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City Council's Settlement of Mr. Lewis' Claim.

Proposal to Establish an Executive Committee

To Relieve the Council Proper of Much of Its Work.

The Government to be Petitioned to Amend the Statute—A Practical Joke on Ald. Cooper.

The tedium of the Council meeting last night was relieved by a practical joke, perpetrated with malice aforethought, on Ald. Cooper, just before adjournment. The mayor had just left the chamber and resigned the chair to Ald. Taylor, when Ald. Gerry arose with profound gravity and moved that changes be made in the personnel of the committees by placing Ald. Hunt on No. 1; Ald. Turner on No. 2; and Ald. Cooper on No. 3.

At present Ald. Turner is on No. 1; Ald. Cooper on No. 2, and Ald. Hunt on No. 3.

Ald. Gerry said if he gave his reasons for the change he would talk all night.

"Well, you'll give them before I get through with you," said Ald. Cooper, with fire kindling in his eye.

Ald. Bennett seconded the motion with much seriousness. "My reason for so doing is this: Ald. Cooper did nobly on No. 2 last year and I think he should have a chance to distinguish himself on No. 3."

Ald. Taylor put the motion and the vote was a tie.

"A two-thirds majority is necessary, so I declare the motion lost," said the chair.

The members then adjourned, and when they reached the ante-room some one let the cat out of the bag, and Ald. Cooper seemed to enjoy it as much as the jokers.

THE BOARD OF WORKS.

Ald. Parnell's report was brief. The first clause recommended the filing of Mr. John Law's petition for a larger appropriation for Victoria Park. Mr. Law feelingly referred to the park as a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

The second clause of the report recommended that J. Hartley be paid \$24.25 for cleaning the asphalt pavement on Saturday nights, from May till December. Ald. Parnell advocated the rejection of the clause on the ground that the account was an extra and should have been included in Mr. Hartley's original contract. The clause was struck out on the mayor's casting vote.

MR. LEWIS TO GET \$1,500.

The most important clause of No. 1 committee's report was that recommending that Mr. Levi Lewis, of South London, be offered \$1,500 in full of his claim, each side to pay its own costs. This case is familiar to the public. Mr. Lewis complains of a nuisance created by the outlet of a city sewer on his property. The case has been carried through the various stages of law to the Supreme Court, by which it was referred to the master to assess Mr. Lewis' damages.

Mr. M. D. Fraser appeared at the Council in Mr. Lewis' behalf. Mr. Lewis' loss, he claimed, was fully \$5,000. His costs were \$200, so that the \$1,000 clear would be no reasonable compensation. Mr. Lewis had had to forego chances of selling his property because of the nuisance complained of.

In reply to an alderman, Mr. Fraser said Mr. Lewis' property was assessed for \$5,000. Mr. Lewis would accept \$2,000.

The clause carried after a brief discussion, several members not voting. By another clause, the aldermen will be furnished with small copies of the sewerage plans, to aid them in discussing future contracts.

The sum of \$50,000 will be borrowed from the Bank of Montreal to meet expenditure for the current year.

AN IMPORTANT MOTION.

Ald. Parnell moved that this council petition the Ontario Government to extend to all cities of 30,000 or over, throughout the Province, the same powers which are now exclusively given Toronto, namely to establish a board of control.

Speaking to his motion, Ald. Parnell explained that many things done by the council should be done by an executive, or board of control, composed of the mayor and the three committee chairmen. The council would then be a legislative body, controlling the actions of the board of control.

Ald. Carrothers said he would support it, if a clause was included asking that the council of this city have a larger representation on the board of police commissioners—say, two members.

Ald. Parnell agreed, and the motion was amended went through.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Ald. Parnell moved that a special committee be appointed to superintend the purchase of supplies and employment of labor, the members to be Ald. Johnston, O'Meara, Carrothers, Hunt, Bennett and Parnell.

"What's the object?" asked Ald. Cooper.

Ald. Parnell said that one effect of it would be to prevent members like Ald. Cooper meddling with the city engineer's office.

Ald. Nutkins said it would keep Ald. Cooper out of No. 5 ward.

Ald. Douglass moved that the board of works constitute the committee.

Ald. Cooper asked who such a slur should be cast upon him. Why should Ald. Hunt be put on the working committee? He (Ald. Cooper) was held responsible for the work in No. 4 ward, and why should he be blamed for what Ald. Hunt would do?

Ald. Parnell's motion carried, 12 to 6. Ald. Cooper voting yes, so as to move a motion to reconsider it, which he did at once.

INQUIRIES.

Ald. McCallum asked when the houses in South London were to be numbered.

Ald. Parnell said the matter was being seriously considered.

Ald. O'Meara asked if the street railway company were to be compelled to run cars on Wellington street north.

In reply to Ald. Douglass, Ald. Parnell said that tenders for the next sewerage section would be in by Feb. 18.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES.

Ald. Winnett moved, seconded by Ald. Gerry, that no payment of an account or contract, other than the weekly pay sheets, be made until the audit or No. 1 committee.

Ald. Winnett complained that the council were asked to authorize many accounts already paid.

Ald. Stevely said there could be no harm in paying a contractor as the work progressed, reserving the final payment until the work was done.

Ald. Nutkins took a similar view.

On Ald. Parnell's amendment the matter was referred to the special supply committee.

WIDENING HIGH STREET.

John McClary and others, whose properties abut on High street, between Maryboro Place and a point on a line with the south side of Emery street, petitioned to have High street widened between the points mentioned, to the extent of 20 feet on the east side, including the removal back of the Lepper cottages, No. 2.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Thomas Bannan and Mary A. Bruce—For remission of taxes paid on South street sewer, No. 1.

O. G. Bayley, et al.—For remission of part of rate charged on artificial stone walk on North York street, No. 1.

Chief of Police Williams—For an electric light near police station, No. 3.

Catharine Carter (per Love & Dignam)—For damage for injury to property by the lowering of High street, No. 2.

W. Robins—Inclosing Mr. Howe's report re fire preventive appliances, No. 2.

John Mason—For remission of taxes on the ground of charity, No. 1.

G. S. Council—Inclosing petitions

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from the County Council of Westworth, requesting amendment to Registry and General Road Company Act, No. 1.

The full council was present, namely, the mayor, and Ald. Taylor, Johnston, Rumball, Douglass, O'Meara, Olmstead, Carrothers, Stevely, Bennett, Cooper, Hunt, Turner, Bennett, Nutkins, Parnell, McCallum and Gerry.

Candlemas Day.

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Its Origin, Its Myths, and Its Observance.

Our Saxon fathers named the months from some characteristic manifestation of nature. February was the month of sprout-kale, and March the wind-month, but during the dominance of the Roman Church the days of the month were designated, not as the tenth or twelfth, but from the nearest saint in the calendar. In the "Paston Letters," that mine of antiquarian delights which so vividly represents the household life of the fifteenth century, there is scarcely a letter which is not thus dated, as on "the Thursday next before St. Agatha's," "the Monday after St. Michael's," "the Wednesday next after St. Paul's," a curious mingling of honor to Woden and Thor with the sacred feasts of a more enduring faith.

The festival of Candlemas, the synchronous celebration of the Presentation and the Purification, was probably instituted as such by the Bishop Gelasius, in the reign of Justinian, but it is without doubt a more ancient observance and one of the legacies of a dying cult. "Great Pan is dead," but his worship lingers in many an unconscious service. Candlemas, occurring as it does on the second of February, may well be the survival of the Roman Lupercalia, the Februa, or rites of lustration performed on the fifteenth of that month for centuries before the Babe lay in the manger of Bethlehem. The use of candles, although consisting of the most primitive words of Simeon, "A light to lighten the Gentiles," is probably the relic of that feature of the Lupercalia, when during days of riotous licence under the cloak of pious ceremonies, the people ran hither and thither carrying candles to represent the torch which Demeter carried after her lost Persephone through the Plains of Enna. Beautiful myth—symbolizing so much truth, the phrygian and the fair Persephone, reincarnate in the daffodils which sprang up on the banks of Cyane! The transition from the Lupercalia to Candlemas was one of the many compromises by which pagan customs were baptized with Christian names.

In England, the best tribute to the day is given by the opening snow-drops—"Candlemas Bells," "Fair Maids of February," of which the latter permitted the use of candles and the further observance of the day, for neither Henry nor his daughter in their nominal piety refused to recognize the paganite of Rome. In every English parish the Christmas greens were removed from church and home on Candlemas Eve, a custom prettily told by Herrick:

"Down with the rosemary, and down with the bay and mistletoe;
Down with the holly, yew and all
Wherewith ye dressed the Christmas Hall,
That so the superstitious find
Not one least branch there left behind.
For look, how many leaves there be
Neglected, then (maids trust me),
So many goblins you shall see."

In the morning the Yule log, which had burned until Twelfth Night, or Old Christmas, was rekindled:

"Kindle the Christmas brand, and then
Till sunset let it burn,
When Christmas' then lay it up again.
Till Christmas' next return.
Part must be kept when Christmas' is to end
The Christmas log next year,
And where 'tis safely kept, the fiend
Can do no mischief there."

In Scotland, where the time is of some official importance, as the chief quarter day, great fires called the "Candlemas" are kindled, and the people from the ashes of the long extinct worship of Baal—were lighted on the hilltops, and were held to the neighborhood where for any reason the fire did not burn the following night.

Candlemas is one of the few festivals of the church of which Paganism has left no tradition in popular parlance. This may be because it is a noteworthy "observance day," and in every northern land there cluster about it proved predictions of the duration of winter. It is the one day when the sun is unwelcome to come. A German proverb declares the shepherd would rather see the wolf in his fold than the sun on Candlemas Day. The story of the bear who roused himself from his long slumber and comes out of his hole, returning to sleep six weeks longer if he sees his shadow, is told of the woodcock (or groundhog), and in many countries of the badger and other hibernating animals.

A Scotch saw runs thus:

"If Candlemas Day be dry and fair,
The half o' winter's to come and mair;
If Candlemas Day be wet and foul,
The half o' winter's gane at Yule."

Its substance is embodied in our own saying: "Half your wood and half your hay on Candlemas Day," a practical measure of the winter's stores.

The general meteorological truths crystallized in these proverbs, many of them hoary with the time of ages, are obvious to one who studies the "skies influences," and they may thus tend to preserve something of our vanishing fireside life. If, as has been well said, popular customs contain the germs of history, it is equally true that the current beliefs and even the superstitions of a people are the seedfields of philosophy and of sociology, from which may be reaped a rich harvest.

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The Supposed Corpse Scared the Mourners Almost to Death.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Mrs. McDermott, 80 years of age, was picked up apparently frozen to death at Cantley, near here, a few days ago. The neighbors had a wake on the body on Saturday.

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Winter Sports.

Forest City Curlers Play Among Themselves.

Scutthampton Wins in Group 2, for the Tankard.

St. Thomas Gun Club Reorganized—Other Sporting Items.

CURLING.

THE PRESIDENT'S SIDE WINS. The sides led by the presidents and vice-presidents of the Forest City Curling Club played the return match on Simcoe street rink last night. The president's side came out on top by two shots.

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Rink No. 1. M. J. Kent, T. H. Sykes, Col. Lewis, R. Pringle, R. Red, R. Inglis, Col. Macbeth, skip, 12. R. Harrison, skip, 14.

Rink No. 2. Chas. Tunc, Chas. Graham, J. H. A. Beattie, J. I. A. Hunt, W. J. Strong, skip, 9. J. Burnett, skip, 13.

Rink No. 3. J. B. Smallman, R. L. Lyles, J. McIntosh, R. Gardiner, J. E. Sterling, A. St. L. McIntosh, Dr. McDonald, skip, 19. C. W. Davis, skip, 11.

Total.....40 Total.....38 President winning by two shots.

GROUP 2.

Southampton, Feb. 2.—Southampton is the winner in group 2 for the Western Ontario tankard, Port Elgin having defeated Southampton by 4 to 2. Durham 14 shots at Walkerton, and yesterday beat Walkerton by 4 shots on the home rink—35 to 31.

HOCKEY.

STRATFORD VS. VARSITY. Toronto, Feb. 2.—At the annual street rink last night the Stratford hockey team beat Varsity by 4 to 2. Varsity has won the round by a majority of five points.

ATHLETICS.

WANT THE FIGHT. Carson, Nev., Feb. 2.—Reno has raised \$5,000 to offer Dan Stuart as a bonus to take the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight to that place, and Virginia City will raise \$10,000.

SKATING.

E. A. Thomas, of Newburg, won the ten-mile national championship skating race at New York on Saturday.

THE TRIGGER.

ST. THOMAS GUN CLUB. The St. Thomas Gun Club has elected officers as follows: President, J. W. Boughner (re-elected); vice-president, Oscar Rimpf (re-elected); secretary, J. Keefe (re-elected); directors, L. Kennedy, E. Dier and W. Jessop (re-elected). It was decided to hold a two days' tournament, probably the latter part of February, and prizes to the extent of \$150 will be offered.

THE TURP.

BRAVADO IN RUSSIA. Mrs. D. McPhee, wife of the well-known Canadian trotting horse trainer of Vienna, Austria, in a letter to Lewis Frohisher, the certificate agent of the National Trotting Association, New York, says that it took six days for her husband and his stable to get to St. Petersburg, and that Bravado won three races out of four. Bravado is owned by the Canadian, and his owner will not sell him. He has also won three gold medals. Bravado holds the Canadian trotting race record of 2:10 1-2, made at Windsor last year.

TIPS.

The Detroit Jockey Club has added to its list the Sensation stake, a handicap for 3-year-olds and upwards. The added money is \$1,500, and the distance 1 1-2 miles. Thirty trotting horses were shipped to Europe from New York last week. Some of them had records below the 2:20 mark. They were bought in Madison Square Garden for \$18,500. One of the old racing landmarks in New Jersey was sold last night. The Clifton race track, near Passaic, where many a good race has been run, has been sold to Henry Muhr, the millionaire pork packer of Paterson.

The race horse Congress, which cost the Dwyer brothers \$10,000 as a yearling, is dead. Congress was a failure for some time, and was sold to Joe Bergen, who was killed at Gloucester. Bergen raced the horse successfully at Gloucester and Gloucester. Recently Congress ran away and into a picket fence, receiving injuries which resulted in his death.

BREACH OF PROMISE.

Suit Brought Against a Methodist Minister Formerly of Owen Sound.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—Miss Florence McNevin, of Owen Sound, is suing Rev. Andrew Hope, formerly Methodist minister at Owen Sound, for breach of promise of marriage. The defendant had been engaged to her by a promise of marriage. Miss McNevin was a member of the reverend gentleman's congregation, and she says that he proposed marriage to her, but subsequently for some reason unknown to her withdrew his attentions and now declines to complete the compact. The defendant has not entered a defence. He refused to attend on his examination for discovery, and yesterday an order was obtained from Mr. Justice Rose that Rev. Mr. Hope attend for examination at his own expense, or else he will be committed.

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Seven Persons Burned to Death at Hoboken, N. J.

Husband and Wife Fatally Burned in Their Residence.

Hoboken, N. J., Feb. 2.—Shortly after midnight the three-story building at Newark street, was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Nellie Schoeder, and their five children were burned to death. Just after the fire was extinguished the building at 157 Fourteenth street was discovered in flames. The occupants, all asleep, fled in terror. Mabel Mangies, aged six years, daughter of H. G. Mangies, she perished in the flames. North Baltimore, Ohio, Feb. 2.—The residence of Charles Russell was burned yesterday. Russell and his aged wife were the only occupants. While attempting to secure valuable papers Russell was overcome by the heat and from that of one who was rescued by the firemen, but fatally burned.

Rossland and Slocan Mines.

Mr. Edward Cronyn's Views—Six Months Devoted to Personal Investigation—No Investors.

Having just concluded six months' personal investigation of mines and mining in the great gold and silver camps of Rossland and the Slocan, I submit as follows: My investigation was made from the standpoint of an investor, also from that of one who might be asked, or feel disposed, to advise the investment of money by others who have not the opportunity to personally visit the mines.

In addition to actual examination of the mines, I have gone very carefully into the different methods of company organization, plans of operation and the character of individuals forming boards of management of companies prominently before the public with their shares. But a very short stay in Rossland or the Slocan is sufficient to convince the most skeptical that the great gold and silver mines are not only destined to enrich Canada, but to create many individual fortunes.

My especial purpose, therefore, soon became the determination as to what kind of organization, operation and men "at the helm" were best calculated to assure profitable results to investors, assuming that a good mining property had first been selected.

I submit briefly the conclusions at which I have arrived: A. Given a first-class property, the company mining and operating it must be properly organized under some incorporation law sufficiently well established by the highest judicial decisions, to enable the shareholders and officers to know precisely what their powers, privileges and responsibilities are.

B. Given a first-class organization, sound management is absolutely necessary. By "sound," I mean honest and capable. If either qualification is lacking, the company will be sacrificed, let it not be honest, for dishonest managers can readily divert the profits entirely away from the shareholders.

C. In any event, ample working capital is essential to safe, profitable mine operation. This is especially true if the property be, as is usually the case, undeveloped, for time and money are necessary to enable the opening up and equipment of the best of mines before the ore can be extracted economically and profitably.

D. Reasoning backward, if the incorporation law under which the company is formed be defective, or vague and untitled, litigation and loss are possible at every stage, if the management be unsound, the profits may be absorbed by excessive salaries or wasted by reckless, extravagant expenditure, or, if sufficient provision is not made in the beginning for procuring ample working capital as required, the company may have to suspend operations before the property becomes productive, until the shareholders can be assessed voluntarily, or otherwise, for more funds.

Becoming fully satisfied that the shares of companies coming up to requirements A, B, C and D, operating either in the Slocan or the Slocan district would, at a reasonable price per share, afford a sound and remunerative investment, I was very much pleased to have placed at my disposal, at first price, a considerable number of shares of the treasury stock of a company developing first-class properties in both of the districts named. Having thoroughly investigated the property, organization and management of the company, I am prepared to vouch for it in every particular. Persons contemplating an investment in mining shares are therefore invited to call upon or address me at the office of Cronyn & Betts, barristers, Huron and Erie buildings, Richmond street, London, where they may be found from Feb. 4 until my return to Rossland.

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Wooing of Nell.

"Then, indeed, she is wrong," cried Clifford, hotly. "Nobody is more angry than I am about it. And you will believe me when I tell you, that I have come down today on purpose to ask Nell, for the second time, to be my wife."

The old gentleman listened with vivid interest.

"Come back with me, do come inside the house with me for one minute," he said, with as much excitement as the young man himself had shown. "Theodore will be ready to embrace you when she hears."

But Clifford, who was in no hurry to be embraced by Theodore, excused himself. He had so little time, he said, he was afraid he should hardly be able to get back to Courtstair before dark.

"Tell Miss Theodore," said he, "that I am very grateful to her for believing in my darling girl. I call her mine, although she won't give me the right to do so. But I haven't given up hope. I shall not do so, even if she refuses me again."

Still it was with very little confidence in his immediate chances of success that Clifford, after taking leave of the colonel, walked briskly on to the little inn. He had written to Nell three or four times, without receiving a single line in answer. She had not returned his letters; she must have received, and probably read them. If there was anything to hope for in that fact, he might hug the thought to his heart; but considering the terms in which he had written, the warmth with which he had begged her to let him come down and see her, there was very little encouragement in that.

He was luckier than he had ventured to expect. For as he came over the little bridge which spanned the river, he saw Nell herself approaching the house from the opposite direction. She had her Prayer Book in her hand, and was evidently returning from Ströan, where she had been to church.

She saw him as soon as he saw her, stopped, turned pale, and ran a few steps to the left, evidently with the hope of escaping into the fields behind a group of cottages which stood between her and the inn. But Clifford was too quick for her. She saw by the pace at which he approached that it was useless to try and avoid him, so she gave up the attempt, and came steadily on with her eyes on the ground.

"Miss Clara! Nell!" said he in a low voice, as he came up to her.

She raised her eyes to his face for a moment only, and he saw that a great change had taken place in her since he had last seen her. There was in her face a sullen expression, as different as possible from the child-like openness of face and manner which had seemed to him her greatest charm. And his heart smote him as he thought that this change had been brought about, though unintentionally, indeed, by him.

"You are not glad to see me, I can see that," he went on hurriedly, as he turned and kept pace with her. "Of course I had no right to expect that you would be. But still I had hoped."

She made no answer.

"You got my letters?"

"Yes," answered Nell, in a tone in which he was surprised to detect a tremor.

"You know that I asked you to let me come down?"

"—I did not write to say you might, though."

But her tone was not angry, he thought.

"Well, I did wait as long as I could. But, Nell, I was too miserable to wait any longer. And now that I see you, and see that you look changed, and think that it is my fault, I feel as if I could hang myself."

He hoped she would say something, but she did not. After a few moments' silence he saw that a tear was falling down her cheek.

"Oh, my darling!" broke out Clifford, unable to restrain himself any longer, "won't you let me marry you, and take you away? You have known me long enough now, haven't you?"

But Nell shook her head.

"I would never marry anyone till this affair of the robberies was cleared up," answered Nell, firmly.

"And can't you help us to find it out?"

At this her face changed. She looked

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ed up at him with an expression of angry defiance.

"That is what you came down here for then, to see whether I could tell you anything, and satisfy your curiosity without your having the trouble of sending any more detective down?" she cried, uttering the words with breathless rapidity, while her frame shook from head to foot. "No, Mr. King, I don't know anything, and if I did I wouldn't tell you. You have begun by trying to tell me this business of your own, you may finish it your own way, too."

"Nell, surely you don't think I had anything to do with that wretched business? You can't think so, you can't! Why, it is to warn you that I have come, to warn you that some one else may be sent, mind, I don't know this, I only guess it. But I thought it right you should know."

Instead of seeming grateful for the information, Nell evidently took it as a fresh offense.

"Why should you warn me?" she asked, and the pallor of her face gave place suddenly to a red blush of anger. "Is it that I may put a check to my lascivious propensities until he has gone away again?"

"Nell! Nell! How can you? You would not, if you knew how horribly it makes me suffer!"

Suffer! Ah, it does matter what you suffer, doesn't it? But when it is only a country innkeeper's niece who suffers, who cares? And yet one would have thought—one would have thought—

She broke down completely, and burst into tears. Clifford was at least as unhappy as she, and there was no doubt that his heart was as much in pain as hers. He did succeed at last, however, in making her confess that she had never believed that he had any share in the sending from town of the amateur detective, Jack Lowndes. As for the fresh arrival, which Clifford told her to expect, she shrugged her shoulders and told him she had grown a little calmer.

"Let them send him," she said, lessly. "I shall not even advise my uncle to refuse to let him stay, even if I guess who he is. It must all be found out some day, and the harder they try the sooner it will be all over."

As she was now quite calm and dry-eyed, Clifford made one more attempt to get at her own real views of the mystery. She had grown kinder to him, and had acquitted him of all blame for her own sake he must make use of the opportunity.

And again when he put his question, there came into the girl's face that curious look, as if a haunting, vague memory had disturbed her mind.

"I tell you solemnly, I have no more idea than you have yourself," said she. "I will confess now that I had a horrible sort of half idea before—"

"No," answered Nell, firmly. "No, I have no more idea who did it than you have yourself. At first I tried to think that this Mr. Lowndes went to sleep with his head full of thoughts of robbery, and that he dreamt all the long story that he told us. But the more I thought about his manner of telling us, the more I could not help believing that it was not a dream after all. And yet—"

"You saw no one go through your room but him?"

"No, I have been—the servant, the woman I saw in the bar?" suggested Clifford with lowered voice.

Nell smiled sadly.

"Poor Meg? No. She has been with my uncle for fifteen years; and you know they say it is only lately, since I have been here, in fact, that she grew crimson, that the thefts have been committed. I am ashamed

to say that that night, when Mr. Lowndes had told his story, I did go into poor Meg's room, just to—just to see if she was there. And she was fast asleep, really fast asleep, not shamming. I tried her with a lighted candle before her eyes; you see I was desperate," she added, in apology. "And then I even went downstairs and had a look at old Nannie!"

And Nell looked deeply ashamed of the fact she was confessing.

But Clifford, who had naturally less delicacy on the subject of Nannie and Meg, secretly cherished a hope that, in some inexplicable way, one or other of these estimable persons might get them all out of their difficulty by eventually confessing to the thefts.

But he was careful to give no hint of this hope to Nell.

Clifford did not want to see George Claris, but he felt bound to do so. The innkeeper was, as he had anticipated, very surly in manner towards him, and he frustrated Clifford's intention of opening his heart to him on the subject of his daughter's disappearance.

Clifford did not see Nell again; she had entered the house at the back as he came in by the front, and although he lingered about until it was almost dark in the hall that she would reappear from the bar as soon as the young man entered it.

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Nell, on the alert for the expected visitor, was not long before she discovered him. He came, only a few days after Clifford's visit, in the guise of a mild-looking man with sandy hair and pale eyes, one of those men whose age it is difficult to guess until you perceive, by a close inspection of the wrinkles under the eyes, that the appearance is well over 40.

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Wear of Living Without His Wife Who is in London Asylum.

Stratford, Ont., Feb. 2.—Richard Symonds, G. T. R. station agent at Sebringville, committed suicide by taking poison yesterday.

Symonds was on hand for duty as usual when the morning train passed, but his son, on coming home for dinner, found him dead in bed, and within reach of a vial labeled "Strychnine." He left a note stating that he was tired of living without his wife, who, a few years ago, became demented, and had to be placed in the London Asylum. He was apparently on good terms with the company, his neighbors and his family, and no other cause can be assigned for the act than that named.

Deceased was about fifty years of age, and had been station agent at Sebringville about five years. An inquest was thought to be unnecessary.

SEAFORTH.

Long Remembered Trouble, Now a Thing of the Past.

A Seaforth lady gives an account of her rescue from a lifelong ailment: "Ever since I can remember I have suffered from weak action of the bowels, and it is now constantly worse, reducing my health to a very low state. I frequently had such sharp pains under my heart that I was afraid if I drew a long breath it would cause death. In going upstairs I had to stop to regain breath. When my children made a noise while playing I would be so overcome with nervousness and weakness that I could not do anything, and had to sit down to regain my composure. Oftentimes my heart would seem to swell, and give me great pain. My limbs were unnaturally cold, and I was subject to nervous headache and dizziness. My memory became uncertain, and sleep deserted me."

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(Signed) Mrs. James Constable, Seaforth, Ont.

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