house.

St. John's is one of the most upright cities in the world, every other city to the contrary. Vertically it is a mile deep; horizontally it is about sixteen feet. On the map, if things were drawn to scale, the "oldest place in the oldest colony" would be so thin a line that no portable geography could notice it. Newfoundland will always fight for globes, with the physical features closely followed, to supplant maps on paper. Aviation will never be popular in St. John's. There is no bird's eye view of it. But then the air is so rare around this quaint, old city that an aviator would probably drop far enough to get a side view. Then he'd stop at the first station.

If the children of the original Thoughtless Man had their work cut out for them, or rather had to cut out their own work, they have fallen into the humour with a facility that alters every custom known to commerce, transportation and physiology. There are no pavements, except on Water Street; cement would never lie long enough to harden. To utilise cement it would have to be taken down on the harbour where the water is comparatively level, hardened there, placed in position with extension ladders and glue; and then the city council would be forced to provide the people with air brakes, and parachutes in case of accident to the valves. On Water Street, so called because it is the only street in the city on which water would even hesitate, there is a sidewalk. it was necessary there because the stores ran down to that line from all parts of the original town site and stopped long enough to be fastened. Elsewhere the sidewalks are that literally and nothing else-distinguished from the roadway by a ditch, cobble-bottomed to prevent the trickling away of the foundations of the houses.

The roadways and sidewalks are made up of the finest gravel known to science; they are gravity-picked, which beats hand-picked roads by several series of the finest screens. They proceed downwards with an impetuosity that would satisfy a temperance audience, but even then they

do not meet conditions, having frequently to be terminated by stone walls to get to a lower level that affords fingerhold. Although many of the roads are so steep that they cannot be used, they are never grassgrown. The water rushes down so fast that it discourages into suicide any blade of grass that has discovered sufficient of the horizontal to lie still.

The carts are built like a ladder. and the freight is piled as closely as possible to the front space in going up hill, so that there will be several rungs to act as obstacles before the goods finally drop out at the back. This is true; I've seen it. Barrels, which form one of the foremost features of commerce in the city, are built to fit these spaces in the ladder, so that nothing short of a back flip on the part of the horse can dislodge them. Sometimes a lazy driver will turn his horse down hill for a moment, rather than replace the load at the front.

Foolishly I took a carriage from the station to the hotel. Most of the trip I lay across the two seats with my head braced into the suitcase on the seat in front to keep it out of the harbour below. Once we went down a small hill, and I stood on the side of the suitcase while I watched the back springs of the carriage over the back of the seat.

Automobiles are built especially for St. John's and King George. What the latter demands is not in the encyclopædia, but the other item in the list requires long, low cars, of sufficient power to carry four people up the side of a steeple and down the other without spilling the gasoline and children. If a green chauffeur chances to stop one without a post behind, the occupants either jump out or are fished out of the harbour with salmon nets. To climb a hill the chauffeur throws on the low gear and trusts to Providence. Perhaps

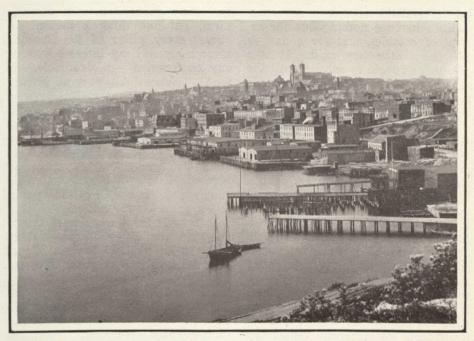
it is due to the uprightness of the city that several people have ridden in automobiles and live to tell of it.

The horses are built on a fore-and-aft plan, to speak untechnically. They develop a special set of muscles for pulling up hill and another for holding back while going down. Beyond that no strength is required, and a St. John's horse becomes "a creature of environment," as someone has said before about something. The people must develop the same lopsidedness, although it is skilfully covered by prevailing styles. It is reasonable to suppose this, since some of them are able to walk down street and back twice in one day. I couldn't.

One of the principal dangers of living in St. John's, if you are more interested in your own family than the one on the block above, is the temporary loss of small children. A little boy falls out of the front door on Bond Street and may be able to stop himself at Gower; if not his mother feels reasonably certain he will pull up at Water. When a mother wants her child she always looks down street instead of into the jam pantry or the cherry tree. It has been suggested that the children of the different streets be branded with a number so that the police will not need to climb any higher than is necessary to return them.

The favourite occupation of the stranger is finding himself. Streets that seem to start all right change their mind and end to the hopeless tangle of one who knows not the short cuts and points of the compass. It is well to have rooms near some landmark that can be seen from the hills. Then one can get one's bearings every now and then and arrive home in time for the next meal. There should be a bicycle or a trip to Europe for every stranger who finds himself.

Water Street is so crooked that a compass gets dizzy; and Water Street



A VIEW OF THE HARBOUR

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

is the soberest thing in town. I tried cutting off the corners of this street to get to the station without covering the whole city. After I had crossed the street thirteen times I had to let myself go down hill to the water-front to see which side I was on. It pays to know St. John's well before getting too familiar with it.

These are the principal physical features of this fine, old city, in so far as they can be portrayed by one who has for many years considered necessary a certain amount of horizontalness to sustain life. Another characteristic which St. John's might do without more to its advantage than its steepness, is the accommodation the visitor is forced to endure. In asking for a place to stay at in that city it is sanest to inquire for the least worst, rather than for the best. "Good," or any of its parts, does not fit in. It is unfortunate that this intersting city can afford no inducement to the visitor in the way of fare, other than to get out as quickly as he can. There are many hotels in St. John's, as there are many methods of reducing flesh, but they are all equally uncomfortable.

The Reid people, who, by the way, represent progress in Newfoundland in something of a monopolistic manner, attempted to remedy this condition so that St. John's might appear on the list for tourists other than the callous. The foundations of this attempt remain, the remainder having been put a stop to, it is said, by a government that has always feared the useful ambitions of the Reids. Now the visitor goes out of his way to look at the ruins, and to dream of what might have been. Coffee, in Newfoundland, as in most other places, is a miscalculation somewhere in the process of making; toast, as St. John's makes it, is indigenous for which make us truly thankful! All the fruit, the poultry, the fresh vegetables, and most things worth eating come from New York once a week by boat. The day after that boat arrives the newspaper advertisements announce nothing but the arrival of eatables, and for a day or two the visitor may exist. It is a constant struggle to subsist until the next boat arrives. St. John's people never speak in public of the winter, when the boats do not run.

Had St. John's a hotel such as any other city of its size is able to maintain, there is no place in America more worth visiting. Fortunately Newfoundland, outside of St. John's, is endurable in the way of fare, and the railway takes you from one point to another with the maximum of comfort in the way of meals. But St. John's, so far as genuine interest is concerned, is good for a fortnight of the most blasé traveller. As the accommodation stands, he usually cuts it down to three days and passes on, with the result that there are about five points of interest visited by everyone. And the spots really worth

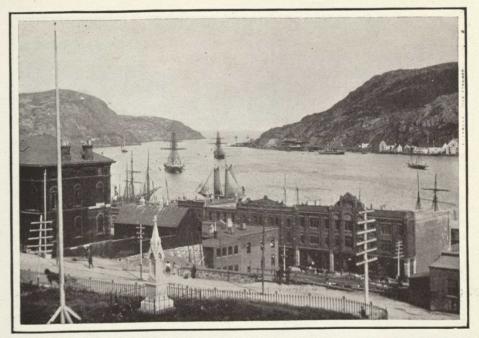
while pass unnoticed.

Signal Hill comes first in the for-That is reasonable. One cannot look out without seeing the tower on its peak. Everyone goes there. I went. Everyone sees the drydock. I did the same. Everyone must run out to Quidi Vidi, the show fishing village. I followed the crowd. The list is as peremptory as the payment of the Newfoundland fishing license of ten dollars, with an additional fifty cents tacked on at the last to ensure you a tiny bit of paper to show that you paid your ten dollars. But there are other points of interest which are seldom mentioned, such as the Battery. quaint, out-of-the-way streets with odd houses, the wharves with the fishermen, the sealing boats, walks along the brink of the harbour on both sides, and so on through a list that should make St. John's proud.

The churches were near the top of the list, especially English and Catholic. Any guide-book will describe them, but one thing I noticed on almost every pillar of the Catholic Church aroused my interest without any explanation yet obtainable. read: "Notice: All persons intending to leave the country for America or Canada are advised, before going, to secure certificates of baptism and marriage, as without these papers they will find it difficult to obtain employment in those countries. Signed, M. F. Howley." stands little chance of gaining population from Newfoundland.

It is well for the stranger to understand the ways of St. John's early in his visit. Like most Canadian villages it observes a Wednesday half-holiday throughout the city. Noon is dinner-time, and the St. John's woman does not believe in setting the table twice for one meal. Consequently everyone, from the merchant magnate to the sweeper. must be at the table from twelve to one, which means that most of the stores are closed during that hour. and possibly another afterwards. The club members lunch at the club, saunter down to the Board of Trade Building, and some time afterwards unlock their places of business for the afternoon. A commercial traveller unpacks for at least a fortnight's stay. There is no such thing as haste; perhaps the hills make it too strenuous for the heart. The traveller who intends to do business in St. John's leaves his church membership ticket at his last stop and takes it up again after he leaves the city. He simply has to let loose occasionally when he is calmly told by his best customers to come around next week some time.

Also I discovered another feature of some of the stores-prices go up to the tourist. Twice I was asked to pay a higher price for articles than those which were marked on them in plain figures.



THE NARROWS

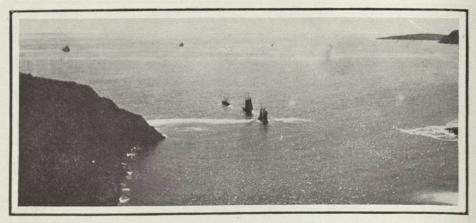
LOOKING FROM ST. JOHN'S

"You see, we have to pay forty per cent. duty on these things," is the sentence that comes most convenient to the clerk. Considering the apparent resentment at this condition, it is surprising that it continues to exist. But then there is no taxation on Newfoundland fishermen, and they make up the majority of the population; and the money has to be obtained somehow.

St. John's is running over with The inhabitants can rave about every landmark in sight from a universal knowledge of historical associations, the equal of which I never before met-the cabby who cannot tell you all about the reason for Signal Hill, the names and fame of all the outlying points, the historical incidents that made St. John's possible, and a number of other bits of information that vary with his imagination and his estimate of your credulity, is only a substitute for the day. After one had regaled me with enough incident to make me wonder if anything had ever happened elsewhere since the strata cooled, I disentangled myself long enough to ask him where it was Ninevah fell, which was an assumption of a familiarity with certain history I do not possess. He looked around a moment as we climbed Signal Hill, as if to see whether there was any evidence of the dent it made. Then he scratched his head doubtfully and closed his eyes to give his brain a chance to get out of its groove of historical facts.

"Ninny Vah! Ninny Vah!" he muttered reflectively. "Did he fall around here, are ye shure? I'll ask when I get back to the city." And thereafter he was gloomily silent as having revealed a lack of information about the city's important events.

When St. John's settles down to an understanding of the value of good accommodation for the traveller it will be a sorry day for many places that now have a waiting list.



THE ENTRANCE TO THE NARROWS

LOOKING OUT TO SEA

As it is the visitor to that city leaves after his shortened stay, with the belief that something has robbed him of a great pleasure; for all around him he sees in general what he longs to observe more intimately. Only a small part of what this old-fashion-

ed, absorbing city has to offer him has been possible during the limit of his endurance. And he holds before him the determination that some day he will return to revel in a world of which as yet he has only dreamed.

#### WINTER MORNING

By M. B. RANDALL

Hall, Morn, all white enwreathed, and crowned with grace Of the soft fallen snow! Through windless night, Unhasting, and with ease, from its great height Each wingéd flake soft settled to its place; And each with each conspired to change the face Of things familiar. Now the morning light Reveals a world transforméd to our sight: Wherein of what we knew is not a trace.

The flush of dawn, through a bewildering haze, Its filmy draped transparencies doth bring; And trees so lately black in wintry dearth Of leaves, are blossoming as if 'twere spring: And all renewed seems life, in this new birth Of crystal purity, upon the earth.

## OPENING WEEK AT OTTAWA

#### BY A. LAMBERT WHEELING

OTTAWA requires no more than an opening week like that in November to make it the capital city in capitals. A combination of new faces in Government chairs and a brand new Governor-General of the Royal Purple variety has created the belief in the minds of those who passed through the affair that Ottawa is scarcely large enough to hold things. It would be a matter of considerable personal interest to me to know where thousands of the visitors slept. When I arrived on the morning of the day before the official opening I was assured that an hour later would have given me only a seat in the park; and Ottawa parks lose their attraction before the middle of November. I know that some hundreds registered after me. Their disposal is a matter for private inquiry only. There was no such thing as a "capacity house" among the Ottawa hotels that week. Rooms that at home would have to be thinly papered to be single bedrooms were devoted to the somnial antiphonies and madrigals of six or seven visitors. who considered themselves lucky. One hotel entertained its late friends in a convention hall. Yes, Boniface did very well, thank you.

There were three distinct functions in the week's ceremonies: the election of the Speaker of the House of Commons on Wednesday afternoon, the formal opening on the following day and the Drawing-room on Saturday night. It was a week of colour before settling down to the dull drab

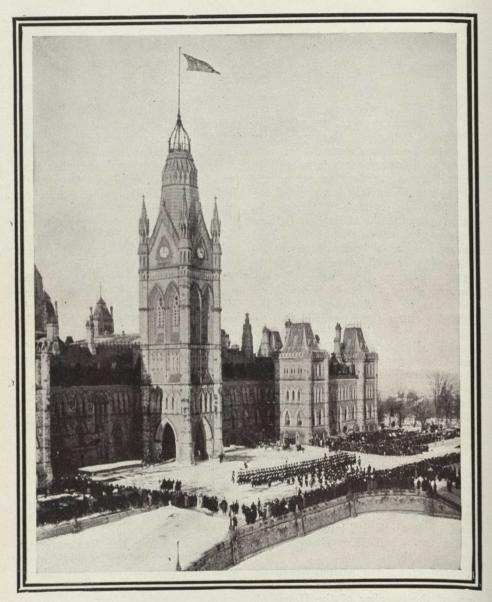
of routine debate. Through House corridors members and their wives greeted other members and introduced their wives and grown daughters-and wondered what there was in things for them. Over at the Rideau Club, on the first day, luncheon was eaten in relays. Up in a corner the Honourable Robert Rogers presided at one table, with the Honourable Frank Cochrane at his left. while others with ambitions were in the remaining seats. Each table basked in the radiance of a Cabinet Minister, or a Senator, or one who was trying with a smiling face to become used to pockets empty of patronage gifts. There were the beaming countenances of those who had visions, and the glad hands of those who were afraid to dream, but made every preparation by changing their politics politicly. Everybody had the smile that is popularly spoken of as difficult to remove; and some of them had evidently been glued and nailed on where the light was poor.

Over at the Parliament Buildings Conservative member ran me through things, from the corner-stone in the basement to the "boozeorium." Far below, where the massive stone walls and confined passages spoke of grim warders or grimy stokers, he

pointed towards a door.

"That," he shuddered, "is where they used to herd a score of us in the old days."

A few days of power, and the shades of Opposition appeared mediæval.



OPENING DAY AT OTTAWA

THE ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

"The Liberals will have it now," he went on gaily. "I'll show you where we are now."

On the way we met the new Premier, in his face the relief of long-delayed success, the happiness of the man who can see his friends rewarded, the joy of a plodder who feels himself at last understood. I had seen him but once three years before in a Western town, but he smilingly recalled the dingy bedroom where we had made arrangements for his meeting.

A few minutes later we crowded into the gallery of the House to hear those three portentous knocks of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, his command that the Commons attend the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, and to see those elaborate bows that are the envy of fat men. In the scramble we got a seat in the gallery of the Senate Chamber and saw the House fooled. It wasn't the Governor-General who received them, but his deputy, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick. It was a mean trick to play them, but they didn't appear a bit disappointed when they were told that the Governor-General did not see fit to summon Parliament until a Speaker was appointed. Accordingly the members of the House and myself rushed back to get that bit of formality over with to please his Royal Highness.

It was the first official meeting of the man who lost a forlorn hope and the other who had been given his chance and had taken it. And none were more aware of the altered positions than were the two men themselves. Laurier sat a little lower in the chair facing south, in spite of the more-than-formal applause that greeted him from his benches. The jaunty, debonair air was lacking, and there was no substitue handy. No mere man could calmly ignore the cold spot around his temples where the laurel wreath had worn a groove

for fifteen unchallenged years. And when he rose to the Premier's nomination of Speaker, Laurier, the affable, the sunny, had lost his smileno, not lost it, merely lost control of it for the moment. It was there flickering around to show that it was in, but not at home to strangers. It had looked across at the other seats so long that it didn't want to come out in the open until it had become more accustomed to the south light. And its rebellion for the first time in all these years unnerved a tiny bit the man who had been its master. To that can be ascribed the unprecedented lapse of Laurier, the kindly, the courteous, the politic, when he revived disagreeable memories of long ago that might have been invaluable later on in the thick of the fight when this master of platform oratory was fully himself. Laurier forgot himself. His worst enemy can sympathise with him.

And when the Premier rose to reply it was the British bayonet against the French rapier. Borden, too, forgot himself. For a minute he slashed unmercifully, with the recklessness of the Opposition, not the finesse of the Government. But it was typical of him that he recovered himself before he sat down. One could not help feeling that had their positions been reversed neither man would have said what the other had said.

For the formal opening of the following day the ladies favoured with tickets to the Speaker's gallery were enjoined in print to wear evening dress. But those who knew selected such garments as might be given to charity afterwards. A bargain counter is a mild demonstration compared with the rush to that gallery. There were more tickets than seats by a margin that impelled the first arrivals to neglect luncheon. Unless a man had a red coat with a lot of gold braid he had to take his chances among the few thousands who had

the tickets for the remaining hundred seats. A chance turned out to be perfectly satisfactory, although mature reflection cannot see the reason for issuing something like twenty tickets to every seat. Perhaps it is necessary to present this opportunity to each member for displaying his

control of the patronage.

But in spite of the scramble to get in, the Senate Chamber was a fit frame for the fine old men who appeared on the centre of the floor in every black costume from the business suit to evening dress. Anyone who can look at these fine old men without feeling that there is a place for the Senate-well, he lacks a love of the picturesque and the beautiful. He must be without sentiment. To look at them is enough to make one willing to leave them their Red Chamber in which to play legislation or Stateliness, wellanything else. groomedness, benevolence of countenance, the temporarily successful fight of healthy, strong-minded age against the years—these are qualities it should profit any country to encourage by a gift of "Honourable" and a nice red room and several smaller rooms to hob-nob in. Candidly, I'm a convert to the need of a Senate since I saw those neat, black suits and well-laundered shirts and upright carriages facing the Duke and Duchess beneath well-trimmed gray hair.

Behind them sat the wives and "unmarried daughters" of the Senators and members. The rules called for that, but many an "unmarried daughter" had "Mrs." before her name outside the walls. The defeated Cabinet Ministers were there, too, resplendent in that gold-braid uniform that would fulfil all the requirements of the law for modesty without the blue cloth beneath. And, to their discomfort, the new Ministers had to stand behind the brass bar that crosses the back of the Sen-

ate Chamber giltless (with or without the "u" as yet) and inconspicuous. Lieutenant-Governor Gibson did due credit to the premier province in the matter of gold braid, and the colour scheme was rather ludicrously carried out by the six red-gowned and ermined judges of the Supreme Court who entered before the Governor-General and tried to look comfortable on a round cosy-seat in front of the throne.

Presently the subdued booming of a cannon announced the arrival of the Governor-General, and it was more than mere form that brought the crowd to its feet as the Duke entered, leading the Duchess. Some of the women spectators rather favoured the two pretty little pages in red coats, with black velvet and lace cuffs, and Miss Pelly, the lady-inwaiting, was really worth more than a second glance; but the Duke and Duchess, who walked slowly up the aisle with their right hands touching, were the emblems of the authority that reigns at Ottawa and farther away in England. The strain of silence remained until the Governor-General had taken his seat, and the accent of the French Speaker of the Senate was a welcome relief as he announced to the "Gentlemen of the Senate' that "his Royal Highness the Governor-General," etc. It was rather a pleasing little touch that the Duchess should show her superiority to the position of mere figurehead in the ceremony when she coolly removed the Duke's glasses from a small case she carried and handed them to him to read the Speech from the Throne. And after the man in the Field Marshall's uniform had read in quiet English and perfect Parisian French, raising his hat at each mention of the two Houses, she reached over and, taking his glasses from his hand, replaced them in the case. The Speaker of the House had mounted the tiny platform behind that brass bar and had announced his appointment in the presence of the members behind him, but there were few eyes for that formality. From the time the Duke said "be seated" as he took the throne until he gracefully led the Duchess through the back door, there was only respect in the minds of the spectators and a great regret that photographers could not do justice to the Duchess.

For two days Ottawa rested in the memories of the opening and the prospect of the great display, the Drawing-room. The stores handed out dress suits and collars and ties to the men in preparation, and feathers and veils and slippers to the women; and the carriages of the city took orders they could never hope to fill, and the flower stores, with watery eyes, were forced to refuse orders. Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa profited enough in flowers for the event to make them the strongest supporters of knee-bending. Every conveyance in Ottawa was expected, according to agreement, to report at six different places at one timesome time between six and nine o'elock.

The Ottawa cabmen are the most agreeable cabmen I know. There's no request too impossible for them to promise to fill. We were fortunate in being attended to in the matter of conveyance to the House, and as everything was on runners the ride was a pleasure trip. Coming back—that was another story.

It was with much misgiving that we arrived at the House at seventhirty for a performance that was not to commence until nine, and in which our part was an indefinite quantity in time. But when we were stopped at the first gate to the grounds by the quarter-mile row of cabs ahead of us we began to feel that our modesty had been too restraining. The ladies' dressing-

room was a football scrimmage and a push for the tickets to the game combined. As I stood outside waiting, after successfully fighting my way into the men's room and forcing a messenger to take my coat and hat, it was interesting to note the varieties of disarray that told of the struggle within. It is decreed that women wear skimpy tulle veils for the event, crowned by two ostrich tips, if the wearer is unmarried, and by three if she has been more successful. These veils came out of that room in every shape, most of them tangled up with someone's bouquet. or a trimming on someone's dress. Outside the wearers recklessly put themselves right in language unparliamentary. A couple of hundred of us were herded in a committee-room. where for two hours we tried to be interested in one another while wondering what was going on elsewhere. After a half-dozen committee-rooms had been systematically packed, the rest were allowed to step on one another in the halls. The provision of sitting-rooms with chairs for the waiting thousands is said to have been a thoughtful suggestion of the Duchess, whose experience in such things makes her sympathetic.

At ten someone let us out, and we behaved like it. Ladies in satin and gold net crowded into unfortunate men whose duties consisted largely in holding expansive, expensive bouquets, where their original form would be slightly retained. Ladies excused each other icily when they twisted their dress ornaments into veils and tore them into patterns. Men smothered natural expressions as they tried with their left hands to untangle a rose thorn from a hair net. In something like twenty minutes we had reached the entrance to the Senate Chamber, where little boys were engaged straightening out ruffled trains and mussed veils. And then suddenly the blaze broke on us.

The Drawing-room is managed as systematically as a time clock. For days ahead the Ottawa papers contain in advertisement form the rules and regulations that must be observed, such as the gate and doors of entrance, the order of presentation (Cabinet Ministers, Senators, Speaker of the House, Judges, Senate Officials, Honourable Aides-de-Camp, Members of Parliament, House officials, Executive Council, Members of Provincial Parliaments, Deputy Ministers, Railway Commission, etc., etc., are presented with their wives and unmarried daughters in the order named), the dress to be worn, consisting of full evening dress for both But there ladies and gentlemen. are other rules which are observed or neglected according to convenience and knowledge. For instance, it appeared in the printed rules that veils and feathers were optional and court trains were not expected. Only one girl, so far as I saw, omitted the veil and feathers; but while the unwritten law is that mesdames wear three plumes on the veil and mesdemoiselles but two, there was only a small proportion of the girls who appeared to have heard of it. Perhaps it is cruel to spoil the remembrances of so many now that it is too late. And those who did what was not expected-wore court trainscould be counted on the fingers.

Presentation at the Drawing-room is simple, but elaborate. You haven't much to do yourself, but there is much ceremony in connection with it. Outside the brass bar at the back of the room a red-coated man takes one of your cards and tosses it into a waste-paper basket that is already nearly full. Then to the strains of an orchestra in the lobby you march in single file up the chamber between two rows of red and blue-coated officers. Near the throne your other card is taken by an aide, who passes it to another, who does likewise, and

when it reaches the fourth man your name is shouted out in a tone that makes you wonder if that was what And then. your parents intended. although you have not been able to see how the one ahead of you made his bow on account of the crowding soldiers, you sidle across to the Duke. endeavouring to combine a front view with a side step. You bow. goodness knows how! You sidle along until you face the Duchess and bow again. By this time you are morally certain that you didn't do it right the first time and must make an alteration in this one, with the result that you don't wait to back off, but fling yourself among the soldiers on the other side like the prodigal son returning to his father. The next step is to go up into the gallery if you can get there, and laugh at the bows that follow.

For brilliance of colour and dress, for grandeur of scene, for number of people who are willing to stand half an ordinary day, for variety of forms, the Drawing-room of 1911 stands as a record in Canada. Under the prism lights through the ceiling of the Senate Chamber the event baffles me for description. Half the impression is from sight, a small portion from sound, and the rest from an inborn sentiment that is aroused by royalty, bright lights, well-dressed men and women and

At the last we were fortunate enough to be one of the few who lined the hall as the Duke and Duchess passed in all the state of court dress, pages and lady-in-waiting. The Duke's eyes were flashing and bright, as if he were sustained by great excitement. The Duchess was weary (she had been the brighter on the throne), now that the ceremony was over. Her face was a trifle drawn and thin, but she smiled and bowed constantly as she had done at the presentation. I'm quite in love again:

patriotism.

even a cat can look at a king. And after it was all over and we had succeeded in finding a part at least of our garb, we stood in the biting, cold wind of Parliament Hill and gave our carriage number to a policeman. I gave it to another and another, until all along that hill rang "one-eighty-four," while we stood hugging ourselves in the hope that one-eighty-four was somewhere among the waiting hundreds of carriages. But one-eighty-four was probably at that moment galloping home with someone who had got out just ahead of us. In the end we trudged home, and Ottawa walking during opening week was none too agreeable.

My paint-daubed friend hadn't been able to go to Ottawa himself; the tendency of painters to miss a spot here and there or to apply the varnish a shade more thickly than called for in the contract made their proper oversight a matter of dollars and cents to him. But on my return he was willing to discuss the events of the opening week with all the authority of the man who stands off and looks on.

"Don't that kind o' thing kind o' make yuh sick?" he asked with the supreme contempt of curled lip, when he overheard me say that I had been "presented."

"Sick?" I asked back in surprise.

"What at?"

"Oh, kow-towin' an' bobbin' an' kneelin'. I don't believe in that kind o' thing."

There were several "kinds o' things' that didn't meet with the approval of my socialistic friend.

And as I remembered it at that moment, I had done quite a bit of bowing and applauding; and what was worse, there had come over me at times something akin to reverence for the Royal representative. It would shock my friend still more if he were to know that I still hold the conviction that the feeling was good for me and for the country. Since that week of ceremony in Ottawa I incline to the belief that Parliament means more than twenty-five hundred a year, and the Governor-General is greater than his salary and reputation. The fact that my deductions might be drawn from incorrect premises does not encourage doubt for a moment.



# THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF CANADA

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N the transportation system of any country depends to a great extent its development and its commercial prosperity. It may have immense natural resources, but unless the products of its mines, its forests and its prairies can be transported cheaply and expeditiously they will never find a market. It may have vast areas of land suitable for cultivation, but unless there are means for bringing in settlers easily and at reasonable cost they will lie fallow for all time. When the United States was young transportation facilities were much what they had been centuries earlier-boats on the rivers and cumbersome vehicles on the roads were all that could be depended on. The Republic had existed for half a century before the first railway was built, and it was with the building of the railways and the application of steam to transportation that the development of the Great West began. As the railways were extended, population spread, mineral, agricultural and aboreal resources were exploited, and changes took place which without the railways would have required centuries instead of years to come, or would never have come at all.

When the widely separated provinces were formed into the Dominion of Canada on July 1st, 1867, one of the Government undertakings was that a railway should be built connecting the Pacific with the Atlantic

provinces. This was a big enterprise for a young nation, but it was carried out and sooner than promised. In the summer of 1886 the first Canadian Pacific train ran through from Montreal to Vancouver and the East and West were effectually linked together.

Railway development had not been rapid in the older provinces—the first railway, sixteen miles long, bebetween St. John's, Quebec, and La Prairie, was opened in 1836, and in 1847 the mileage had grown only to fifty-four. In 1850 there were sixtysix miles, in 1851, 159 miles. 1856 this had grown into 1,414, and when Confederation took place in 1867 it had become 2,278. In 1877 the mileage was 5,783, and in 1886. when the Canadian Pacific Railway opened through, 11,793. Ten years later it increased to 16,270, and another ten years to 21,353. The last official figures given out by the Government, dated June 30, 1910, show the total railway mileage of Canada as 24,731, and it is still growing. To-day Canada has a much greater railway mileage in proportion to its population than any other country. Traffic statistics go back for thirtysix years, and they speak volumes. In 1875 the Canadian railways carried 5,190,416 passengers and 5,670,-837 tons of freight; in 1910, 35,894.-575 passengers and 74,482,866 tons of freight; in 1875 their earnings

were \$19,470,539, and in 1910, \$173,956,217. Operating expenses in the former year were \$15,775,532, and in the latter year \$120,405,440, or in the former 81.1 per cent. of the receipts, and in the latter 69.2 per cent. These figures are an indication of the general progress which Canada has made, progress which would have been impossible without railway facilities.

The four leading railway systems of Canada are the Canadian Pacific, the Grand Trunk, the Canadian Northern, and the Intercolonial. Of these, the Canadian Pacific, which stretches from Atlantic tidewater at St. John. New Brunswick, to the Pacific at Vancouver, British Columbia. with its network of branches and over 10,000 miles of railway, with its elaborate system of connections, its 4,000 controlled miles of railway in the United States, its steamship services, its hotels, telegraphs and other subsidiary interests, is to-day the largest transportation enterprise in the world and has done an enormous work, the value of which cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy in developing the great natural resources of the West and in opening up its vast territory to colonisation. When it was first talked about, the scheme was denounced as chimerical, but results have justified the undertaking beyond even the rosiest dreams of the promoters, and yet it is only in its infancy, with a future of boundless possibilities before it, and its stragetic position is so strong that one can hardly conceive of any combination of circumstances arising to interfere seriously with its prosperity. Good dividends well-earned and paid regularly have placed Canadian Pacifice Railway stock at a high figure, which some bull operators claim will soon reach the 300 mark.

The Grand Trunk was the pioneer among Canadian railways, and it did for the Province of Ontario what the

Canadian Pacific has done and is doing for the Western and Pacific Provinces-made settlement possible and development a paying proposition. Stretching from Portland, Maine, to Chicago, with branches reaching almost every place of importance in Quebec and Ontario, it has for many years succeeded in carrying a large proportion of traffic through Canada to and from the United States, thus supplementing its Canadian revenue and enabling it to provide its Canadian patrons with a better service than they could have expected had there been their business alone to depend on.

Desiring to participate in the trade of the Western Provinces, the Grand Trunk interests secured in 1903 the incorporation of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, which is to extend from Winnipeg to Prince Rupert, on the British Columbia coast, and in connection with which the Canadian Government is building as a national enterprise a line between Winnipeg and Moncton, New Brunswick, which when completed is to be operated as part of the Grand Trunk Pacific and form a second Transcontinental route. At the time of writing (September, 1911), the Grand Trunk Pacific have in operation 978 miles of main line west from Winnipeg to Hinton, Alberta (186 miles west of Edmonton and close to the Rockies), and 126 miles of branches; also 101 miles eastward from Prince Rupert and 1911/2 miles westward from Fort William to Superior, where it connects with the Government portion, extending 259 miles to Winnipeg, the whole section Fort William to Winnipeg (450 miles) being in operation with a provisional service. The company expect to open through to Prince Rupert two years hence.

The Government portion of the line runs from Moneton entirely through Canadian territory, crossing the St. Lawrence River just above Quebec (on a bridge which when completed will be in some respects the greatest engineering feat of its kind), then through the northern portions of Quebec and Ontario, following the height of land and passing to the north of Lakes Abitibi and Nipigon.

The Canadian Northern, which aims at being Canada's third transcontinental system, is being constructed in sections. It has nearly 5,000 miles of track in operation, made up of 435 miles in Nova Scotia, 648 in Quebec, and 342 in Ontario (exclusive of the line west of Port Arthur) and 3,415 in its main line and branches, Port Arthur to Ed-It is now commencing monton. to link up the disconnected sections by building lines between Port Arthur and Sudbury and between Toronto and Ottawa, besides extending through from Edmonton via the Yellowhead Pass to Port Mann, British Columbia. Much of its mileage on the main and branch lines in the Prairie Provinces lies north of the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Pacific, and it therefore opens up and serves large sections of country which were not touched by the older company and will not be by the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The Intercolonial ("The People's Railway") is operated by the Canadian Government through its Department of Railways and Canals, and has 1,449 miles of track, the main line from Halifax to Quebec being 837 miles, and the principal branches from Moneton to St. John and Truro to Sydney, Cape Breton, respectively, 89 and 213 miles. The Prince Edward Island Railway (268 miles, narrow gauge, three feet, six inches), which supplies transportation to Canada's smallest Province (the "Garden of the Gulf''), is operated by the Federal Government also. There has been much talk of the future destiny of the Government railwayswhether they will be extended fur-

ther westward or whether the Intercolonial at least will be turned over to one or other of the transcontinental lines. &c., &c. Possibly all three transcontinental lines may given (for a fixed payment) running powers over such portions of the Intercolonial as will give them respectively desired connections from the end of their own rails to the Port of Halifax, and if this were done it would certainly save the building of unnecessary lines and at the same time help the Government to make the Intercolonial pay: or, as a writer has already suggested. the lines east of Moncton may be turned over for operation by a company composed of the three transcontinental railways, which would handle it jointly by arrangement amongst themselves.

Beside the four principal railway systems, there are a number of smaller independent companies, several of the United States railway corporations have branches into Canada, and the Ontario Government own and operate the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway (292 miles of track), which, thanks largely to the mineral wealth of the Cobalt and Porcupine districts, is producing sat-

isfactory returns.

The Canadian Pacific, the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the Canadian Northern all have many branch lines in actual operation or under construction in the Prairie Provinces-Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Albertaand portions of that country are now as well served as are the States of Indiana and Illinois. Glancing at the map of Manitoba, for example. and following the 101st parallel of longitude, one counts twelve lines of railway from the United States boundary north. As another example of how that country is being "gridironed," passengers by the Canadian Pacific Railway between Winnipeo and Edmonton (about 800 miles) will

soon have the option of no less than six different routes. What a marvellous contrast would present itself, if he could come back now to the French King who dismissed the loss of "those few arpents of snow" with a wave of his white hands and a shrug of his majestic shoulders as a matter of very little moment! The country which Sir W. F. Butler forty years ago wrote so entertainingly about as "The Great Lone Land" is rapidly being populated and is astir with activity. Both the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern are . stretching eager hands north towards the Peace River district, which is now found to be very fertile, though a few years back it was looked on as no more likely to be settled for agricultural purposes than is Greenland or Spitzbergen to-day.

Nature has blessed Canada with magnificent transportation facilities in the waterways provided by the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes. stretching more than half-way across her area. From the Straits of Belle Isle to the head of navigation at Fort William it is 2,233 miles by water, and from Fort William to Vancouver it is 1,902 miles by rail. Of the 2,233 miles only about seventy-four is by canal; the rest is open water, which needed only to be deepened for short stretches, and this is a very important feature in getting the grain of the Prairie Provinces to the Atlantic seaboard, as transportation by water necessarily is always cheaper than by rail, because the carriers by water have no expense for building or maintaining a roadway and the terminals, wharves, etc., being owned by the Government or by the municipalities. are available to all, either free or on of comparatively small payment charges, while the first cost of building a railway is enormous, besides the constant expenditure to keep it in shape for handling traffic.

During the season of open naviga-

tion the traffic passing through the canals at Sault Ste. Marie is three times that passing through the Suez Canal and a very large share of this enormous traffic is purely Canadian. The Canadian Pacific has a fleet of fine steamers running between Fort William and Owen Sound, on the Georgian Bay, a distance of 550 miles, and the grain carryings of these vessels are very large-the Georgian Bay port will soon be changed to Victoria Harbour, whence a short rail line of easy grades is being constructed to join the main line near Peterboro', with the object of saving mileage and to facilitate the handling of the crop for export. There are also steamers plying regularly between Sarnia and Fort William and when the Grand Trunk Pacific is completed between Fort William and Winnipeg there will no doubt be a regular line established in connection with it between Fort William and Parry Sound or Midland, both on the Georgian Bay, and from both of which the Grand Trunk has direct rail routes to Montreal.

The canals in the St. Lawrence route are eight in number, the longest being the Welland, extending from Port Dalhousie, on Lake Ontario, to Port Colborne, on Lake Erie, a distance of 26¾ miles. They have a minimum depth of fourteen feet and can accommodate vessels up to 225 feet long. Just now the Government contemplates making over the Welland Canal so as to increase its capa-

city very greatly.

A scheme much talked of from time to time and which the Canadian Parliament will probably take actively in hand before long is the construction of the Georgian Bay Canal by which the waters of the Great Lakes will be connected with the Ottawa River via the French River and a series of lakes and streams, actually following the route of the old furtraders—the length of this waterway

from the Georgian Bay to Montreal will be 440 miles, and the work involves cutting twenty-eight miles of canal and improving the existing channels for sixty-six miles, the remaining 346 miles, or 80 per cent. of the whole, being as nature left them. The work will require forty-five dams and twenty-seven locks, with a minimum width of sixty-five feet and a low water depth of twenty-two, and the total cost is estimated at \$100.000.000.

The Trent Valley Canal system is intended to connect the Georgian Bay. with Lake Ontario; it is at present in operation for 160 miles eastward from Lake Simcoe via the Kawartha Lakes, Otonabee River and Rice Lake to Hastings, on the River Trent, and the work of completing it to Lake Ontario is being pushed forward, but the route between Lake Simcoe and the Georgian Bay has not yet been determined, and when that part of the work will be done is problematical. A feature of the Trent Valley Canal is the hydraulic lift lock at Peterboro', which is the largest in the world, and cost half a million dollars.

In the matter of ocean transportation Canada's trade and travel have been well provided for and the effort of the carriers is, now at least, if possible to keep a little ahead of the requirements, realising that increased facilities are bound to bring business. Though it may not be generally known, it is nevertheless a fact that the first vessel to really cross the Atlantic Ocean under steam was a Canadian ship, the Royal William, which performed the journey with a light cargo and seven passengers in twenty-five days, starting from Quebec in August, 1833, and calling at Pictou, Nova Scotia, to receive coal and overhaul the machinery. Among her owners were the three brothers Cunard, of Halifax, one of whom (afterwards Sir Samuel) was the founder of the Cunard Line.

Savannah, which had previously crossed under the flag of the United States, made the trip almost entirely under canvas and used steam power practically not at all for the ocean voyage. A brass tablet in the passage leading to the library of the Canadian Parliament Building at Ottawa very appropriately calls the Royal William:

The pioneer of those mighty fleets of ocean steamers by which passengers and merchandise of all nations are now conveyed on every sea throughout the world.

The first purely Canadian steamship company, the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company, owning Canadian and the Indian, was organised in 1852, with Mr. Hugh Allan (afterwards Sir Hugh) at its head. These vessels were of about 1,700 tons gross, with engines of 350 horsepower, and cost about \$250,000 each. Their maximum speed was eleven knots. In 1855 the company received a mail subsidy, built new ships and established a regular fortnightly service, which in a short time was increased to once a week. The Allan Line, as it was soon called, met with many difficulties, but persevered, and to-day occupies a proud position as one of the strongest members of the mercantile marine flying the British Flag. The Cunard Line was organised in 1838 to run a regular service between Liverpool, Halifax and Boston, for which the British Government gave a subsidy of £55,000 per annum-afterwards the service was extended to New York and in time the Canadian port of call was dropped—only within the last year the Cunard Company has re-entered the Canadian trade by purchasing the freight and passenger vessels formerly operated by the Thomson Line between Canadian and British ports. and they are now run as Cunard steamers. It is interesting to note that during all the years of its existence the Cunard Company claims never to have lost the life of a passenger, while for forty-six years it never lost a letter.

In 1870 the Dominion Line established a regular service on the Canadian route, which has since been combined with and is now operated by the White Star Line.

The Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian Northern Railway both own and operate Atlantic lines and have good reason to be satisfied with the results.

At present there are seven regular lines carrying passengers and freight between Canadian ports (Montreal and Quebec in summer, St. John and Halifax in winter), Great Britain and the Continent of Europe, besides several lines that operate exclusively for The St. Lawrence route freight. very considerable adpossesses vantages over the routes from New York and Boston, and it is a fact that passengers have left Liverpool by one of the Canadian lines and have reached St. Paul and Minneapolis, possibly even Chicago, in quicker time than they could by the fastest steamships running to New York (this is due to shorter railway journey and closer connections being made between steamship and rail) and if once the Canadian lines are filled with ships possessing approximately the speed of those running to New York all comparison in time will practically cease, to say nothing of the lessened discomfort and danger by a route of which in summer time at least onethird is in almost land-locked waters -at present a Canadian liner requiring six days to make the voyage between Quebec and Liverpool is only about four days in the open sea.

Besides the European steamship lines, Canada has now regular services from her Atlantic ports to the West Indies, to Mexico, to South Africa and to Australia—all doing well and with good prospects of continually increasing business.

By way of the Pacific Ocean, too, Canada has established a very important traffic. Early in the development of the Canadian Pacific Railway, its promoters saw the possibilities of trade with the Orient and leased steamers to run between the new port of Vancouver and Japan and China. These were replaced in 1891 by the three Empresses, and when the mails were carried for the first time over the new line and reached the General Post-office, London, in twenty days, nine hours, from Yokohama, as against forty-three days via Suez, England was astonished and The Times significantly remarked: "This record is pregnant with untold issues for the future of our Empire."

To-day the route across Canada is the recognised highway between Great Britain and the port of Hong Kong, and in place of one steamship line on the Pacific there are now six running regularly between British Columbia and Oriental ports.

The Canadian-Australian Steam-Line was established between Sydney and Vancouver by Mr. James Huddart in 1893. It met with reverses, and the line changed hands, but at the present time it is operated by the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (a powerful organisation), with three staunch and speedy vessels, which call at Auckland, Suva in Fiji and Honolulu, and do not only a large business between this continent and the Antipodes, but carry a good share of the European travel as well. sides the Canadian-Australian Line there is also an exclusively freight line of steamers between Vancouver and Australia.

Hudson Bay has long been the subject of controversy as to whether or not it can be used for the transportation of wheat from the Canadian West to Europe so as to save the long journey to Montreal. It undoubtedly offers a much shorter route, but ex-

pert opinion differs widely as to its practicability even for a short period each year. However, the Canadian Government has decided to try the experiment and has promised to construct a railway to either Port Nelson or Port Churchill, on the west side of Hudson Bay. Of the two, Port Nelson is undoubtedly the better harbour-the railway line to Port Nelson would be sixty-seven miles shorter than that to Port Churchill, and the country through which it would run is better and offers more possibility of local business. there are other considerations which weigh in favour of Port Churchill, and no decision has yet been announced. The estimated cost of building the line from Le Pas (a point on the Canadian Northern Railway about 450 miles north-west of Winnipeg) to Port Nelson is \$16,426,340, and to Port Churchill \$19,108,672. That the Government means business is evidenced by the fact that the contract has been let for a bridge over the Saskatchewan River at Le Pas, the present end of the Canadian Northern track, and also just recently for building the first section of the railway northward. The success of the Hudson Bay route is much more uncertain than any of the other transportation problems Canada has undertaken to solve.

Taking it altogether, Canada has been in no way backward in meeting her responsibilities and in providing transportation facilities for the exploitation of her resources. In some cases the men who put time, energy and wealth into the enterprises reaped no material gain. In other cases the reward has been quick and substantial. Whether substantially rewarded or not, they at least deserve the gratitude of their country and of the many millions who in the near future will make it their home.

# TO THE WOOD-THRUST

BY ROBERT CARY

L ONG had I walked in vain the woodland wild,
A sacred Sabbath after Vesper-bell,
Ere 'mid the oaks it fluted, and searching well
I found the bird that hailed an evening mild;
Far from the smug world happily exiled
Often I hear him to the wood-nymphs tell
His pearliest beads at sundown, and of hell
No word since earth and heaven are reconciled.

O Wood-thrush, bard of all the answering Thrushes, Is thine a vision of the Hebrides?

The Cranesbill, Robin's Plantain, and the rushes
Through which I trod, the sky, and every breeze
That, with the sun, robs scent from wild-rose bushes
Deliciously must hear thee in the trees!



# CONDUCTED BY BESSIE McLEAN REYNOLDS

### A TOAST

(By E. Pauline Johnson, Vancouver Local Council of Women.)

There's wine in the cup, Vancouver,
And there's warmth in my heart for
you.

While I drink to your health, your youth and your wealth

And the things that you yet will do. In a vintage rare and olden,

With a flavour fine and keen,
Fill the glass to the edge while I stand
up to pledge
My faith to my Western queen.

And here's to the days that are coming, And here's to the days that are gone, And here's to your gold and your spirit bold.

And your luck that has held its own;
And here's to your hands so sturdy,
And here's to your heart so true,
And here's to the speed of the day decreed
That brings me again to you.

Then here's a ho! Vancouver, in wine of the bonniest hue,

With a hand on my hip and the cup at my lip

And a love in my life for you;
For you are a jolly good fellow,
With a great big heart, I know,
So I drink this toast
To the queen of the coast—
Vancouver, here's to you.

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SHAKESPEARE says "All the world's a stage." Well, perhaps it is.

To the great multitude of humanity

it seems more like a shop window. We are here to-day, gone to-morrow, with about as brief an existence as the hobble-skirt.

While we are in the prime, in the full fruition of our life, we seldom think of the future with a serious turn of mind, the present with its pressing needs seems about all we are able for. Then, too, perhaps an overdose of generosity to our less fortunate fellow-beings leaves us in time of sickness and distress as it has our proud Indian-poetess.

When we read over her toast to Vancouver at a St. Valentine fête in her honour, it fairly teems with buoyancy, health, and life, and though to-day we might pledge our faith in water, it matters little, it's the faith in the heart that tells the tale after all.

And what a big heart our Indian poetess had for those in sorrow and sickness, but those of her friends are as large, and it is with pain we learn that, though so ill and in distress, the pride of her race asserts itself so strongly that, as she will not take gifts of money otherwise than is realised by the sale of her poems and writings, Brantford, the home of her youth, and Vancouver, her present home, have joined hands in pushing



LADY TAYLOR

the sale of her works that her last days may have the comforts she needs and which her friends throughout the Dominion would wish her to have.

May we, as sisters, not allow the case of Pauline Johnson to be another literary tragedy we so often find in the field of letters, of women, ah, and men, too, who have given to us so freely of their best in thought.

Especially do we owe the daughter of the great tribe of the Six Nation Indians some tribute for their loyalty to the Crown. Have we done our part in upholding the dignity of our poets? Have we added our tribute to the Pauline Johnson Fund of Vancouver?

Lady Taylor, who has conservative ideas and strong characteristics, is one of the women best versed in all public questions of the day, yet she has a touch of that quaint old-fash-

ioned sweetness and gentleness which to-day in our hurried life we oftentimes lose, but which Lady Taylor has retained to a most refreshing degree, combining in her public and private life the good in the old regime and the best of everything in the new.

As the wife of one of Canada's greatest thinkers and judges, with a brilliant son following in his father's footsteps, the home life of Lady Taylor has always been filled with high thoughts and high ideals well lived up to.

Though not an extensive club-woman, her attention has been given to the National Council of Women since its inception, with its abundant field for progress and reform; also the Aberdeen Association of which she was the first president in the very early days of Winnipeg, when settlers were, and are to-day, through her association kept well supplied with newspapers and magazines. Lady Aberdeen, recognising the wonderful amount of good done, used her influence to procure free postage on all their output.

What this reading material means to our Northwest settlers we all realise fully and can not say too much in praise, for certainly our English and foreign immigrants feel the first winter in Canada a most tedious one.

Owing to the death of Lady Edgar the presidency of the National Council of Women fell to the lot of Lady Taylor last year. Under her guidance many knotty problems were solved. Great strides were made by the peace and arbitration department. Problems of childhood, citizenship, employment for women, ever present subjects, received wide attention.

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If you have never visited Halifax you would do well to promise yourself that treat before it loses all its old-world touch and takes on the rushing spirit of the new.

It is one of the most interesting cities in Canada either in summer or winter. As the headquarters of the British North Atlantic Squadron in winter and garrisoned by Canadian regulars, one can readily understand the brilliant gatherings. Nor do they cease with the season, as we call it here in the interior.

Their summer season, perhaps, when the sea-side visitors arrive and the ships come in and our new Prime Minister and Mrs. Borden are at their former home, is by far the gayer.

One would suppose there was little time left by women of Halifax for the more serious phase of life, indeed, the most brilliant social leaders are the most enthusiastic in that line of thought; and in this age when everything tends towards concentration in commerce, as well as philanthropic works, we see the benefit the Local Council of Women has been to this city by the sea, enabling its women to keep in close touch with all public questions at home and abroad.

Halifax women are not ardent suffragists, yet this winter a series of lectures upon economic subjects have been so well attended that they may be ready, when the time comes, to use the franchise intelligently.

Their income derived from the fee of the affiliated societies, its tearoom and agricultural lectures at their provincial exhibition is not as large as Montreal's or Vancouver's, but they make a good showing in all they have accomplished. Some of the most progressive and helpful philanthropies have originated in the Council of Women: the supervised playgrounds and Children's Home gardens of Halifax are second to none in Canada. Under their care is the Children's Aid Society, Domestic Science School, and Women's Hostel.

This winter at Halifax they are

planning a settlement house for working boys and girls much on the same plan as Jane Addams inaugurated in Chicago. It certainly does away with much overlapping, and those of us who knew Chicago before 1889 certainly know how greatly that rough element has been wiped out around Chicago's immense meat-packing districts and made better citizens of the men and women—gave them wholesome recreation and amusement for their tired bodies and education for the mind.

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A very interesting letter comes to hand from Yamei Kin, one of the modern and progressive women of China, which gives a general idea of the Chinese women's endeavour for higher education. It reads in part as follows:

Princess Kalachin, wife of one of the hereditary Mongol princes, who has done so much to forward the cause of education, especially among the women of her territory, has founded a women's society in Peking, beginning with something like one hundred names, which aims to grow to something national in character, including wives of officials, teachers in schools, literary women.

In this new impetus we find the women's first response has been most gratifying to the call for a national spirit which is being welded out of the family communal spirit, by the necessity for self-preservation against the forces that are pre-sing from the outside.

Education is being carried on for them on the new methods planned on the same lines as for the men, whereby they may learn mathematics, also their own language as a tool for the expression of the needs of daily life, to acquire useful as well as classical information, by means of the new readers and graded text-books, so that a child of ordinary intelligence may obtain a fair working knowledge in eight years of school life.

To understand the position of the women in the Chinese family is somewhat difficult for the Westerner, perhaps, for he is so far removed at the present day from the patriarchal organisation, but if one will read the Old Testament of the Bible and imagine what it must have

been to be a member of Abraham's family, who could put three hundred and eighteen men at arms, servants born in his household, into the field at one time, one would get something of an idea.

It has not been the custom in the past for Chinese in general to work in large organisations, except for certain specified purposes, chiefly revolutionary plots, business guilds, religious movements and naturally we do not find that societies have played any large part in the life of the women, for, in addition to this national tendency, there was the drawback that there were not as a rule any great number of women in one place able to write with sufficient facility to keep notes and records of transactions, which is essential to the continuance of an association.

While this is true as a general statement, there have been many very interesting exceptions to the rule. In spite of the fact that reading and writing have not been considered necessary to the education of women, but looked upon as an accomplishment only, so that they could read the classics or compose poetry, history furnishes many examples of famous women writers, poets, essayists, historians. In every well-to-do household there were some women who could read and write to some extent and a man was always proud of his wife who was thus accomplished. In the main the influence of women has been exerted in the home circle, though with the exceed-ing respect paid to the mother it brings her into a wider sphere than might at first appear.

The woman of spirit or character would not infrequently hold the reins openly whether as ruler of the Empire or head of the household, and I must confess that in all my travels I have never seen more henpecked husbands than in

China.

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How many Canadians realise that Canada has one of the best systems for making definite provision for old age, though it is not compulsory. The English system ranks second, and Germany third, while our neighbours to the south are watching with great interest our system, having as yet no definite Federal plan in this respect.

Under the National Insurance Act in England wives are classed as "wives employed by their husbands." It is not so in Canada. Here the wife stands in the clear light of an individual, as far as our Government annuities are concerned, and the problem of comfort and happiness for old age is solved for her, even though women are charged a slightly larger fee. The National Council of Women of Canada inquired into the reason of this, and the officials at Ottawa explained that statistics proved that women live longer than men; hence the larger fee is necessary.

Our annuitants pay the fee (25c a week or more) and take a choice of plan, "A" or "B." The business is transacted between the person and the Government through the nearby post-office.

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Under plan "A," in the event of death before the first payment of the annuity falls due, the total amount which the annuitant has paid in, with three per cent. compound interest, will be refunded to his or her legal representatives. Under plan "B," where the same annuity is obtainable for smaller payments, there will be no return in the event of death befor the annuity becomes due.

The Government is responsible for the cost of the working machinery. No deductions are made from payments, but all expenses of whatever kind are borne by the Government wholly without charge, and every cent paid, with compound interest thereon, at four per cent., is placed to the credit of the purchaser of an annuity. No medical examination is required, and there are no lapses or penalties. A parent may start an annuity for a child of five years. which gives the child the benefit of the annuity at greater earning value. The practice teaches the child in later years the habit of saving, induces thrift, checks improvidence, and promotes temperance; and it has been provided by statute that no person or law can deprive the man or woman of the annuity.



# The WAY of LETTERS

IN his foreword to "Songs of the Makers of Canada," by Dr. J. D. Logan, John Boyd, poet and essayist, pays a well-deserved tribute to the author:

Among Canadian writers of the present day, Dr. J. D. Logan, through his scholarly attainments and his literary genius, deservedly holds a high place; and the present series of historical poems in celebration of the makers of Canada will undoubtedly enhance his reputation. The deeds of those who have helped to make Canada what it is to-day should be a source of pride and inspiration to all Canadians, and by enshrining them in the "form divine" of poetry Dr. Logan has rendered a patriotic service that is worthy of the highest commendation and that entitles him to the cordial appreciation of the public.

The volume is designed to present in chronological sequence those virtues of the "makers of Canada" that have appealed to the people, and to give to those virtues the poet's impulse. The result is practically a sonnet sequence, of genuine merit as well as uncommon interest. We quote one of these sonnets:

WOLFE: ILLUSTRIOUS VICTOR

Immortal Hero, Wolfe, too oft we laud Thy deeds to whet our British vanity, Though deeper ken shows through thy victory

The all o'er-ruling providence of God.

Not England conquered; but the Holy
Pow'r—

Whose purposes were wiser than we dream—

Had planned to generate a new regime And made thy victory its travail-hour.

A grateful people, Hero, still to course Adown the length'ning slopes of time shall praise

Thy prowess and thy death in lofty lays; And should they also sing a mightier Force

Than England's arms, illustrious Victor! know

Thy fame is sure while aeons come and go!

This is sane patriotism, not the vapourings of the jingo.

The volume contains also an essay on the "Genius and Distinction in Canadian Literature." Dr. Logan is a keen critic of poetry, and he has a fine appreciation of the Keltic genius, as a result of which he has been enabled to give James Mac-Gregor (Nova Scotia) his proper place as the first significant poet in Canada. He also finds that the distinctive note in Canadian poetry is "an inexpugnable Faith in ourselves." (Toronto: William Briggs).

THE setting of Baroness Orczy's new book, entitled "A True Woman," is such that already a copyright performance of a play of the same name and founded on this novel is in force. Crime, mystery, duty, love are factors of importance in the story, which deals with a phase

of English life. Its most stirring incidents occur in London. The principal characters are English. Presumably one of the author's aims is to impress readers with the strength of character or personality that lives within a well-born, well-bred Englishman or Englishwoman. makes this emphatic in her treatment of the two outstanding persons of her book, namely, Luke de Mountford and his fiancée, Louisa Harris, who have to pass through very trying circumstances. The book also has an eccentric old English lord, who, for the love he bears his nephew, Luke, perpetrates a crime to prevent an impostor from succeeding in filching Luke's inheritance, namely, his right to be heir to the Earldom of Radcliffe. Indeed, in an attempt to solve the mystery surrounding the deed, suspicion centres on Luke, who only for a confession made by his uncle, would have been guilty of murder in the eyes of the law. In touching on a phase of London society, the author claims that convention is a strong master that holds the strings which "make the puppets dance," as she puts it. (Toronto: the Copp, Clark Company).

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PROFESSOR WILLIAM TALBOT ALLISON, Professor of English in Wesley College, University of Manitoba, in his remarkable study of Milton's "Tenure of Kings and Magistrates," has greatly elucidated this most interesting, yet hitherto almost baffling, treatise, and throws a flood of light on seventeenth century history and literature. It was intended at the outset to be merely a thesis for obtaining from Yale University the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, but Professor Allison's researches led him to attempt a more pretentious publication, with the result that students of the period of English political development at the



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time of Charles I. and the Commonwealth and others interested in Milton and his time will find in the author's introduction to this volume a fine style of writing and a scholarly appreciation of the spirit of the subject, while the text of the "Tenure of Kings and Magistrates," which is reproduced in full, is supplemented by a careful and illuminative set of notes, without which to the ordinary reader the text would be unintelligible. Besides all this there is a bibliography of Milton's poetical and prose works which is said to be the only comprehensive one of this kind in existence. There is also in the form of an appendix a sixteen-page review of the history of tyrannicide (London: Hodder and Stoughten. Toronto: the Musson Book Company).

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MRS. FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT is in her happiest mood when she writes a book with a juvenile hero or heroine. We have not forgotten "Little Lord Fauntleroy," although we have read a

library of "best sellers" since the days of that charming and manly little chap—who has had no successful rival, save "Peter Pan." Then there was "The One I Knew the Best of All"—and what woman did not recognise in the Small Person her own child nature in realistic fidelity?

Now we have a captivating tale in "The Secret Garden" of a lonely, crippled boy and the subtle strength which came into his life through the most tender and faithful of teachers. It is a book, illumined by a lifetime's wisdom, full of that comprehending comradeship with youth and its "long, long thoughts," which keeps the heart of the world from growing old. It leads us back to the woodland ways, where "the old brown mother" lulls her restless children to sleep. "The Secret Garden" has little of plot or narrative. but is a book whose "lesson" will be all the better remembered because it it suggested so gently. The little lad of the "Secret Garden" is as worth knowing as those delightful youngsters Dan and Una who fared so gayly with "Puck of Pook's Hill." (Toronto: Copp, Clark Company).

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In his book entitled "Increasing Efficiency in Business," Walter Dill Scott observes that the modern business man, with new tools and new methods, is to-day wringing profits from the wastes and unconsidered trifles of yesterday, and that the only factor which has withstood his wizard touch is man himself. This is a book for ambitious men of business. (Toronto: the Macmillan Company of Canada).

SINCE Kipling ceased to write about India, there has been little in fiction to interest us in that country. Yet, if we are to believe the newspapers things are happening in India and the eyes of the political world are turned that way. Indeed the present is a most fortunate time for the introduction of an Anglo-Indian romance such as Miss Diver's "Lilamani." One calls the book a romance because it is romantic, although the situation with which the author deals is presented to us as a quite possible problem whose solution might very well come within the realms of the actual. What did Kipling say:

"The West is West and East is East "And never the two shall meet—"

In Miss Diver's book they not only meet but mingle and we are introduced to the spectacle of an English gentleman married to a high caste Hindu maiden. The reason, the excuse and the justification for this is Love. He is an artist and she is beautiful, nay more, she is unusual, and he loves her for her very differences. The courtship is a delicate and charming idyll in Miss Diver's best manner. Her flowery diction and wealth of metaphor lend themselves most agreeably to her subject. Then comes the honeymoon which is another gem of literary and romantic charm, and finally the real "tryingout" of the situation in England and under the normal conditions of an English home. It is easy to see here that the author's wishes and her facts do not agree. She would like so much to have her problem solve itself satisfactorily, but this it stubbornly refuses to do. Lilamani loves her husband; he loves her but the Hindu bride cannot live in England, and the English bridegroom does not want to live anywhere else. The outraged fitness of things demands a sacrifice and the sacrifice is only saved from being the life of Lilamani by the intervention of her father. One closes the book upon the departure of the husband and wife for India. Even Mrs. Diver does not tell us what happened after they get there nor what was the final aspect of a problem which appears as far from

a satisfactory solution as ever. (Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company).

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THE extensive discoveries in aviation have led to a new field (or should we say "sky?") for the novelist who desires his hero's exploits to be strictly up-to-date. Mark Lee Luther is always entertaining, and in his latest novel, "The Sovereign Power," his use of the new territory is skilful and effective. reader is introduced to an aviation meet in the historic town of Rheims and follows the fortunes of the flying gentry with increasing interest. There is, of course, a wonderful hero-United States birth. name is Ann, her eyes are cornflower blue and her hair is of chestnut tint, with copper glints in the sun. She is an incorrigible flirt, which, like a low, soft voice, is always an excellent thing in woman. There is a Servian prince who is naughty and nice, with a most romantic ancestry, and a temperament which is almost artistic. He is easily the most memorable character in the varying scenes of ambition and avia-There is an amiable and industrious hero, from somewhere in the States, who meekly puts up with the capricious antics of Ann and who is no doubt as worthy as he is weari-(Toronto: The Macmillan Company of Canada).

N OBODY but a man of distinctive culture and character could have written Mr. W. H. Hudson's book entitled "A Shepherd's Life." Here is a work that inspires one to an appreciation of the simple beauty of the pastoral calling, and yet when one attempts to explain its charm one gives up in despair. There is in these pages a delightful style and conceit, and one reads with sheer pleasure the quaint anecdotes and rich descriptions of the South Wiltshire downs. There is an abundance of rippling humour, and one drinks

de Cressi, the poor youngest son of it in as one does the sunlight of a spring morning. The author has a profound reverence for the sheepbell, and a paragraph suggested by it will suffice to give an idea of the book:

"He thinks a great deal of his bells. He pipes not like the shepherd of fable or of pastoral poets, nor plays upon any musical instrument, and seldom sings, or even whistles-that sorry substitute for song; he loves music, nevertheless, and gets it in his sheep-bells; and he likes it got on your sheep—it sounds as if you had a good many?' I asked of a shepherd the other day, feeding his flock near Old Sarum, and he replied, 'Just forty, and I wish there were eighty.' Twentyfive or thirty is a more usual number, but only because of their cost, for the shepherd has very little money for bells or anything else. Another told me that he had 'only thirty,' but he intended getting more. The sound cheers him; it is not exactly monotonous, owing to the bells being of various sizes and also greatly varying in thickness, so that they produce different tones, from the sharp tinkletinkle of the smallest to the sonorous klonk-klonk of the big, copper bell. Then, too, they are differently agitated, some quietly when the sheep are grazing with heads down, others rapidly as the animal walks or trots on; and there are little bursts or peals when the sheep shakes its head; all together producing a kind of rude harmony-a music which, like that of bagpipes or of chiming church-bells, heard from a distance, is akin to natural music, and accords with rural scenes."

These lines give one a new vision of nature, and indeed the whole book imparts a fondness for green hills and outdoor creatures. (London: Methuen and Company).

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In "Red Eve," H. Rider Haggard has out-Haggarded Haggard. "She" and "King Solomon's Mines" are, for strange adventure, pretty hard to beat, but for a really exciting book, bristling with thrilling incidents and valorous deeds, get "Red Eve." The heroine of the story is called "Red Eve" on account of the cloak she wears; she is a beautiful girl who loves and is loved by Hugh

de Cressi, the poor youngest son of a merchant. But Sir Edmund Acour, a wealthy French knight, is also anxious to make her his wife, and the base way in which he brings about his desire, the dangers Hugh de Cressi faces in order to be revenged, and the crafty way in which Sir Edmund avoids meeting his enemy are matters of emotion and excitement that keep one wholly interested to the end. (Toronto: the Copp, Clark Company).

THE effect of reading in "Joey the Dreamer," Henry Oyen's description of the slum life of a great city is shown in the question prompted towards the close: "What are we going to do about it?" The author depicts very vividly what the day's work means to many submerged men, women, and children, and he suggests the country as a remedy. Of course, everybody knows that the country is a remedy, but how to get these people to the country is the problem. (Toronto: the Musson Book Company).

HERETOFORE the novelist Leonard Merrick, who has an excellent reputation in England, has been almost unknown in America. Now. however, he has been taken up seriously by a New York publisher. so that we may expect to see his books in the best shops. But to many Western readers his style will not please, although he has style and flashes of genius. His latest novel, "Conrad in Quest of His Youth," makes one think of Joseph Conrad's superb symbol. "Youth," merely because of the names. But the two books are vastly different in style as well as in theme. Mr. Merrick brings a young man of

thirty-seven back to England and creates in him a longing for the scenes and experiences of his youthful days. The first few chapters are delightful. They describe the return to Sweetbay and the unsuccessful attempts to restore the glamour that glorified the place when he was a lad. From Sweetbay this jaded man goes on from the scene of one amour to another, trying, as it were, in a new way, to find the fountain of youth. The narrative seems to descend in tone as he proceeds, and we feel that the author has drifted away from the fine, big universality of his theme. But it is bright, clever narrative, and the quest concludes with an impression that the man has recovered his youth in the realisation that he is young just as often as he falls in love. It is a splendid theme, and even if the author has not developed it so as to please individual critics, it is a novel well worth reading in order at least to keep in touch with the literary bent in England just now. (New York: Mitchell Kennerley).

QUOTING George MacDonald: "If instead of giving a gem or even a flower, we could cast the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels, I suppose, must give." The makers of the "Calendar for Saints and Sinners" have given excellent material for every day of 1912. (Chicago: Forbes and Company).

CONSTANCE GARNETT'S translation of Count Leo Tolstoy's colossal novel, "War and Peace," has been issued in a popular edition and in one volume. (Toronto: Henry Frowde).





### HOW IT HAPPENED

Condescending Chappie—"I weally can't wemember your name, but I've an idea I've met you here before."

Nervous Host—"O, yes, very likely. It's my house."—Sketch.

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### BUSINESS

A train in Arizona was boarded by robbers, who went through the pockets of the luckless passengers. One of them happened to be a travelling salesman from New York, who, when his turn came, fished out \$200, but rapidly took \$4 from the pile and placed it in his vest pocket.

"What do you mean by that?" asked the robber, as he toyed with his revolver. Hurriedly came the answer: "Mine frent, you surely vould not refuse me two per zent. discount on a strictly cash transaction like dis?"—Fun.

# BREAKING THE I-C-E

When Alice Jones was eighteen she became Miss E. Alysse Jones. When she went to enter a college she was asked her name by the dean. She replied:

"Miss E. Alysse Jones—A-l-y-s-s-e."

"Yes," said the dean; "and how are you spelling Jones now?"—

Tit Bits.

### PUZZLING

Mrs. A.—"They say your Ned's wanted by the police."

Mrs. B.—"Well, there's no accounting for tastes."—Punch.

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### EXPLAINED

"Was it a case of love at first sight?"

"No, second sight. The first time he saw her he didn't know she was an heiress."—Judge.

# WP TO DATE

Showman—"Walk in, ladies and gentlemen, and see the Aztec giants, descendants of a long-extinct race!"
—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

# \* ACCURATE

A Brooklyn Sunday school teacher once had occasion to catechise a new pupil whose ignorance of his Testament would have been amusing had it not been so appalling. One Sunday she asked the little fellow how many commandments there were. To her surprise the lad answered, glibly enough, "Ten, ma'am." "And now, Sammy," asked the teacher, "what would be the result if you should break one of them?" "Then there'd be nine," triumphantly answered the youngster.—Fun.



PATIENT; "I've been awfully troubled lately, doctor, with my breathing."
Doctor: "Hum! I'll soon give you something to stop that."

# A QUICK CHANGE ARTIST

Inquiring Visitor—"Yesterday you appeared as a fire-eater—to-day you are an Eskimo swallowing raw, frozen fish."

"Yes. My doctor ordered a change of diet."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

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### GROSS FAVORITISM

"Talk 'bout railroads bein' a blessin'," said Brother Dickey, "des look
at de loads an' loads er watermelons deys haulin' out de State, ter
dem folks 'way up North what never
done nuthin' ter deserve sich a dispensation!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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### ODD TASTE

Mother (to inquisitive child)— "Stand aside. Don't you see the gentleman wants to take the lady's picture?"

"Why does he want to?" Life.

### FORESIGHT

-Punch

"Mr. Grimes," said the rector to the vestryman, "we had better take up the collection before the sermon this morning!"

"Indeed!"

"Yes; I'm going to preach on the subject of economy."—Stray Stories.

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# A TONGUE TWISTER

Sir Robert (as sudden scurry is heard)—"What was that?"

Nervous Loader—"O-only a robert, Sir Rabbit!"—Punch.

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## THIS IS DREADFUL

Young Lady—"You say you were on a raft for six weeks, and had nothing to eat but mutton. Where did you get the mutton from?"

Old Salt—"Well, you see, Miss, the sea was very choppy."—Sacred Heart Review.



### OUR POLYTECHNICS.

INQUIRING PARENT; "My boy wishes to become a lion-tamer. Have you any class in that subject?"

Secretary: "No, not at present; but if we could get together a sufficient number of pupils—say twenty—the Board might be induced to entertain the idea."

—Punch

# NOT THE SAME

"Queen Mary," said the teacher to the class in the history lesson, "loved France so much that she declared the word Calais would be found written on her heart after she was dead."

Pausing a moment the teacher looked at a boy steadily.

"Jimmy Smith," she said, "you

were not listening."
"Oh, yes, I was," Jimmy replied.

"Well, what did Queen Mary say would be found written across her heart?"

"Kelly," was Jimmy's triumphant reply.—Tit-Bits.

# A KNOCKOUT

Wife (complainingly) — "You're not like Mr. Knagg. They've been married twenty years, and Mrs. Knagg says her husband is so tender."

Husband—"Tender! Well, he ought to be, after being in hot water that long."—Zion's Herald.

# THE TRIAL COURSE

"I'm afraid you may think we are giving you a lot of fish this week, old man," said the genial host, as they sat down to dinner. "The fact is, my wife has got hold of what sounds like a really capital device for removing a fish-bone stuck in the throat, and we want to see if it works."—*Tit-Bits*.

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### A WINNER

"Boy, take these flowers to Miss Bertie Bohoo, Room 12."

"My, sir, you're the fourth gentleman wot's sent her flowers to-day."

"What's that? What the deuce? W-who sent the others?"

"Oh, they didn't send any names. They all said, 'She'll know where they come from."

"Well, here, take my card, and tell her these are from the same one who sent the other three boxes."—*Tit-Bits*.

# WHY MAN OF TODAY IS ONLY 50 PER CENT. EFFICIENT

# BY WALTER WALGROVE

IF one were to form an opinion from the number of helpful, inspiring and informing articles one sees in the public press and magazines, the purpose of which is to increase our efficiency, he must believe that the entire American Nation is striving for such an end—

And this is so.

The American man because the race is swifter every day: competition is keener and the stronger the man the greater his capacity to win. The stronger the man, the stronger his will and brain and the greater his ability to match wits and win. The greater his confidence in himself, the greater the confidence of other people in him: the keener his wit and the clearer his brain.

The American woman because she must be competent to rear and manage the family and home, and take all the thought and responsibility from the shoulders of the man, whose present-day business burdens are all that he can carry.

Now what are we doing to secure that efficiency? Much mentally, some of us much physically, but what is the trouble?

We are not really efficient more than half the time. Half the time blue and worried—all the time nervous—some of the time really incapacitated by illness.

There is a reason for this—a practical reason, one that has been known to physicians for quite a period and will be known to the entire world ere long.

That reason is that the human system does not, and will not, rid itself of all the waste which it accumulates under our present mode of living. No matter how regular we are, the food we eat and the sedentary lives we live (even though we do get some exercise) make it impossible; just as impossible as it is for the grate of a

stove to rid itself of clinkers.

And the waste does to us exactly what the clinkers do to the stove; make the fire burn low and inefficiently until enough clinkers have accumulated and then prevent its burning at all.

It has been our habit, after this waste has reduced our efficiency about 75 per cent., to drug ourselves; or after we have become 100 per cent. inefficient through illness to still further attempt to rid ourselves of it in the same way—by drugging.

If a clock is not cleaned once in a while it clogs up and stops; the same way with an engine because of the residue which it itself accumulates. To clean the clock you would not put acid on the parts, though you could probably find one that would do the work, nor to clean the engine would you force a cleaner through it that would injure its parts; yet that is the process you employ when you drug the system to rid it of waste.

You would clean your clock and engine with a harmless cleanser that nature has provided, and you can do exactly the same for yourself as I will demonstrate before I conclude.

The reason that a physician's first step in illness is to purge the system is that no medicine can take effect nor can the system work properly while the colon (large intestine) is clogged up. If the colon were not clogged up the chances are 10 to 1 that you would not have been ill at all.

It may take some time for the clogging process to reach the stage where it produces real illness, but, no matter how long it takes, while it is going on the functions are not working so as to keep up to "concert pitch." Our livers are sluggish, we are dull and heavy—slight or severe headaches come on—our sleep does not rest us—

in short, we are about 50 per cent. efficient.

And if this condition progresses to where real illness develops, it is impossible to tell what form that illness will take, because—

The blood is constantly circulating through the colon and, taking up by absorption the poisons in the waste which it contains, it distributes them throughout the system and weakens it so that we are subject to whatever disease is most prevalent.

The nature of the illness depends on our own little weaknesses and what we are the least able to resist.

These facts are all scientifically correct in every particular, and it has often surprised me that they are not more generally known and appreciated. All we have to do is to consider the treatment that we have received in illness to realise fully how it developed and the methods used to remove it.

So you see that not only is accumulated waste directly and constantly pulling down our efficiency by making our blood poor and our intellect dull—our spirits low and our ambitions weak, but it is responsible through its weakening and infecting processes for a list of illnesses that if catalogued here would seem almost unbelievable.

It is the direct and immediate cause of that very expensive and dangerous complaint—appendicitis.

If we can successfully eliminate the waste all our functions work properly and in accord—there are no poisons being taken up by the blood, so it is pure and imparts strength to every part of the body instead of weakness—there is nothing to clog up the system and make us bilious, dull and nervously fearful.

With everything working in perfect accord and without obstruction, our brains are clear, our entire physical being is competent to respond quickly to every requirement, and we are 100 per cent. efficient.

Now this waste that I speak of cannot be thoroughly removed by drugs, but even if it could the effect of these drugs on the functions is very unnatural, and if continued becomes a periodical necessity.

Note the opinions on drugging of

two most eminent physicians:

Prof. Alonzo Clark, M.D., of the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, says: "All of our curative agents are poisons, and as a consequence, every dose diminishes the patient's vitality."

Prof. Joseph M. Smith, M.D., of the same school, says: "All medicines which enter the circulation poison the blood in the same manner as do the poisons that produce disease."

Now, the internal organism can be kept as sweet and pure and clean as the external and by the same natural, sane method—bathing. By the proper system warm water can be introduced so that the colon is perfectly cleansed and kept pure.

There is no violence in this process—it seems to be just as normal and natural as washing one's hands.

Physicians are taking it up more widely and generally every day, and it seems as though everyone should be informed thoroughly on a practice which, though so rational and simple, is revolutionary in its accomplishments.

This is rather a delicate subject to write of exhaustively in the public press, but Chas. A. Tyrrell, M.D., has prepared an interesting treatise on "Why Man of To-day is Only 50 Per Cent. Efficient," which he will send without cost to anyone addressing him at 275 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, and mentioning that they have read this article in The Canadan Magazine.

Personally, I am enthusiastic on Internal Bathing because I have seen what it has done in illness as well as in health, and I believe that every person who wishes to keep in as near a perfect condition as is humanly possible should at least be informed on this subject; he will also probably learn something about himself which he has never known through reading the little book to which I refer.

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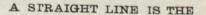
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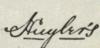
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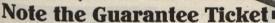
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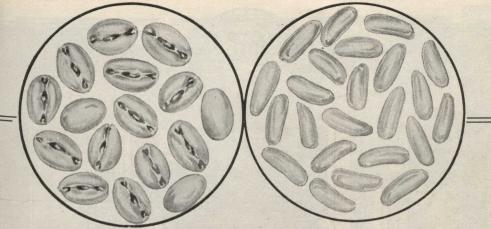
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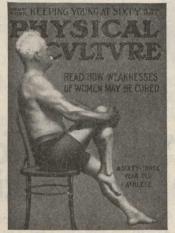




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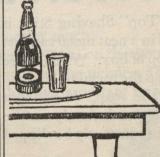
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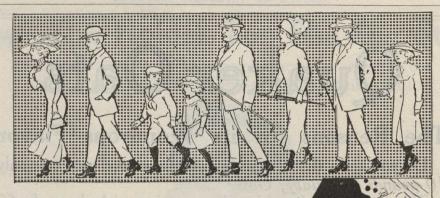
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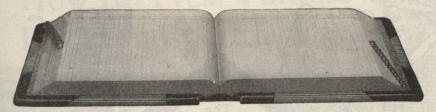
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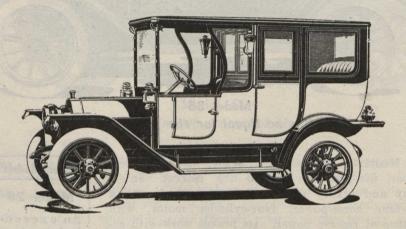
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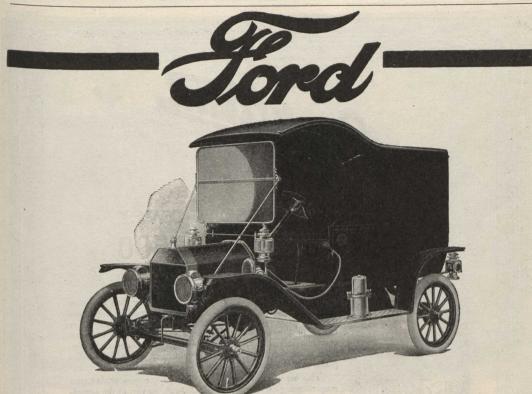
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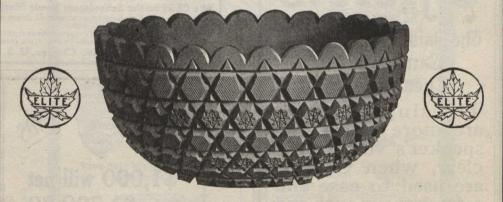
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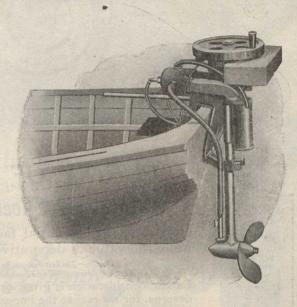
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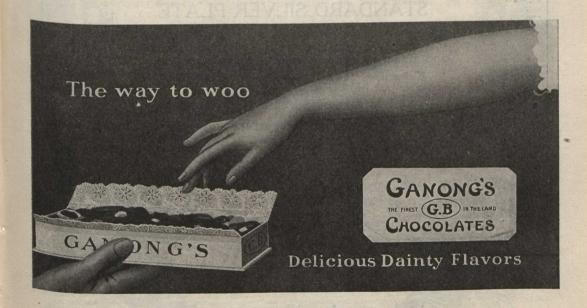
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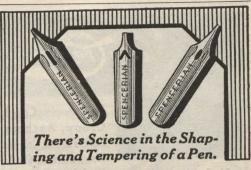


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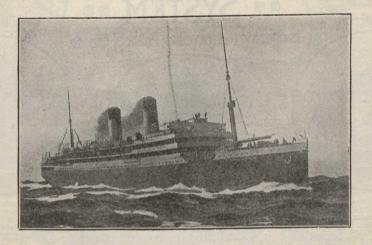
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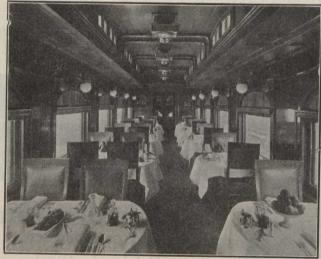


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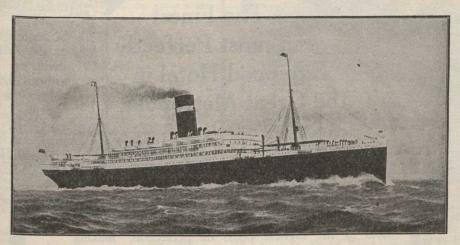
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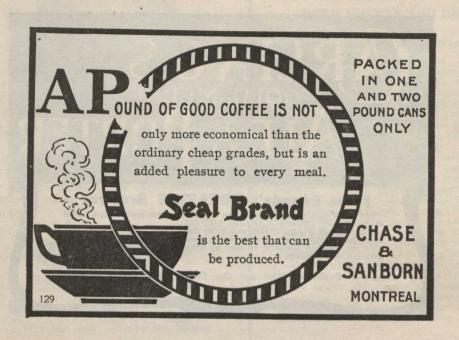
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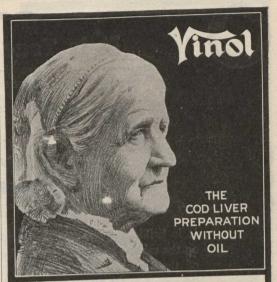
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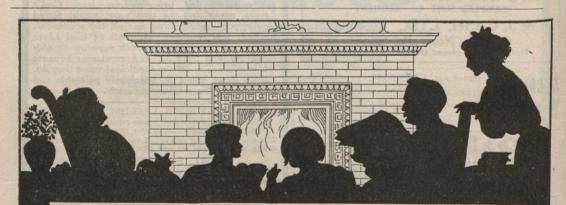


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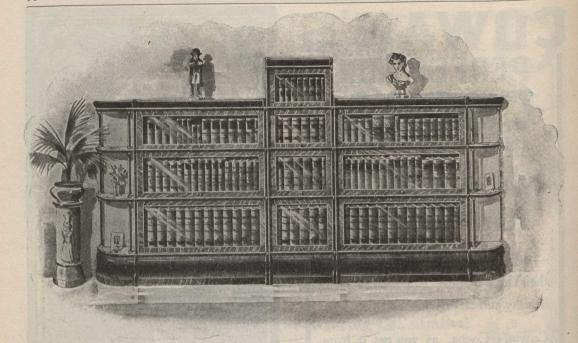
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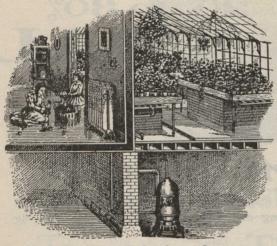
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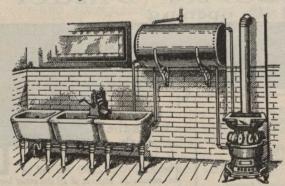
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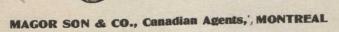
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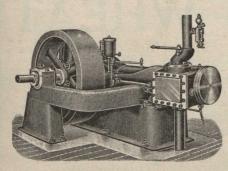
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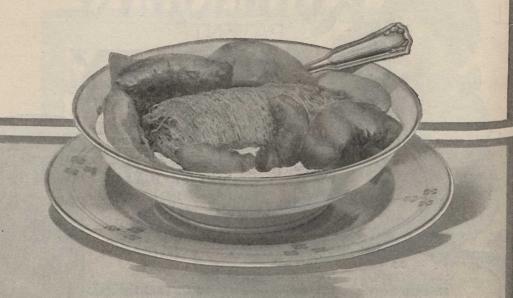
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