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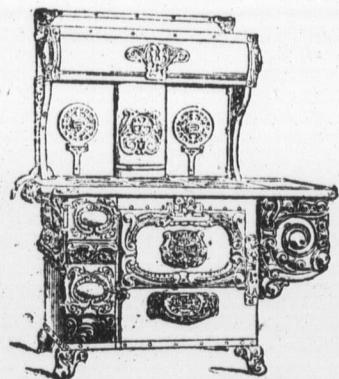
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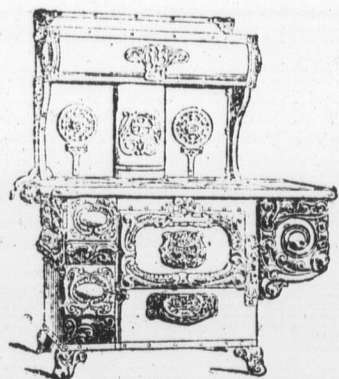
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## By The Law of Tooth and Talon

By MERLIN MOORE TAYLOR

### CHAPTER I

"The Gray Wolf" lays his plans. Louie Vogel, gunman, thug, and leader of criminals, sat in the back room of "Silver Danny's" saloon and frowned perplexedly at the glass of whiskey before him.

For half an hour he had been there, the liquor before him untasted, much to the surprise of the white-aproned bartender who popped his head inside the door every few minutes to see if the glass needed replenishing. For Vogel was accustomed to tossing off the fiery draught at a gulp and immediately requiring another. Moreover, he was not the kind to relish being kept waiting when in his cups. There were times, though, when he ordered whiskey and did not touch it. Those who were intimate with him knew that at such times Vogel—"Big Louie"—the police called him—was busy with his thoughts and in no mood to be disturbed.

Perhaps it meant that plans were being made for a new and daring raid upon the pocketbooks of those who would not miss them; perhaps he schemed a way out when the net of the law seemed to be drawing close about him. Certainly, it never quite had enmeshed him. "Big Louie" played in what his cronies called "horseshoe luck," although he knew it was merely the reward of unceasing calculation and everlasting vigilance.

His face adorned the rogues' gallery of police headquarters in many varied poses, in violation of the law which prohibits the "mugging" of a man before he has been convicted of a crime. He knew the county jail and a dozen police stations from the inside as a result of frequent detentions therein. He had yet to do his "bit" behind the bars, and his detectives who had camped on his trail for years and were morally certain they had him dead to rights a dozen times, had almost begun to despair of ever sending him "over the road."

Still they patiently bided their time, waiting for one of two things to happen. It is an axiom in police circles that no matter how clever a criminal may be, the day will come when he will blunder, when he will grow careless and overlook some little trifle that will loom like a mountain of accusation to the police. Also a veteran and expert French thief-catcher had once cryptically said, "C'est la femme," which translated into the jargon of the underworld is, "Look for his skirt."

"Big Louie" knew these axioms as well as did the police. If he had overlooked trifles in the past they had been so small that his pursuers had overlooked them, too, and had begun to despair of ever catching him when he did blunder. Of late they had begun to hope that the second saying might prove the right lead. For Vogel, violating all precedents of crookdom, heretofore had fought shy of all women, but for several weeks now he appeared to be wavering in the direction of Stella Lathrop, country-born and a puzzle to the police because of the suddenness and ease with which she appeared to have become one of the intimates of Vogel's satellites.

It was not of Stella, however, that Vogel was thinking now. She knew nothing incriminating against him. But he had been meditating on the fact that some day his luck would turn, that he was long past due to make that one and fatal slip which would end his seeming immunity. Still the knowledge that it was bound to come some time did not serve to make him the least bit timid. He would play the game safely as long as he could and, when the time came to pay, he would take his medicine as it was dealt him without squealing. However, he had no intention of hastening that day by carelessness. That was why the whiskey before him was untouched.

Earlier in the day word had reached him through one of the multitudinous methods of communication known to his kind that there was big game in sight, and his for the taking. The reward was large for the one who agreed to a certain "job," as yet un-

who uses his head," he began. "I am told that you are that kind of a man and that I may rely on you implicitly. I have a job for you, some ten thousand dollars' worth. It is a certain person is willing to pay five thousand dollars."

Still Vogel gave no indication that he was interested. An offer of five hundred dollars would have been eagerly snatched up. Anything more of a nature in broad daylight on a crowded street could have been arranged for the lesser sum. It was neither that his eyes nor shifted them at the mention of ten times that amount it was through sheer surprise at the largeness of the offer. He saw the whole deal falling through because the stranger was not to be trusted. It was something impossible. In his experience nothing ever broached to him was paid for at such rates.

"Five thousand dollars," repeated the stranger. "One thousand payable as soon as you accept. He displayed a roll of bills in a fold taken from his inside pocket. 'Another thousand the day the trick is to be turned and the remainder when the job is completed. Are you interested now?'"

"Go on," ordered Vogel briefly.

"Five thousand dollars is a lot of money for a small job like this. It is not the ability to do it that calls for such large pay. That could be arranged for a few hundred. The rest is a reward for ability to forget it after it is done. Of course you cannot be expected to forget it without knowing what it is." He leaned over until his face almost touched that of the gunman, his voice dropped to a whisper: "I want a man kidnapped."

"Kidnaped?" asked Vogel.

"Give me the thousand," said Vogel, and held out his hand for the money. The stranger counted out ten crisp, new one hundred dollar bills and Vogel stowed them away in his watch pocket.

"Who's your man?" he asked.

"This time he was forced to put his ear almost against the lips of the other to hear the reply. Then he started to his feet, his head shaking, his face frowning, his hand straying toward the watch pocket, ready to retrieve the money and return it."

"I'd sooner tackle the devil," he said briefly, but his fingers paused in the act of fingering the bills.

"You have taken my money," pointed out the other, noticing the signs of warning. "That, as I understand it, is binding in contract. Vogel's hand came away from his pocket and reached out to grasp the whiskey glass. But he merely toyed with it for a moment.

"All right," he agreed. "What do you want with him?"

"For half an hour the stranger talked in tones inaudible five feet away, Vogel listening intently and interrupting only to ask a question now and then. Then, as the other concluded, he nodded.

"Saturday night, then," he said. "But God help us both if that old devil ever has a chance to get even."

The stranger rose and started for the door. But he stopped for a moment, long enough to draw a card from a vest pocket and toss it upon the table.

"Telephone to that number when the job is done," he said. "It will not be necessary to go into details. Simply say 'O. K.' and the person who takes the message will understand. He made not a sound as he disappeared into the barroom, edged around the table and chairs in his way and softly passed through the outer door into the street.

Across the street Ralph Charlton, agent of the Department of Justice, hesitated but a moment in his stride as he saw the man's figure outlined against the bright lights of the saloon's interior, but he crossed the street at an angle and when the stranger, without so much as a glance behind him, strode swiftly away, Charlton swung into step a few yards behind him.

"The Gray Wolf, eh?" he said, softly to himself. "Now, I wonder what the dickens he's doing in this neighborhood? Guess I'll just trail along and see."

But he had his pains and a long walk to boot for nothing, for the man whom he had dubbed "The Gray Wolf" merely walked rapidly for a couple of miles to a neighborhood of middle-class boarding houses and disappeared behind the portals of a weatherbeaten stone house. Whereat Charlton snorted in disgust and went in search of his delayed supper, for the house was well known to the Department of Justice as the boarding place of Otto Lebrune, alias "The Gray Wolf," a man with ready money but no visible means of obtaining it, suspected of a great many things which were interesting to the Government, but who, so far, never had been connected with any of them.

"He reminds me of an old gray wolf I tried to trap for ten years back on the farm," a veteran Federal agent had said once. "He's right under your nose all the time, but the minute you think you've got him he's disappeared, only to bob up serenely some other place another day."

So "The Gray Wolf" Lebrune had become to the agents, and "The Gray Wolf" he remained.

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## About the House

**When the Boy Grows Tall.**

There comes a time in the life of most boys when the interests of his earlier childhood no longer appeal to him and he looks longingly forward, in his mind at least, to the day when he shall be a man in very truth. This is a critical time for the youth and for the home folks as well.

The boy is no longer satisfied with his childish amusements, and urged on by a certain amount of curiosity and a desire for adventure, is liable to be led into paths not wise for him to walk. His judgment is immature and his experience lacking. The ones who have watched him from babyhood scarcely realize that he is growing up, and they are a bit hurt when he begins to show independence of desire and a marked disinclination to accept their judgment unquestioned any longer.

He is no longer a biddable child, but half child and half-awkward older boy. He will confuse those who have charge of him many times by his extreme sensitiveness on the one hand and his stubbornness on the other. He must be held at this time by a keen sympathy and understanding which knows when to let him alone, when to insist on obedience and when to encourage the right kind of companionship. The one who is much in the company of the boy when he is growing tall must try to get the boy's viewpoint.

It is in the unity of a common interest that the boy can be held. Find something in which he is vitally interested and be really interested in the same thing too. Never mind if the living-room carpet is faded and bargains are shrieking unheeded to be embraced. Carpets and bargains will mean little to the aching heart of father or mother if the boy goes wrong. Study with him, experiment with him and love him for his very boyish crudities.

Remember that in this evolutionary stage from boyhood to manhood the outspoken, harsh phrase may itself be the result of extra effort to hide little-understood emotion. Be patient, not expecting that the boy is going to merge into a reasonable, mature adult overnight. Beware of the jealousy which forces many a boy into himself because the folks at home take a harmless friendship with some girl companion as a serious affair.

Go back into the storeroom of your own youthful memories and be diplomatic when it is necessary to exercise firmness. Perhaps the very man whom you are hoping and praying that your boy will be like in the main was much the same as he is at the same age. Give him the highest ideals through association with the best of companions, and especially with those who are older and worthy, whom he can and does admire. It is essentially the time when the boy craves masculine camaraderie which is more experienced than he is. It is the time when he can be drawn into team work of the right kind, and so organizations properly directed are much safer than the street-corner gang.

Let him see and know that you expect the best of him at all times and "the nobility that in him lies will rise to meet the clarion call."

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The little Princess Juliana, only child of Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Consort Henry, who may one day succeed to the throne of the Netherlands, has just been permitted to see her first motion picture show, says a dispatch from the Hague. She is 11 years old and is being reared in the sheltered fashion characteristic of the home life of Queen Wilhelmina. The little Princess, however, is being trained in music and other arts as well as in the duties of a housekeeper. Her first motion picture show was of the educational type, a South Pole picture.

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# TO ALL Whom It May Concern

THE Parliament of Canada has recently passed a bill regulating the taking of the vote on the Referendum in Ontario on April 12. The points to remember are as follows:

1. Every British subject by birth or naturalization, man or woman, resident in the Dominion of Canada one year previous to February 1, 1921, and resident in the Province of Ontario for two months previous to some date, is entitled to vote, unless otherwise disqualified.
2. Voters' Lists used in the last provincial referendum are the lists to be used in this Referendum, subject to revision. Every voter in an urban polling division must be on the list, and will presumably be on the list only in the division in which he resides.
3. In incorporated cities and towns of 1,000 population or over, arrangements will be made for receiving applications from any who are not now on the list on March 29 to April 4 inclusive—except Sunday—when for six clear days officers will sit to receive such applications.
4. In rural polling divisions the voter must be either on the list or be put upon it as a resident and be vouched for as such by another resident.
5. Both affirmative and negative sides have the right to select scrutineers.
6. Women have the right to vote.

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### Dates of Examinations:

It is announced by the Department of Education that the Junior High School Entrance examinations will open on June 28th, when grammar, writing and geography will be the subjects. On June 29th the candidate will write on arithmetic and literature while the final day, June 30, they will write on composition, spelling and history. The Junior Public school graduation examinations will be held on June 24, 27, 29 and 30. The lower school examinations will be held from June 7th to June 30, and the middle and upper school examinations from June 10th. to June 28th.

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Recitations by the Misses Hazelton Topping and Mr Robert Taber.  
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1.30 p.m.—Catechism Class.  
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**Christ Church, Athens—**  
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2.30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.

**Trinity Church, Oak Leaf—**  
9 a. m. Holy Communion  
3 p.m.—Evening prayer.

**St. Paul's, Delta—**  
9.30 a.m.—Sunday School.  
7.00 p.m.—Evening prayer.

Soprano Solo.  
10.30 a. m. Monday, Easter Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY,—Oak Leaf 11 a.m  
Delta 3 pm, Athens 7.50 p.m.

#### Baptist Church

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**Plum Hollow—**  
9.30 a.m.—Sunday School  
10.30 a.m.—Church Service  
**Athens—**  
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Turn some pigs loose in a swamp infested with rattle snakes and watch the fun. F. V. Williams did not do exactly that but he tells in April Rod and Gun in Canada what happens when swine meet serpents. Mr Williams tells of snakes found in the vicinity as Tobermory on the Bruce Peninsula in Ontario, and what happened to them when some pigs were turned loose to slay and slaughter "A Happy Hunting Ground" is the title of the leading story in this month's issue of Canada's national sportsmen's monthly. This article tells of the thrilling experiences in hunting bears in British Columbia. Nova Scotians will read with especial interest the story of hunting shore birds by Bonnycastle Dale. It tells of the difficulties to be experienced under the terms of the Migratory Birds Convention Act. In addition to these stories and articles there are nine others that will delight the heart of the nature lover. The Guns and Ammunition depart-

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ment and the editorial comment on the gun permit law will take the attention of the gun "crank" while Robert Page Lincoln and George Goodwin take care of the anglers and dog men, respectively. Rod and Gun in Canada is published monthly at Woodstock, Ont., by W. J. Taylor, Limited.

### Toledo

Miss Annie Judge of Watertown N. Y. is visiting at her home here for the past week she has been at the home of her sister Mr and Mrs Charles McNamee.

Mr Russell Esq. of Independence Mission U. S. A. is at present holding meetings in Toledo in the interest of the Reorganized church of Latter Day Saints.

The farmers are busy in this section making maple syrup.

Miss Marcella Judge nurse in training in Smith Fall's Hospital is ill with Tonsillitis.

### Greenbush

Mr and Mrs E. Kennedy have moved from Rockspring to their new home here, lately purchased from Mr J. Hanna, who is now in the Canadian West.

Miss Bernice Maud has resigned her position as teacher of Escott school to go to Saskatchewan with her Aunt and Uncle Mr and Mrs Percival.

Mr Gordon Brayton attended the funeral of his Aunt Mrs Henry Tackaberry in Brockville on Sat. last.

Mr and Mrs Milton Johnston have moved to their new home lately purchased from Mr Lambert Kerr.

Most of the farmers who have sugar bushes have commenced making syrup.

Mr and Mrs A. Root intend moving their belongings to Smith Fall's where they will reside in the future Mr Root having rented a saw mill there for the coming year. On the evening of the 5th. inst. a number of friends and neighbors gathered at their home for a social evening with them before their departure and to wish them success and happiness in their new home. During the evening they were presented with an address and a purse of money.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Bert Forsythe on account of the serious accident which befell Mrs Forsythe on the 14th. inst. when she was thrown from a buggy in front of Mr Harry Maud's farm and sustained serious injuries to the head. She was taken to St. Vincent de-Paul hospital where she remained unconscious for more than sixty hrs. At present there is some hopes of her recovery.

### Newboro

Mr and Mrs Gordon Pierce spent the past week visiting the latter's parents at Sealey's Bay.

Newboro hockey team has again won the shield donated by Sir Thomas White Gananogue challenged them for a game of hockey. The game was played on Tuesday and resulted in Newboro's favour with a score 3 to 0. The Nights of Columbus played with Newboro March 11 the score being 5 to 4. In favor of Brockville.

Miss Eleanor Tett, who has been ill with tonsillitis for the past week returned to school on Monday.

Mrs Harris Detong who has been seriously ill at the home of her father is slowly improving. Nurse Lewis Delta has been nursing her for two weeks.

It is generally recognized that in a comparatively new country such as Ontario there is a tendency for a gradual decrease in crop production per acre owing to the natural depletion of soil fertility. It is interesting and suggestive to note, however, that according to the best information obtainable there has been an actual increase of from ten to twenty per cent. in yield per acre of three of the principal farm crops of Ontario for the last eighteen years as compared with the previous period of eighteen years. This increase in yield per acre for these three crops, reckoned at market prices, has made an estimated increase in money value of over one hundred and thirty million dollars.—Prof. C. A. Zavitz, O. A. College, Guelph.

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Oats.—Although there are about one hundred varieties of oats grown in general cultivation in Ontario about two-thirds of the entire oat crop consists of two varieties, viz., the Banner and the O. A. C. No. 72.

The Banner variety of oats was introduced at least two score years ago under the name of Vick's American Banner. It was the leading variety of oats in Ontario for a number of years, and is still prominent in some localities.

The O. A. C. No. 72 variety of oats originated at the Ontario Agricultural College from a single seed in 1903. It has been included in the regular College experiments for the past thirteen and in the co-operative experiments over Ontario in each of the past seven years. The average results for the thirteen-year period, in bushels of grain per acre per annum, has been 86 for the O. A. C. No. 72 and 75 for the Banner. In each of the past nine years the O. A. C. No. 72 variety has given a higher yield per acre in the average results than any other kind with which it was tested throughout Ontario. Within the past four years the standing field crops of the O. A. C. No. 72 oats have taken from three to four times as many first prizes as those of the Banner variety in the Field Crop Competitions throughout Ontario. The grain of the O. A. C. No. 72 variety of oats has taken the Championship prize at the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair in each of the past five years.

The O. A. C. No. 3 variety of oats is about ten days earlier than the Banner, produces a medium length of straw and grain which has a lower percentage of hull than any other named variety tested at the College. It is particularly well suited for mixing with barley when it is desirable to grow these two grains in combination, a practice now being followed by many stock farmers throughout the province.

Barley.—Forty years ago the Common Six-rowed barley was grown almost exclusively in Ontario. In 1889 the Mandsehuri barley was tested at the College for the first time. After proving its worth in an experimental way it was distributed throughout Ontario, through the medium of the Experimental Union, and became generally grown over the province. This was a decided improvement over the former variety.

The O. A. C. No. 21 barley originated at the Ontario Agricultural College from a single seed in 1903. As the then popular Mandsehuri was an improvement over the Common Six-rowed so the O. A. C. No. 21 is an improvement over the Mandsehuri. Largely through the introduction of these varieties the average yield per acre of barley has increased 20 per cent. in the last eighteen years as compared with the eighteen years previous.

Spring Wheat.—The Wild Goose variety of spring wheat which has been grown in Ontario for many years is a high yielder of grain. It is, however, a durum wheat, and is more suitable for the manufacture of macaroni than for bread production.

The Marquis variety of spring wheat is a hybrid which originated at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, from crossing the Calcutta Hard Red and the Red Fife. It is not only a good yielder, but it is a wheat of excellent quality for bread production, and one which is increasing substantially in the Western Provinces and in Ontario. In the experiments at Guelph it occupies fourth place in average yield per acre of twelve varieties of spring wheat grown for flour production over a period of six years.

Winter Wheat.—The Dawson's Golden Chaff variety of winter wheat was started from a single seed in 1881, and has been grown extensively throughout Ontario for many years. It has a stiff straw, beardless head, red chaff, and white grain of only medium quality for bread production. It is, however, a high yielder and has been very popular with the farmers of Ontario.

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### Wiltse Lake

Mr and Mrs T. R. Moore of this vicinity visited friends in Smith Falls on Sunday and Mrs Moore remains extends visit with her two daughters Mrs Arthur Leach and Mrs Milton Leach both of Smith Falls and also other relatives there.

A great many young farmers from here attended the orangemen meeting at Athens on Friday evening last.

Some of the farmers here tapped their sugar-bush Friday and the sap ran quiet rapidly.

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'Camping Out Along The C. P. R. is the title of a splendid illustrated story by F. V. Williams in the March issue of Rod and Gun in Canada. Bonnycastle Dale tells of his experience with snakes and eagles in various parts of Canada in this issue. In addition to these two stories there are six others of equal interest by such well known Nature writers as George R. Belton, Harry W. Laughey and E. T. Martin. The fire arms permits law is dealt with editorially and in a strong appeal to the sportsman by Ira-Lieghley entitled "An Undigested Law." This issue contains the final trapping department until the autumn and will be read with interest along with the other departments of guns and fishing which are up to their usual high standard. Rod and Gun in Canada is published monthly by W. T. Taylor, limited, Woodstock, Ont.

### In Memorium

In Loving Memory of Willoughby Millar, who died February 18, 1921

Gone from this earth is our father  
 Gone from this world below  
 Gone to meet the King in his beauty  
 In a purer land we know

We think we can hear his voice,  
 That voice so low and Sweet  
 Calling us from out of the shadows  
 Our Blessed Lord to meet.

Up through the glowing Splendor  
 Of a starry Earthly Night,  
 To see the King in his beauty,  
 In a Land of purer Light.

We know he left the homestead,  
 To answer his Master's call  
 Awaiting there he will greet us  
 When we cross to the other shore.

Among the publications that have just reached us is the Twentieth Annual Report of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. A casual glance at the report reveals much food for thought and we are glad to notice that progress is being made against tuberculosis in our midst. Education and sound propaganda are bound to have a goodly influence upon the daily habits of the community. Particularly instructive is the address of the president Hon. Dr. Schaffner, which reveals the stages of tuberculosis from its first description by Hippocrates, long before the Christian era, to the present. For many centuries, he points out, the disease was believed to be hereditary and incurable, but to-day scientific research has established that it is not early only preventable but curable if taken in its early stages. Hon. D. Scaffner lays great stress on the importance of education on the subject, alluding to the common school teacher as one of the most powerful agencies in this regard, and he urges the earnest co-operation of all classes as the most effective means of eradicating the disease. Dr. George D. Porter Secretary, reviews the work of the year and tells of a decrease in the death rate from tuberculosis in Canada of thirty per cent in the last twenty years, due chiefly to lessened infection, better living conditions and earlier treatment. There are also interesting

addresses by other prominent authorities on tuberculosis, besides reports from all the Sanatoria and societies in Canada.

A number of the young people attended the carnival held in Frankville on Saturday night and report a good crowd, a number of masqueraders and a general good time.

Mr Alex McClure met with the loss of a horse.

Mr Oscar Mac Donald has purchased a new Heintzman & Co. Piano. Special services this week in the Methodist Church. The Pastor leading a week of prayer.

Mrs McTughn sang in the Methodist Church Sunday night and all were pleased to hear her voice again.

Rev. Mr Nichols conducted services in the Baptist church on Sunday.

Mrs Lydia Stratton is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs M. Hull and son Kenneth of Portland were week end visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs W. Hull.

Mr Wm. Ball has purchased the farm owned by Jno. Whiting.

C. A. Wood and Stanley Coak, each had the misfortune to fracture a rib. Both are improving.

A delegation from here is to go to Toronto this week in the interest of the good roads in this section.

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## Farm Crop Queries

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**R. W.:** I have a piece of ground I wish to let out to plant to corn on shares. I propose to furnish one-third of fertilizer (if any is used), and one-third of the time to harvest it. In return I want one-third of the corn put in the crib and one-third of the stalks put in the stack. Now, if that is not right and fair, what is? What is customary for corn, wheat or oats let out on shares?

**Answer:** I believe the arrangement you indicate would be fair. You would probably contemplate an investment of about \$6 an acre in fertilizers. This would in all probability give you an increase of 15 bushels to the acre of corn, which would mean a return of about \$3 per acre for the \$2 that you had invested in fertilizer. In addition you would have the left-over effect which would increase your crop for at least two years following the corn.

**G. R.:** Last spring I planted some soy beans. I drilled them in twenty-eight inches apart with a grain drill and cut them for hay, but I found they grew almost too rank and the stalks were so large the cows would not eat them. Would it be advisable to drill them the same as wheat and oats? If so, when should they be sown and how many per acre? What variety will mature and ripen in Ontario?

**Answer:** I would not advise drilling soy beans broadcast like wheat or oats. They do better in rows. The common variety for use in Ontario

## Poultry

A little more culling in the spring may take out a few hens that do not look as good breeders and layers as they did last fall. Sometimes a few hens become too fat. Maybe one or two will be heavy and listless and fail to scratch for grain or come from the roost promptly in the morning. A little about the condition of a flock can be told by opening the house suddenly on a sunny day. Watch the

Broody hens not wanted for early hatching should be broken up at once and returned to laying condition. Isolate them the first night and they are most easily broken. This gives the nesting space to the laying hens. It takes only a few broody hens to make overcrowded nesting conditions in the average poultry house.

**Pruning Bush Fruits.**

Raspberries and blackcaps must not be pruned until spring just before the buds begin to swell. If pruned too early they freeze back. These berries are borne only upon new wood. Remove all the old wood of last year's fruiting, prune the raspberries back to about two and one-half feet from the ground and the blackcaps should have the side branches cut back to from six to ten inches long. The purpose of pruning is the same as for grapes, i.e., to secure large and superior fruit.

Currants and gooseberries should never be cut back. About once every three years, cut out considerable of the old wood, especially that which is low down. These fruits are borne on old wood so don't prune too severely.

**New Treatment for Oat Smut.**

Use one pint of formaldehyde for fifty bushels of grain. It is unnecessary and unsafe to use more formaldehyde than the amount recommended. Put the fresh formaldehyde, just as it comes from the druggist, into a pint or quart hand sprayer or atomizer and spray the grain as it is shoveled over and over. The formaldehyde may be diluted two or three times to secure better distribution. If the sprayer is kept close to the grain, and if the treatment is given in a room where there is a good draft, the penetrating odor of the formaldehyde will give no discomfort. When the right amount of formaldehyde has been applied, shovel the oats into a heap and cover for exactly four hours with a canvas or blanket. The grain should then be spread out thinly for a thorough airing in a warm place. Rake the grain over during this airing, then plant at once.

is Medium Green. One bushel of seed should be sown to the acre and for fodder purposes, should be cut while the seeds are in the pod and before they turn yellow.

**S. H.:** Do you think it practical to put unhusked corn in silo at this time of year? The corn is a good crop, going about one hundred bushels to the acre. I was thinking of putting in silo and wetting while filling.

**Answer:** I very much doubt whether you could cut up dry corn and put it in the silo at the present time. You understand the curing of the ensilage when the green corn is put in the silo is dependent entirely upon the fermentation which goes on in there. When the green corn is put in, the starches have not become so thoroughly developed as is the case when the corn is ripened. I am afraid if you cut up the dry stored corn, that moulds will develop and rot the material instead of preserving it.

**E. B.:** I would like to know how to make a home-made oat sprouter.

**Answer:** A very good home-made oat sprouter can be made with two pieces of blotting paper. Dampen one and put on a large dinner plate; spread the oat sample over this and dampen another blotter and put on top, then invert another dinner plate over the top. Keep the blotters from becoming dry but set them in a warm place. The seeds will germinate quickly under these conditions.

## Using Hotheads and Frames

Hotheads are much more difficult to manage than cold-frames, especially in ventilation. Early in the season the sashes should be lifted at their lower ends and propped up with a stick having notches in it about an inch apart. The sashes should never be pulled down, thus exposing the growing plants to the weather changes. If the sashes are propped up, it keeps the glass over the entire surface of the sashes and prevents chilling drafts from striking the young and tender plants. As the weather warms up, the sashes should be opened another notch or two. In early spring the beds should be closed about the middle of the afternoon so that the heat obtained during mid-day may be retained during the night. Do not open the sashes too early in the morning; use ordinary discretion in ventilating the hothead.

If the nights remain cold, the beds should be protected with coverings laid over the sashes. Old blankets, straw mats, or even old newspapers are very good for this purpose. While the manure in the hothead generally retains its heat for three or four months, it is sometimes insufficient to keep out the spring frosts. Covers should be laid over the sashes before sun-down and removed as soon as the morning air has warmed up some. If the weather proves very severe, extra warmth may be obtained by increasing the number of coverings and by banking the sides of the bed with fresh stable manure. If coverings are kept on the beds, the sashes must be raised a trifle every morning to allow the foul air to escape from the plants. This must be done no matter how severe the weather.

A cold-frame requires less care than a hothead, as it contains no manure and frequently is made without glass coverings. The purpose of the cold-frame is to harden seedlings that come from the hothead, that are to be transplanted to the garden later. This hardening is brought about by gradually submitting the growing plants to outdoor conditions by increasing the ventilation as the season advances. Ventilation of the cold-frame should increase just as rapidly as the weather warms up, until the sash or other protective coverings can be removed entirely without hurt to the plants. As the ventilation is increased, there should be a decrease in watering, so that conditions of growth within the frame may more nearly approximate normal garden conditions.

**Setting Plants in the Garden.**

After all danger from frost is past and the garden soil has warmed up sufficiently the young plants can be transplanted safely. Soak the soil in the cold-frame with plenty of water before transplanting. This causes the soil particles to adhere to the tender roots and helps them to get adjusted to their new garden environment more rapidly. After the plants are set in the garden they should be watered thoroughly once more.

Before plants are taken from the cold-frames for setting out in the garden, have everything ready for quick and effective work. The garden space should be marked off into allotments for the different crops, the paths should be clearly indicated and, in some cases, the furrows should be opened ready for the plants. The garden space should be so arranged that there may be successive plantings of certain crops at intervals of one or two weeks without interfering with other growing plants.

If fertilizer is to be used at the time of transplanting, it should be evenly distributed throughout the base of the furrows and should be well mixed with the soil. For safety, a layer of the top soil, an inch or two deep, should be placed over this fertilizer at the bottom of the furrow, so that the roots of the young plants may be protected from coming in contact with this strong plant food. All transplanting should take place on a cloudy day or just before sundown, never during the heat of a noonday sun.

**Remove With a Trowel.**

If the garden soil is very dry, water should be applied to the furrow and then the holes should be partly filled with soil before the plants are set. Remove the plants from the cold-frames with a trowel or spade, and place them in baskets to take to the place allotted to them in the garden. Be sure that there is enough soil about the roots of the young plants.

Plants should be set slightly deeper than they stood in the seed-bed. Some gardeners find it a great advantage to set the seedling plants up to their seed leaves. This helps the plant to stand erect and gives the roots better opportunity to penetrate the soil. Deeper setting protects the young plants from temperature changes. Spindly plants should always be set rather deep, especially when there is any danger from late frosts.

There are four groups of garden crops based upon the temperature conditions of their growth. The first group, consisting of beets, early cabbage plants, onion sets, kale, smooth peas, potatoes, radishes and cauliflower, may be planted as early as two weeks before the last killing frost. These are hardy growers and will withstand most temperature changes met with in spring. The second group comprises those that may be planted about the time of the last killing frost. Lettuce, onion seed, wrinkled peas, carrots, spinach, and sweet corn belong to this group. The third group can not be planted until all danger from frost is past. Salads, beans, and tomato plants belong to this group, and should not be planted out-of-doors until at least two weeks after the last killing frost. The fourth and last group consists of those heat-loving plants, such as peppers, eggplants and squash, that should not be put into the garden until four weeks after the last killing frost or until warm weather has finally set in.



## Bedtime Stories

**The Little Old Lady Who Lived in a Wood.**

There was an old lady who lived in a wood. She wore a black dress and a tiny red hood; an apron of white with big bows out behind as lovely appearing as any you will find. But, oh, she was selfish! She lived all alone; no sharing of good things—not even a bone. No bidding to dinner, no bidding to tea; she could not afford it, she said; no, not she!

One noon she was cooking a chocolate cake; there came an old man to her door. "You can bake," he told her, "such wonderful, wonderful cake! Please give me a piece for humanity's sake. But mark what I say: I've no money to pay, but your very first wish shall be granted this day."

The old lady pondered how best she could bake a cheap little cake, then a wish straightaway make.

She bustled about with her eggs and her flour and made many cakes in the next busy hour; but all came from the oven too rich, big or brown to waste, she complained, on a silly old clown.

And so she kept trying,—one eye on her caller,—making cake after cake, each one smaller and smaller; until at last, scarce as big as a black-headed pin, one cookie remained, almost lost in the tin. But even that, cookie she hid on the shelf!

"Too good for a stranger," she said to herself.

Then she offered her visitor one crust of bread.

"Very well. Make your wish, ma'am," was all that he said.

Just then an old peddler went by with his pack. She flew to the door calling loudly, "Come back! O dear, he can't hear, and I did want to buy some needles and pins if the price isn't high. If I only had wings! If I just were a bird!"

Too late she remembered the old beggar's word.

She felt herself shrinking; her arms became wings; her gown turned to feathers—good-by, apron strings! Her nose grew so long that it was really a beak. She tried to say something; no word could she speak.

Straight into a tree top, all fluttering, flapping, she flew and there perched and began tap-a-tapping; tap-a-tapping the tree as she searched for

her food. You would never have known her except by her hood! She still keeps the little red hood to bedeck her, tapping for worms—a red-headed woodpecker.

**Providing for a Good Lawn.**

A great deal can be accomplished in increasing thickness and vigor of grass by proper fertilization of the lawn. Fertilizers applied to the lawn have the big advantage that they do not add weed seeds, but they help eliminate weeds which are already found in the lawn.

As to quantities of fertilizers to apply to lawns: use about the same quantity as recommended for gardens, but apply half the applications at two different dates.

For well established lawns, scatter the fertilizer evenly over the lawn when the grass has made a good start in the spring. Choose a time when the grass is dry. Rake the fertilizer thoroughly into the soil and follow by a thorough sprinkling of the lawn if rainfall is not plentiful. Apply the remainder of the fertilizer in the same way about a month later.

When establishing a lawn, apply one-half the fertilizer to the surface of the soil when preparing the seed bed, and rake it thoroughly into the soil. After the grass has made a good start,—probably late in July or early in August, make the second application of the fertilizer as already suggested.

The analysis of fertilizer to use is the same as recommended for gardens.

For well-established lawns where clover is not considered objectionable, bone-meal makes a good lawn fertilizer.

**What Fertilizer to Use.**

On sandy loam soil, for grain, use a fertilizer running from 2 to 4 per cent. ammonia, 8 to 12 per cent. phosphoric acid and 2 to 3 per cent. potash at the rate of 300 to 400 pounds per acre. On clay loam soils, 2 per cent. ammonia, 8 to 10 per cent. phosphoric acid, and 2 per cent. potash, applied at the rate of 250 pounds to the acre will give good results. On a muck soil, increase the potash up to 4 to 6 per cent., cutting down the nitrogen in the fertilizer probably to 1 per cent., and making the application close to 300 pounds per acre. For top-dressing, use a fertilizer analyzing from 4 to 6 per cent. ammonia and 10 to 12 per cent. phosphoric acid.

If your grocer were greedy for profits he would not be content to sell and recommend Red Rose Tea at a less profit than he makes on other teas. But it is a fact that he does make less on Red Rose than on other teas, and he recommends it because he knows its quality is the best.

## The Sunday School Lesson

EASTER SUNDAY  
 The Living Christ, St. Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-20. Golden Text—St. Matthew 28: 20.

Connecting links: The dead Christ was carried by reverent hands to the tomb of a loving friend, Joseph of Arimathea. He is described as "a rich man" and "a councillor of honorable estate; who also himself was looking for the Kingdom of God." John says that Nicodemus (see John 3: 1 and 19: 39) also came bringing a great quantity of spices to embalm the body, which was wrapped in linen clothes and laid in the rock-hewn sepulchre, "a new tomb wherein was never man yet laid." Matthew tells us also that the chief priests and Pharisees, who had plotted His death, persuaded Pilate to let them set a guard at the tomb lest the disciples should come and steal Him away and pretend He had risen from the dead. The theory still held by some Bible readers that the body was really stolen away, and that other theory that He had merely swooned and afterward revived and went away, have really no ground to rest upon.

**The Risen Lord.**

V. 1. In the end of the Sabbath, Jesus was crucified on Friday, was buried on the afternoon of the same day, and lay in the tomb all day Saturday, which was the Jewish sabbath. According to the Jewish way of reckoning the sabbath ended at sunset, but there seems to have been a popular way of speaking which included the night following. At any rate, the time here indicated was the early morning of the next day, that is, of Sunday.

Mary Magdalene, that is "Mary of Magdala," was one of the faithful friends of Jesus. She had been healed by Him of a terrible affliction of insanity (Mark 16: 9). There is no proof whatever of the common notion that she was the penitent sinner who wept at the Lord's feet and anointed them in the house of Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7: 36-49).

The other Mary is called by Mark "Mary the mother of James the less and of Joseph." John seems to identify her with "Mary the wife of Clopas," the sister of Jesus' mother, but this is not quite certain (John 19: 25). These two women had been at the cross and at the burial, and now first at the tomb in the early morning.

Vv. 2-8. A great earthquake. Matthew speaks also of an earthquake on the day of the crucifixion (27: 51). The shock which opened the tomb must be regarded as occurring before the women came, otherwise they would have seen Jesus come forth. The angel, whom they saw, is described by Mark as "a young man," sitting in the tomb on the right side, arrayed in a white robe. Luke says that they saw two men standing by them "in dazzling apparel," and John that Mary Magdalene saw in the tomb "two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain."

It is impossible to explain all this as mere fancy, the result of an excited imagination. Something most certainly happened; here and afterwards, which made these women believe beyond the shadow of a doubt that the unexpected and seemingly impossible thing had happened, and that their Lord was risen. The apostles and a multitude of others believed and went forth preaching a risen Christ. They were ready to stake their lives on the truth of the resurrection. Paul heard the evidence and believed, Pharisee and persecutor though he had been.

He is not here, for He is risen. This was the testimony of the angel. They saw the place where He had lain and the empty tomb, and they believed. This testimony was repeated by the women and by the apostles, and by the lips of countless evangelists and confessors all down through the years. "This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we are all witnesses," said Peter at Pentecost. In the temple court Peter proclaimed Him "The Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead." Before the great council and the high priest he declared that it was in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom they had crucified, "whom God raised from the dead," a lame man had been healed. Again before the council, and on trial, the apostles declared of Jesus that "Him did God exalt with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour." Peter, in the house of the Roman Cornelius, testified that "Him God raised up the third day, and gave Him to be made manifest, not to all the people, but unto witnesses that were chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead."

Paul, in Pisidian Antioch, preached Christ, and said, "God raised him from the dead; and he was seen for many days of them that came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses unto the people." In Athens he declared of Jesus that God had "raised Him from the dead." Writing to the Christians of Corinth Paul recounts the evidence for the resurrection, and says, "Now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the

first fruits of them that are asleep." For he believes that all who follow Jesus shall be raised with Him into the glory and blessedness of an eternal life.

He took before you into Galilee. It is remarkable that Matthew says nothing of Jesus' meeting with the disciples in Jerusalem and on the way to Emmaus (see Luke 24: 13-35, 36-43, and John 20: 19-29).

9-10. Jesus met them. In the supplement to Mark's Gospel (16: 9-11), and in John, He is said to have appeared to Mary Magdalene.

11-15. They gave large money. Matthew evidently knew that a story had gone abroad to the effect that the body of Jesus had been stolen by His disciples. He is careful here to show its falsehood, and charges it to the bribing of the guard by the Jewish authorities.

**The Great Commission.**

16-20. All power, or rather all authority, Jesus now claims to have received. Gladly and thankfully we yield Him His claim, and crown Him Lord of all.

Together with this claim of supreme authority He issues to the disciples His commission: Go ye therefore. They are to make Him known to all nations, and to win them to faith in God through Him. But they will not go alone. He will be with them in reality of spiritual presence and power. Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

**Application.**

With the staggering challenge of the world's sin and need with which we are confronted it is not hard for us to understand the feeling of bewilderment and helplessness which such a tremendous command would create. But it had hardly time to form until it was dispelled by the simple, sublime assurance with which the commission closes. No matter what sort of days might come, days of sunshine or of shadow, days of success or defeat, His word is literally, "I am with you all the days." Days change. He is "the same, yesterday and to-day, and for ever." It was that this wonderful promise might be realized that He ascended. Let us remember that in the Kingdom of Heaven there is no up or down. "The Ascension really meant the laying aside of earthly limitations and the resumption of divine glory with its omnipresence and eternity." There are some who look for the bodily return of our Lord. Let us not weaken our hearts by imagining that the words of His great promise have not been fulfilled, or that it will ever be possible for Jesus to be more truly present with us than if it is now, provided we open our hearts to receive Him.

**Those Doggone Stumps.**

How shall we get rid of the doggone stumps? Here is my method, based upon years of successful experience. Dig a hole at one side of the stump, preferably between two big roots. Be sure to get all the dirt away from the roots and the stump body. Now start a hot fire with chunks and trash. Throw a little damp straw or trash over the fire and cover it completely with sods and dirt. You might leave just a little hole next the stump, but this is not really necessary if you don't cover the fire more than five inches with sod and dirt. Go away and forget about the stump. The fire will burn slowly but surely until there is nothing left of the stump. It will even follow the roots into the ground. It may smolder for a week or two but is sure-fire in time. The method is based upon the charcoal burner's methods followed before the time of brick kilns.

A good plan is to have a feed-coop which the young chickens can enter, but the old hens cannot; and always have some cracked wheat, oats, or oatmeal and corn-chops in it. You will be surprised how fast the chicks will grow if they have such a feeding-place while on range.

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## Romances of the Lord Chief Justiceship

The Lord Chief Justiceship of England has a history nine hundred years old.

The office of Chief Justice, as it was first called, was introduced from Normandy by William the Conqueror. A central tribunal was established for the whole of England; the great State Officers were the judges and the Chief Justice presided over them all.

The holder of this office was the next man in the kingdom to the sovereign; he had precedence over all the nobility, and apparently acted as Regent during the King's absence abroad.

This pre-eminence lasted for about two centuries, when the remodelling of England's judicial system considerably reduced the power of the Justice.

The first Chief Justice was a man named Odo; he came into office in 1066. Odo combined the qualities of soldier, priest, and lawyer; he fought at the Battle of Hastings, and his valor in this fight is depicted on the famous Bayeux tapestry. Another Chief Justice was Glanville, who went to the Crusades and was killed at the siege of Acre.

There is one curious instance of a King of England having been Lord Chief Justice: Henry II. held the office during the reign of Stephen, and succeeded to the throne on that Sovereign's death.

In the reign of Henry IV. Sir William Gascoigne was Chief Justice. He is the hero of a story of the youth of Henry V. The Prince of Wales, as he then was, enraged at the conviction of a friend, struck Gascoigne and was promptly committed by the courageous judge for contempt. This is an early example of that judicial impartiality of which modern England is so proud.

The stormy days of the Stuarts pro-

duced great Chief Justices in Coke and Matthew Hale, while among later famous names are Lords Mansfield and Ellenborough.

It is curious to note that history affords more than one example of Chief Justices whose honor and character were by no means above reproach. Thus we find two early Justices—De Weyland and Thorpe—charged with bribery and dishonest practices. There are others, but all fade into insignificance before the sinister figure of Chief Justice Jeffreys, infamous through the "Bloody Assizes" in James II's reign.

There are few figures more terrible than that of this bloodthirsty scoundrel, who sent batches of innocent and guilty alike to the scaffold. Before his own miserable death in the Tower, he rose to be Lord Chancellor of England.

Another formidable Chief Justice was one Scroggs, who flourished under Charles II. He was eventually "dismissed" from his office after being impeached "by reason of his profane and atheistical discourses, his frequent and notorious excesses and debaucheries, which do affront the Almighty and give countenance to all manner of evil."

It is a relief to pass from such records to the great names of more modern and gentler days. Among more recent Lord Chief Justices the names of Russell of Killowen, Coleridge, and Alverstone are still fresh in the minds of many. They were men who maintained the highest traditions of their office.

Such is a brief history of the Lord Chief Justiceship, the holder of which, though debarred from a seat in the Cabinet, enjoys the solid compensations of the Presidency of the King's Bench Division, a peerage, and a salary of \$40,000 a year.

### "THE LESSON OF THE DEEP."

By William Jean Bertheroy

Rolande was writing at her little desk under her little electric lamp, with her little Chinese pieces, her little Dresden cats and her little Japanese dolls around her. Everything in the room was diminutive. One might have said that in furnishing her sanctum she had tried to bring it into harmony with her own character, which was still constricted and childish.

She was writing to her husband, who had been away for several weeks:

"Don't hurry back, my dear Rene. Take all the time you need to give to your affairs. I am doing very well, and the days will not seem too long, thanks to the little distractions which enliven them."

She had hardly finished the letter when the door opened and Rene appeared. He seemed nervous and pre-occupied.

"I am to be here only a few hours," he said. "I came to get you. Pack your trunks. You are to go away with me to-night. We take the train for Harve and to-morrow we sail for America."

"Mon Dieu!" she exclaimed, in dismay. "I thought you had given up that trip."

"I had. I believed that it wouldn't be necessary. But it is. My presence is required in San Francisco, it seems, where we are going to open a new office. But we shan't be there very long—not more than a year, I hope."

"Ah! Mon Dieu!" she sighed. "Couldn't you go alone?"

He looked at her reproachfully.

"Would you really prefer that? Would you accept such a separation? We have been married only six months, and you wouldn't worry about putting such a distance between us?"

She turned red.

"I spoke hastily," she said. "Please excuse me. I was taken by surprise. So everything must be ready this evening?"

"Evidently," he answered, in a voice which brooked no contradiction.

She left her little retreat. Rene glanced around. The apartment was going to be closed. All these puerile and useless things would be relegated to the past. They two, Rolande and he, would begin a new life amid new surroundings.

He had taken that resolution not because he doubted his wife's fidelity, but because he saw her becoming more and more absorbed in sterile and narrowing thoughts and habits. Air and space were needed to verify her youthful intelligence, and since the occasion had presented itself he was now more than eager to spirit her away from her present environment.

Rolande returned in a few minutes. She seated herself beside him on the lounge and put her arms about his neck.

"Is it really true that you want to go away? I think that you are only submitting me to a test. People don't make long voyages on such short notice. Rene, we were so happy here."

"Can it be that you were contented with this narrow kind of happiness?"

"Would you offer me some other kind?" she asked.

He took her on his knees and kissed her hair.

"You are a little girl, a very little girl. One must grow and expand to enjoy life. When we come back you will see that I was right and you will thank me."

She made no answer, but looked sad and troubled.

"What do you regret, then?" Rene asked, with a tinge of suspicion.

"Nothing. I merely have a fear of the unknown. I am afraid. What may happen so far away in a foreign country?"

"You will be with me. Isn't that enough?"

"I don't know," she answered in so low a voice that he guessed her words rather than heard them.

They had embarked and were on their way across the vast Atlantic. Rolande showed little interest in the incidents of the voyage. A flock of seagulls kept ahead of the ship, seeming to direct its course. Whence came these birds, masters of space? No land was in sight. Rene said to his young wife:

"Don't you wonder at their vigor and the sureness of their flight? Wouldn't you like to have some of their venturesome spirit?"

"No," she replied. "I feel strangely upset, Rene. This sudden change in my life! Yesterday I still enjoyed a sense of calm and security. To-day I don't seem to belong to the earth any more."

"What foolishness!" he said, bending tenderly over her.

Yet he began to reproach himself for having brought her along against her will. Might she not be one of those creatures with a narrow brain and feeble will who find pleasure only in the commonplaces of every-day existence? When he had married her he had hoped to make her over in his own image—to inspire her with his enjoyment of freedom and his disdain for the conventional. Must he renounce that hope? And what would their life together be, in that case?

"How many days will it take to get to San Francisco?" Rolande asked.

"Two weeks, at least. Would you like to have us stop the first day out?"

"What good would that do?"

The wind began to blow hard and the sky grew black.

"We must go inside," said Rene. "A storm is coming. It will rain in a few minutes."

She obeyed. Her passivity was complete. In her stateroom, where everything was shaken up, she began to think of her little Chinese pieces and the fragile little porcelains of her boudoir in Paris.

"To think that I have given them all up for this!"

The sea ran high. Through the porthole Rolande saw a yellow mass of angry waves, one dashing upon another. She was separated from them only by the thickness of a glass window. The idea filled her with horror. She preferred to see the storm-tossed ocean from above. She mounted to the deck.

It was almost deserted. Some of the crew were running hither and thither, making things fast. She heard the shouts of the officers above the noise of the tempest. She clung to a rope. She was, so to speak, suspended above the abyss. She smelt the sea wind, which expanded her lungs and filled her with its savage ardor.

A new sensation, powerful and marvelous, took possession of her frail body. A furtive star shone here and there through the black mantle of the sky. The sun was dying in the west. There was just light enough to let the vision range around the four quarters of the horizon. And the idea of the infinite imposed itself upon her, inevitably, as the sole reality.

"Is it possible," Rolande said to herself, "that we are at once so great and so small? I feel a whole world awakened in me. I no longer fear death. Rather I would fear life, if it didn't bring me what I shall hereafter demand of it."

She remained thus, plunged in mys-

## —and the worst is yet to come



tery, while the sea gradually calmed. The sky also became clear and the golden crescent of the moon floated softly in it, like the Marquis of Isis, "the barque of millions of years," which carried to eternity souls freed of their terrestrial bonds.

She smiled at her dreams. Presently she gave a start. Rene was beside her. He had looked in her stateroom and, not finding her there, had run up on deck, fearing something had happened to her.

"How reckless! Were you here all through the storm?"

"She looked at him with a changed expression.

"Yes!—I have no fear now. You can take me wherever you wish. I shall never be afraid again."

And she added tenderly, in a whisper:

"I know, now, what love ought to be in hearts which are deep enough to contain it."

### Protecting the Chinchilla.

The government of Peru has issued an edict forbidding the killing of chinchillas and the sale of export of their skins for an indefinite period to come. This step is taken in the hope of preventing the final extermination of the species.

The chinchilla is a small burrowing animal, native to the high Cordilleras of Peru, Bolivia and Chile. It looks a good deal like a rat, but has a coat of beautiful silken, light gray fur. The fur has a high market value, and to obtain it the chinchillas have been mercilessly killed off.

Sometimes they are trapped or dug out of their burrows, but usually they are hunted with dogs, fox terriers being most useful for the purpose. The dogs trained to catch them are taught to do it in such a way as not to injure the fur.

Chile exported the pelts of 695,316 chinchillas in 1900. Since then, however, the animals have become much scarcer. To regulate the hunting of them is difficult, because the lofty mountain regions where they are found are so remote.

It has been the practice of the hunters to make expeditions in pursuit of chinchillas, collect some thousands of skins, and on their return dispose of them at some seaport, spending the proceeds thereupon in riotous living. A ready market will always be found for the pelts, whether the traffic is forbidden or not.

## Faith Sees Beyond the Obstacles

"According to thy faith be it unto thee," is just as scientific in this world of affairs as any demonstrated truth of science.

Unless you have one-hundred-per-cent. faith in your ability to do the thing you set your heart on, your efforts will be in vain. No indifference no doubting half-hearted work will accomplish it. He only can who thinks he can.

If you have only fifty per cent. of faith, that is, if you have fifty per cent. of doubt or fear of the outcome of what you are trying to do, your chance of success will be correspondingly weak. If you have twenty-five per cent. of doubt and seventy-five per cent. of faith, you will be handicapped by just twenty-five per cent.

It is the men with one hundred per cent. of faith, the men who kill their doubts, strangle their fears, and push to the front regardless of obstacles, who win out in life. So long as you live in an atmosphere saturated with failure though you cannot do the biggest thing possible to you, because you cannot have a hundred per cent. of faith; and remember that your achievement, your success, will depend upon the percentage of your faith in yourself and in what you are trying to do.

If we should interview the men in the great failure army, we should find

### The Battle.

I awakened in the night to chill and darkness, Outside the winds of March, made high alarm; I turned again to sleep serene and thankful Though I was snug and warm.

And then I caught a murmur of contention, That roused my drowsy sense To hear the battle call with keen attention, The rallying for defense.

For hours it raged with life or death persistence, I shuddered at the din, Spring's fierce attack, Old Winter's grim resistance— The field to which could win.

But with the dawn, I knew one was defeated; I heard the drip of rain, Broken and crushed, Old Winter had retreated And spring stood tapping at my window pane!

It's Fine To-day!

Sure this world is full of trouble, I ain't said it ain't; Lord! I've had enough an' double Reason for complaint.

Rain an' storm have come to fret me, Skies were often gray; Thorns an' brambles have beset me On the road—but say, Ain't it fine to-day?

What's the use of always weepin', Makin' trouble last? What's the use of always keepin' Thinkin' of the past?

Each must have his tribulation, Water with his wine, Life, it ain't no celebraion, Trouble? I've had mine. But to-day is fine.

It's to-day that I am livin', Not a month ago, Havin' losin', takin', givin', As time wills it so. Yesterday a cloud of sorrow Fell across the way, It may rain again to-morrow, It may rain, but say, Ain't it fine to-day?

Playing-cards printed by a wood-cut process are said to have existed in 1440, but the earliest printed illustration still extant is dated 1446.

### Sir Robin.

Rolling robin is here again. What does he care for the mild spring rain? Care for it? Glad of it. Doesn't he know

That the warm spring rain carries off the snow, And coaxes out leaves to shadow his nest, And washes his pretty, red Easter vest,

And makes the juice of the cherry sweet, For his hungry little robins to eat? "Ha, ha, ha!" Hear the jolly bird laugh,

"That ain't the best of my story, by half."

Robin, sir robin, gay red-vested knight, Now you have come to us, summer's in sight, You never dream of the wonders you bring—

Visions that follow the flash of your wing; How all the beautiful by and by Around you and after you seems to fly!

Sing on or eat on, as pleases your mind, Well have you earned every morsel you find, "Aye, ha, ha, ha," whistles robin, "My dear

Let us all take our own choice of good cheer."

—Lucy Larcom.

### A Vernal Day.

I know at heart that there will come a day In Springtime, when the old alluring call Will thrill my ears, and I shall fling the thrall

Of care and Winter weariness away The call of wandering, and I shall stray By shady slopes where trilliums grow tall,

And pause beside a lyric waterfall That tumbles down, the silver of its spray,

And I shall sense the rejoicing of earth, The fragrant breath of every growing thing, Whether it be or fern or brier or vine;

And though I solve no mysteries of birth, Yet shall I feel that something is divine

In the widespread renaissance of the Spring.

### Japanese Massacres.

In the Japanese national Legislature the other day Baron Nakano charged that in 1915 the Japanese had slaughtered 20,000 aborigines in Formosa.

The Japanese have long had a reputation for ferocity. In the latter part of the sixteenth century they invaded Korea and Hideyoshi, the commander of their expeditionary force, sent back to Japan the ears of 10,000 Koreans, preserved in salt. They were buried in a mound near Kyoto, where a monument marks the spot to this day.

Hideyoshi was one of the generals of Nobunaga, who was the most celebrated Japanese soldier of his time.

At that period the Buddhist priests in Japan had gained such power that they were virtually running the country. Their religious establishments were great strongholds, the largest of them embracing thirteen valleys, with more than 500 temples and shrines. In these sacred and fortified places monks by thousands chanted before gorgeous altars, reveled in luxury and licentiousness and hatched plots to fan the flames of feudal war.

Nobunaga set out to destroy the system and wiped out one Buddhist stronghold after another. While he was besieging a fortified monastery and town in the province of Osaka several of the noncombatant people attempted to escape in a storm, but they were overtaken and slaughtered without regard for age or sex. A junk laden with the ears and noses of the slain was then permitted to float by the town in full view of the garrison.

### Equal to the Occasion.

He had been a writer of novelettes, but now he was a tramp. The imaginative instinct remained with him, however.

"Well," demanded the cold-visaged woman as she opened the door.

"Madam," he replied, "I am the exiled King of Cambria. I was hunting in yonder forest, but in some way I became separated from my retainers, likewise my gun and purse. I am footsore and weary, and I would fain tarry awhile and partake of refreshment at your hospitable board."

"We've got nothing in the house fit for a king to eat," said the woman, in the same lofty tone; "but I pray thee tarry while I unchain my bull-hound Tearam. He will escort your majesty with all ceremony to the gates, and methinks—"

But the king remembered a pressing engagement elsewhere.

L71, the latest form of war-Zeppelin and the largest airship actually flown, is 743 feet long, and has a maximum speed of 74 miles per hour. She has been surrendered to Great Britain under the terms of the Peace Treaty.

Mount Everest, for some reason unexplained, has no native name, as most of the gigantic peaks of the Himalayas have, but was named after Sir G. Everest, who was the first director of the Indian survey.

The important thing in life is to have a great aim, and to possess aptitude and the perseverance to attain it.—Goethe.

### Growing Animals for Competition.

All kinds of domestic animals, when prepared for exhibition nowadays must undergo a toilet in order that they may look their best. Even the rabbits and guinea pigs are washed and combed.

The most important part of the performance in the case of chickens that are to compete for prizes is a shampoo. The fowl is immersed in warm water and treated to a thorough bath, with a plentiful lather of soap. Then it is rinsed and dried with soft cloths, taking care not to rub its feathers, but merely to dab them.

The job is finished by moistening a piece of rag with a little olive oil or vaseline and rubbing it into the shanks, wattles, face and comb. A nail brush, with soap and water, may be used to remove dirt.

It is desirable that a fowl prepared for show should not be wild or easily frightened. To make it tame it should be handled once a day gently. To smooth and stroke its wattles has a soothing effect, and the bird soon learns to like this sort of petting.

### Shackleton to Explore the Arctic.

Sir Ernest Shackleton, the antarctic explorer, will leave in May or June on an expedition to the arctic. He will take with him a dozen men, chiefly those who accompanied him on former expeditions, and contemplates being away for two years.

The Norwegian whaling boat Foca I has been purchased for the expedition, and in all probability she will first proceed to Hudson Bay, where 150 dogs will be taken on board. Thence the expedition will proceed by way of Baffin Bay, which will be reached, it is hoped, by the end of July, through Lancaster Sound, to Axel Heiberg's Land. From there Sir Ernest intends to explore the islands eastward to Parry Island, this being the main object of the expedition.

### More Boys Than Girls Born in England.

The belief that more boys than girls are born after periods of war has been vindicated in the vital statistics recently published by the registrar-general here, says a London despatch.

More than 20,000 more boys than girls were born in 1919, the highest proportion since the commencement of registration in 1838. The fact that more boys were being born was first noticed in the birth statistics of 1916 and has steadily increased since.

Another curious fact of "sex ratios" is that as prices increase, the percentage of boy births rises. This fact has been strikingly demonstrated in the past fifty years.

### Would Wait and See.

He was a stranger from the North of Scotland, and was on holiday in Glasgow. Walking along Argyle Street, he came across a contingent of the Salvation Army, and a collection-bag was thrust in front of him. He dropped in a penny.

Turning up Queen Street, he met another smiling lass, who held out another collection-bag in front of him.

"Na, na!" he said. "I gied a penny to a squad o' your folk round the corner just the noo."

"Really," said the lass, "that was very good of you. But, then, you can't do a good thing too often. And besides, the Lord will reward you a hundred-fold."

"Aweel," said the cautious Scot, "we'll just wait till the first transaction's finished before we begin another ane."

### Taking Notes.

"Well, Harris," said a clergyman to his Cockney servant, "what were you doing in church this afternoon?"

"Doin', sir? I was taking notes," was the reply.

"You—taking notes!" exclaimed the master.

"Suttlingly, sir! All the gentlemen take notes."

"Well, let's see them," said the clergyman.

Harris thereupon produced his sheet of paper, and his master found it scrawled all over with all sorts of strange marks.

"Why, this is all nonsense!" said the preacher, as he looked at the notes.

"Well, sir," replied Harris, "I thought so all the time you were preaching!"

### Not a Popular Wish.

The new clergyman was trying to raise a charitable fund just before Christmas and a man in the congregation said he would give \$100 to start it off.

"I don't know your name, sir," said the grateful clergyman, "but I thank you and I pray that your business may be doubled during the coming year."

There was a solemn hush in the congregation, punctuated here and there with something that sounded like a titter.

"What's the matter?" the clergyman whispered anxiously to the chairman.

"Er—nothing—nothing," stammered the chairman, "only that gentleman happens to be an undertaker."