

JUST IN TIME.

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CHAPTER XIII (continued).

There was a knock. Beatrice stood aloof from the couch and regarded him with a look of startled inquiry, not unmixed with a sort of horror. But Morven neither looked nor spoke.

"Don't excite yourself. He is doing well enough. You have not hurt him. Beatrice uttered an involuntary exclamation of thankfulness. But Lord Morven did not look up.

"Will he recover?" he asked. "I hope so. I think that he may. His condition is better than I expected. Lord Morven gave me no sign of gladness. He sat perfectly still as he had sat before; only a line between his brows grew deeper and blacker as he looked before him and said nothing. The doctor glanced at him, and then at Beatrice, before he returned to his patient. Beatrice interpreted the look as an appeal—the doctor wanted her to say something to cheer or comfort her cousin. She was rather of opinion that Morven was best left to himself, but she deferred to Dr. Airlie's judgment. She made a step towards him, and opened her lips to speak.

But Morven took her by surprise. He lifted his hand and said in hoarse tones.

"Don't ask me to tell you what he said. He has disgraced himself. If he lives, I—I will never see him—never speak to him again. If he dies, I shall be thankful."

"Some explanation must be made to Mr. Lockhart or Mr. Douglas," said Beatrice.

"Why! They have no right to demand explanations when—when their property is restored," said Lord Morven, with haughty bitterness. "Good heavens! to think that Gerald should try to rob another man!"

"It could not be," said Beatrice. "Oh, Morven, it is impossible." "I have his own word for it. Why do you force me to say so? This was robbing the house—robbing Beatrice. Douglas's house—when you found him. There is no other explanation. He does not deny it. He only said that he had a worthy object. A worthy object indeed! I heard no more."

"He cannot be in his right mind. Some delusion must have taken hold of him. Dr. Airlie says such delusions are possible. And do you not remember," said Beatrice, gaining courage as she went on, "that when he was little boy, he had some odd fancies—optical delusions and things of that kind—"

Lord Morven had recovered his calmness by this time. He rose and took his cousin by the hand. "My dear Beatrice," he said, "Gerald's delusions never led him to steal. In this case he accuses himself of stealing. He avows it; one might almost think that he gloried in it, I wish I had reason to doubt his word."

Beatrice loved her youngest cousins with a sister's love. Lillias was well worthy of her affection; but Gerald, wild, wayward, erratic, as his course had always been, received perhaps a larger share of her tenderness than he by any means deserved. It was this strong, warm sisterly feeling that welled up in her heart and caused to rick even Morven's displeasure—usually a somewhat formidable thing—by pleading in Gerald's favor.

"You will help to save him, will you not, Morven?" she said. "You will not be cruel to him? You would not surely—surely—give him up—"

She stopped, not daring to say more, although his was usually less afraid of her cousin than anyone else in that household.

"I shall do nothing," said Morven stonily. Then, as he turned away, Beatrice heard him murmur, "I have done too much already."

She would have made some rejoinder but for Dr. Airlie's re-appearance. The old man expressed some surprise at her remaining up so long after her evening of excitement and fatigue, and recommended her in polite but peremptory terms to go to bed. Beatrice accepted her dismissal meekly, only bargaining to be called if any dangerous symptom should declare itself or she could be of any use. Lord Morven seemed to take little notice of her departure. He was leaning against the wall, as if some unwonted physical weakness had overtaken him; his face was deadly pale, and his eyes were riveted to the floor. It was Stephen Airlie who opened the door for Miss Esilmont, and bowed her out with that serene fatherliness which characterized him in company with young people. Lord Morven did not hear the doctor whisper in the girl's ear as she left the room. "Keep those papers to yourself, so he said."

Beatrice bent her steps mechanically towards her own room, but when she stood upon its threshold she remembered that Anthony Lockhart was waiting for her somewhere—waiting, also for the promised explanation. And she had no explanation to give? For a moment Beatrice's heart sank; then it rose again on a wave of bitter indignation. What right had this stranger to interfere on behalf of Beatrice's interest? A kinsman he might be, but he had known his cousin for a few weeks or months only, while they—the Ruthvens—had been intimate with Beatrice from her very boyhood. Beatrice did not reflect that the circumstances of difficulty and danger into which the cousins had been forced together were likely to have linked them far more closely than years of casual acquaintance. She resented the idea of Anthony's possessing a larger share than herself and Morven and Gerald of Beatrice's confidence. She left Lillias in the care of the doctor. The relation between Beatrice and Lillias was separate and apart.

Thinking of these things she questioned whether it would not be better to go to Beatrice himself and tell him the whole story. He was tender-hearted and whole-hearted enough, she thought, to hear the worst of Gerald and to forgive. But she shrank a little from the experiment. She did not know that he had spoken definitely of Lillias of his love for her; and she, with her sensitive pride on the alert, as she had her tender care of Lillias's happiness, was inclined to fear that the knowledge of Gerald's wrong going about would drive him away from a family of which one had disgraced himself as poor Gerald had done.

On the other hand, would it be honorable to let his name be mentioned without telling him the story? Between love for her cousins, concern for her old friend Bertie, regard for the honor of the family to which she belonged, Beatrice lost something of the clear, calm judgment and haughty decision for which she was renowned. She felt herself weak and wavering as a child. She wondered that neither Lillias nor Bertie seemed to be aware of Gerald's condition. Neither of them had come to inquire after him. She learned afterwards that Dr. Airlie had taken precautions against their knowing the extreme gravity of the situation, and that after waiting for an hour or so and receiving an encouraging letter from the doctor, Lillias had gone peacefully to bed. Beatrice turned from her room to her cousin's—the two rooms— and looked at the pretty golden-haired creature as she lay asleep. The early dawn was creeping in between the curtains of the room. Beatrice bent down in the dim light and kissed her cousin's forehead. "No harm shall come to you if I can avert it, my darling," she murmured, as she turned away. "I will sacrifice anything to your happiness."

She went back to her own room, and there had half by unconscious movement upon the pocket of paper that had fallen out of the box in the burning house. She drew them out and set them on the table before her. Should she keep them to herself, as the Doctor had counselled? Or even—rash thought—destroy them, as links in the chain of evidence that might one day be used for the proving of Gerald's crime? Which should she do?

She looked down at them thoughtfully. A new determination moulded the curves of her lips and changed the expression of her eyes. "At any rate," she said to herself half aloud, "I will read them first."

CHAPTER XIV.

BEATRICE'S BARGAIN.

Dull, dispirited, and entirely ill at ease, Anthony Lockhart had waited for what seemed to him an eternity of time. Miss Esilmont had certainly promised to see him again and, if possible, to explain to him the suspicious circumstances under which Gerald Ruthven had been found in Bertie's house; but she stayed away so long that he began to wonder whether she had forgotten her promise, or whether he had been mistaken as to what she had said. He had chosen to make the long corridor his resting-place; there were plenty of seats ranged here and there along the sides, and numerous pictures and weapons on the walls with mind to occupy his attention. But Anthony was to seriously disturbed in mind to give any thought to these distractions. He was beginning to awake to a keen sense of the unpleasantness and untenableness of his position. After all, as Miss Esilmont had said, he had no special right to interfere. If Lord Morven—Bertie's guardian—were satisfied, Lockhart could do and say nothing. He knew well enough that the circumstances in which he had been found might easily be explained—that he himself would scarcely have thought them suspicious but for the facts in Gerald's past career, which made him, in Anthony's eyes, for years that it was Gerald Ruthven, Lord Morven's brother, who committed the theft from the bookstall for which Anthony had been punished

in his boyhood. He knew that Dr. Airlie had screened his own pupil by a false oath in order to save the reputation of Lord Morven's family. And out of this great wrong, over which he had brooded in silence for many years, there had grown up in Anthony's heart a sense of bitterness and injury which rendered him peculiarly ready to think the worst and hope the least from men and women who held high positions in the world. He believed that they were all alike—self-seeking, insolent and false; that true nobility of soul dealt with those who toiled and strove for their daily bread; and that riches corrupt the heart like sin itself. He despised luxury and wealth, loathing the temptations that they brought. The one point on which he was vulnerable and even weak was his desire to do work that the country would value—to be in some way or another a leader of men; and the unlikelihood of his success in this direction was a bitter drop in his cup which he owed also to Gerald Ruthven. For he had arrived by reflection at a pretty clear idea of the state of his grandfather's mind when old Mr. Lockhart came to the Police Court to hear his case. He was pretty sure that but for that conviction of guilt—so cleverly contrived by Dr. Airlie—he would never have been master of Glenberrie. He did not grudge Bertie Douglas his good fortune, but he had never forgiven Gerald Ruthven. It was one of the regrets which had animated his life for years—that some day he would tax Gerald Ruthven with his guilt and make him "eat dust," as the Easterns say, for his shameful cowardice. He had never meant to stay seven for an hour under Lord Morven's roof; as it was, he had not yet broken broken bread in the house, and did not intend to do so; but his revengeful project had been stayed. He could do nothing while Gerald lay senseless, perhaps dying; but he bitterly resented the position of fortune into which he had been thrown. In spite of Lord Morven's illness he would have made a clean breast of his suspicions to Bertie but for Beatrice's intercession. Beatrice had interceded for him; he felt himself bound to show Beatrice some little consideration, and yet he wished he could never see her. He wished with all his heart that she was not a relation of the man whom he had vowed for years to punish, and whom destiny seemed at last to have placed within his hands.

"Never was a man so bound by circumstances," he said to himself, angrily. "I must show some gratitude to the woman who worked with me for Bertie's sake, only a few hours ago. But I will be forced into silence. Unless some explanations is forthcoming I'll have the whole story out to the light of day. People will believe me now. I have told hard enough to get into a position where they would believe me. I'm not going to be balked of my revenge, although Miss Esilmont may come to me a hundred times and beg me to keep the secret. Of all things in the world a secret is what I hate. I will not be bound down to keep this one. And yet—it's a horribly hard thing to refuse her—under the circumstances."

He gnawed his black moustache and looked down at the floor. He had stopped short in his walk, and was leaning against a marble pillar which formed one of the supports to an archway about halfway down the corridor. Thus absorbed in thought, he did not hear the rustle of a woman's dress beside him, and not until a gleam of light from a candle fell upon his face was he conscious that Miss Esilmont had come at last.

He started and changed his position, looking at her with involuntarily admiring eyes. There was something in her appearance which compelled his admiration. She was still pale with fatigue and pain, but there was a light in her eyes which told of a triumph which he could not understand. She had not changed her dress, but from some womanly instinct, perhaps, of adding dignity to her appearance, she had caught up and flung round her graceful shoulders a rich, soft shawl of Indian manufacture, where gold threads gleamed out from between the dull blue and crimson and amber hues—a garment fit for a queen's daughter, which Lord Morven had himself presented to her on a return from a trip to India. Beatrice's left hand was in a sling; she held the candle in her right, and as she raised it she looked calmly and proudly into Anthony's face.

"May I trouble you," she said, "to come with me into the library? We may be interrupted here at any moment, and I have something important to say to you."

Anthony bowed and followed. He felt conscious that he ought to apologize, that he ought to tell her that he could trust her and would wait for an explanation until it was convenient for her to give him one; but his tongue seemed to cleave to the roof of his mouth. He could not speak.

She led the way to the library, a great dark room in which her candle made a mere flicker of light. She set it down on the table, and then signed to him to take a chair. A casket could not have been more coldly distant in manner, or more courteously mindful of her visitor's convenience.

Here Anthony found voice. "I beg your pardon," he said, in a harsh, vexed tone; "I did not know—at least, I think we had perhaps better put off this conversation until tomorrow. Don't you think so?"

"Why?" said Miss Esilmont, drily. "He stammered out something about the lateness of the hour and her need of repose. As he spoke he looked at her curiously out of his half-sharpened, half-angry eyes, and thought that she was the most beautiful woman that he had ever seen. But his reluctant and almost sullen manner told nothing of his admiration.

Beatrice's lip curved with a rather scornful smile. "It is useless to say that now," she answered. "I am prepared to speak to you, and I wish to get the matter over as soon as possible."

She had set the candle on the table and lighted a lamp which stood close by while she was speaking. "Now," she went on, "we can see each other's faces. I always like to see the faces of those with whom I have to do. Well, Mr. Lockhart, have you anything to say before I begin?"

With one hand resting upon the square library table, and her eyes calmly regarding him, she looked so resolute and so self-possessed that Anthony was somewhat taken aback. No woman, he thought, would look and speak in that manner unless she were sure of her own ground. This reflection shows us that Mr. Lockhart knew very little about women; for women will use an assured manner as a weapon of self-defence when they are forwardly quaking with doubt and fear. And Beatrice knew that she was about to enter upon a duel, of which the issue was extremely problematical.

"No," said Anthony, with an effort, "I have nothing to say, except that I trust that Mr. Gerald Ruthven is recovering."

"He is better, I believe. I come, as you know, Mr. Lockhart, in fulfilment of a promise," said Beatrice, in a calm, steady voice. "I promised to give you Gerald's explanation of his presence at Glenberrie."

"I understand," said Anthony, with a slight bow and satirical smile. "You find that the matter cannot be explained satisfactorily, and family pride prevents your acknowledging the truth. I understand perfectly."

She was silent. She found it difficult to deny his statement of the facts. And it would have taken a great deal of pressure to bring Beatrice to the point of telling a lie—even for those she loved.

"Mr. Lockhart," she said at last, gravely and coldly, "I am obliged, as I was about to say, to throw myself upon your mercy. I am going to break my word. I do not like breaking a promise, but it is no use to ask me to keep this one. Draw what conclusions you will. I shall say nothing."

"Excuse me," said Mr. Gerald Ruthven, who was unable to make any representations to her on the subject? "If he has," said Beatrice, courageously. "I am not at liberty to lay them before you."

"Then," said Anthony, tentatively, "you are prepared for my placing the whole matter in Bertie's hands?" "No," a thousand times no.

"Then what do you expect me to do, Miss Esilmont?" "I expect nothing. I only ask you to be generous. Bertie's property is in safe hands. He has been wronged of nothing."

"Of nothing? Well, perhaps not. Yet a man has surely a right to know when an attempt to rob him has been made—"

Beatrice made a sharp, sudden movement away from him, as if he had inflicted physical pain upon her. Anthony stopped short; he felt a moment's compunction for having hurt her. But he was in no particularly gentle mood.

"You are very hard," said Beatrice, almost passionately. "What makes you so hard? Have you no pity? I thought, from what Bertie told us about you, that you were at least a kind-hearted man—"

"You were mistaken," said Anthony bitterly. "I am not kind-hearted, I have no cause to be. I have been wronged all my life by—"

"By members of the class to which Gerald Ruthven belongs. And I will have no mercy on him now." "There is more in your determination than lies on the surface. You have some special grudge against Gerald. You hate him for some cause or other—"

"You draw conclusions rapidly," said Anthony. But she noticed that he said neither or no.

"Is it generous," she asked, "to let a personal grudge influence your judgment?" "I am not generous."

"Your cousin would scarcely like to see Gerald injured—or disgraced—"

"My cousin must submit to have justice done," said Anthony, almost sternly. "The head of the family! Of a family that would ever hear my name, never recognize my existence!" cried Anthony.

"If it were not for Bertie, do you think I should be here now? He is the only one of the Lockharts who ever stretched forth a hand to me. I am grateful to him; but I owe nothing to any other of the Lockharts."

"Your grandfather relented, perhaps—at last," said Beatrice slowly. "Relented!"—Anthony's sneer was a forced one, and covered more pain than irony, but Beatrice did not like it. "Relented! I do not know that he did relent; and if he did, I should give him no thanks for his change of mind. Do you know that he drove me from his door with threats and blows when I was a homeless, destitute lad of ten years old? It was a wonder that I did not go straight to the devil—Again I beg your pardon; I know that that is a word which one does not use in a lady's presence, but I am not accustomed to ladies. I was starved and beaten and driven from pillar to post for years. I don't say this by way of complaint. I rejoice now that I had that experience; it taught me many things that I should never have learnt without it. It taught me, amongst other things, to put no faith in any man—especially if he be prosperous."

"That was a hard lesson," said Beatrice, who was watching him attentively. "Ay, it was hard. I learnt it in prison."

"In prison?" "Yes, Miss Esilmont. You are talking to a man who was once in jail for theft."

The grim triumph of his tone, the straightforward glance of his keen dark eyes, led Beatrice to exclaim, impulsively— "Ah, but you were not guilty!" "No," he said, and a sombre look came into those piercing eyes; "no, I was not guilty. But I bore the punishment. I am not really any the worse for that experience either; only—it was not a pleasant one. I do not forgive the persons who brought it upon me."

"And now," said Beatrice, with a strange little catch in her voice, "now that you have made your way in the world, now that you are known and respected and independent, now you regret that you have not the pestilence which would have been yours by right if your grandfather had not disinherited his son!"

"No," said Anthony sternly. "No, I do not regret it."

"You could have gone into Parliament. You could have been a leader of men. You would have had a great career."

The man's eyes flashed at the sound of the softly spoken sentences. Then he smiled, and folded his arms.

"You read character quickly, Miss Esilmont. It is a dangerous gift," he said.

She knew that he would not acknowledge to her that her words were like a clarion-call to him; that she had laid her finger unerringly on the sore place in his heart—the consciousness that he must necessarily remain obscure for many years, even if he obtained success in the end, because of his poverty, and the bad start that he had had in beginning life. How she divined all this she scarcely knew. Perhaps the needs of the spirit are easily divined by those who have felt the same. And Beatrice was of an ambitious disposition.

But, seeing that he would not show the pain she believed he felt, she changed her tact; she had a point in view. She thought she saw a way of bending even this proud man to her will. The color began to rise in her cheeks as she went on; in spite of her usual calmness she felt her hands tremble. She had a secret in her possession, and she did not mean to give it for nothing. How much would he pay her for the knowledge of what she knew?

"Even if you care so little about your own future," she said—knowing all the time that Lockhart cared for it as passionately as any man could do—, even if you are perfectly willing that your younger cousin should enjoy your position and possess all the advantages of which you would make so much more use than he—still you might care a little for an expression of your grandfather's real feeling for you. You might perhaps like to know that he grieved for his harshness, that he thought of you and tried to provide for you at the last. Would that not soften your feelings toward him?"

"I might do so, said Anthony, looking at her intently. Then, with a sudden change of countenance, "You mean that you know something about him that I don't know. Yes, I should like to hear."

"I do know something," Beatrice responded softly. "I know how to reverse the positions that you and Bertie hold. Do you understand? You may be master of Glenberrie if you like. You have only to say the word."

"What word?" "Say that you will not harm Gerald—and I will tell you all."

She had made her venture now. She had thrown her bait; would the fish rise? For the moment she held her breath; the role that she was playing was new to her; she had never bargained for anything before.

The silence lasted for a minute or two. It was broken by a strange laugh from Anthony—an agitated, unmitigated laugh. "Good heavens!" he said, and then he laughed again. "I believe the girl thinks that she can bribe me to keep 'the secret'!"

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Our facilities for the work cannot be surpassed. We will endeavor in most cases to do the day if it is brought in, required. Custom Spinning and Reeling or Spinning on the Cap, coarse or fine, hard or soft twist, as required. We are in a position to do all kinds of custom work, usually done in a full set custom mill, and we will guarantee to do for you fully equal, if not a little better than any in our surroundings. A call respectfully solicited.

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Toronto, Nov. 18th, 1885.

Bill Nye's Last night I was awa of fire. It was a loud, as a large, adult man his window on the was not large, and the have been told, was no should have been.

For that reason I ar dressed myself in ordie. I carefully low my room by means of I found concealed in a our corner of the pass. On the street all was hoarse cry of fire had other, passed around The cry of fire in a su grand sight.

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so that those who were feel perfectly free to link and watch the pro elements might have b through the casement of liam's residence, facing of Mr. Pendergast's street the spectators w tion had not been nee tinctly read the sign fellow townsman, Mr. A which was lit up by flames so that the lette ly as follows:

ALONZO HURL Wood, Lime, Spec Nails, Putty, Spoco Radish. Chocolate Caramels a Gas Fitter and Under Branches. Hides, Tallow, and Fine Gold Jewellery Salt.

Glue, Codfish, and G Underaker and H. C. Diseases of Hor Specialty.

The strange story of threatened fellow-towm past, whose genial ab has endeared him to a With a degree of su suggested the present hook and ladder comp tion of which every o justly proud. Some a ing to find the ladder and ladder company but at last he was seen had a home for th ran swiftly down the foramen, but after he self and inquired at fire he saw he wa the company since Ap

the sp over and upon and lick up salt-barrel close proximity to the by our esteemed fellow dergast. Twice Ma seen to shoulder the home and fill our forward to the immu Just as the town s hook and ladder camp down the street with hook and ladder comp beauty, being one of the best book and ladder instruments, with tall blue ladders.

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Bill Nye's Letter.

Last night I was awakened by the cry of fire. It was a loud, hoarse cry, such as a large, adult man might emit from his window on the night air. The town was not large, and the fire department, I have been told, was not so effective as it should have been.

For that reason I arose and carefully dressed myself in order to assist, if possible. I carefully lowered myself from my room by means of a staircase which I found concealed in a dark and mysterious corner of the passage.

On the street all was confusion. The hoarse cry of fire had been taken up by others, passed around from one to another, till it had swollen into a dull roar. The cry of fire in a small town is always a grand sight.

All along the street in front of Mr. Pendergast's roller rink the blanched faces of the people could be seen. Men were hurrying to and fro, knocking the bystanders over in their frantic attempts to get somewhere else.

With great forethought Mr. Pendergast, who had that day finished painting his roller rink a dull roan color, removed from the building the large card which bore the legend: "So that those who were so distressed might feel perfectly free to lean up against the rink and watch the progress of the flames."

Anon the bright glare of the devouring elements might have been seen bursting through the casement of Mr. Cicero Williams's residence, facing on the alley west of Mr. Pendergast's rink.

The spectators who were early education had not been neglected, and distinctly read the sign of our esteemed fellow-townsmen, Mr. Alonso Burlingame, which was lit up by red glare of the flames so that the letters stood out plainly as follows:

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The flames spread rapidly, until they threatened the Palace rink of our esteemed fellow-townsmen, Mr. Pendergast, whose genial and urban manner has endeared him to all.

With a degree of forethought worthy of a better cause Mr. Leroy W. Butts suggested the propriety of setting out the rink and ladder company by the side of which every one seemed to be just proud. Some delay ensued in trying to find the janitor of Palace Rink and Ladder company No. 1's building, but at last he was secured, and after he had some home for the key Mr. Butts ran swiftly down the street to wake the foreman, but after he had dressed himself and inquired anxiously about the fire he saw he was not foreman of the company since April 2.

Mr. Burlingame the fireproof continued to "the boys and among on his hind feet and lick up snuff after all-barrel in close proximity to the Palace rink, owned by our esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. Pendergast. Twice Mr. Pendergast was seen to shudder, after which he went home and filled out a blank which he forwarded to the insurance company.

with blackened ruins. Mr. Pendergast is overcome by grief over the loss of his rink, but assures us that if he is successful in getting the full amount of his insurance he will take the money and build two rinks, either one of which will be far more imposing than the one destroyed last evening.

A movement is on foot to give a library and musical entertainment at Burney's hall to raise funds for the purchase of new uniforms for the fire ladders, at which Mrs. Butts has consented to sing "When the Robins Nest Again," and Miss Meris Stout will recite Oler Jo's selection which never fails to offend the best people everywhere. Twenty-five cents for each offense.

Let there be a full house. BILL NYE.

Are you troubled with Salt Rheum, Rough Skin, Pimples or Canker Sores; if so, go at once to Geo. Rhynes Drug Store and get a package of McGregor & Parke's Carbolic Cerate. Price 25 cents. It was never known to fail.

The Potato Rot - Its Cause and Remedies

By J. HENRY PATON, M.A., Professor of Natural History at the Ontario Agricultural College.

The use of the microscope in the fields of scientific research has revealed much that is of importance to man. Many forms of disease, about whose origin little was known, have had much light shed upon them since this instrument was employed in their study, both among animals and plants.

We find now that man is constantly lashed by invisible foes - some attacking himself and others the food which he eats. During the past summer and fall a striking example of this occurred in the prevalence of the so-called "potato rot," which has proved a great loss throughout the Province and in many parts of the United States.

In the bulletin issued in November from the Bureau of Industries, we learn that the "rot" prevailed through the whole southern belt of the Province. In many cases one-half to three-fourths of the crop was destroyed, and in some it was not worth digging. With such disaster around us, the questions are naturally suggested, What is the cause of the "rot"? and What remedies can be adopted?

Cause. - This disease has received a great deal of attention from botanists since the days when it became noticeable in Ireland and other parts of the British Isles, and it is now conceded to be the result of a minute fungus called *Phytophthora infestans*. This attacks all parts of the plant - leaf, stem and tubers.

By those ignorant of the life history of this tiny parasitic plant little attention is paid to its appearance on the tops, and so a large proportion of the potatoes are affected. But being very contagious, its presence on the leaves should become a serious matter, especially when we remember that it spreads with great rapidity.

It is usually indicated by the tops presenting a blotched, brownish, spotted dead appearance. A close examination of the potatoes showing this will discover innumerable slender stems growing up out of the surface of the leaves and stems of the affected plants. These branch and swell out at the ends into pear-shaped minute bodies (spores), which are produced by millions. When ripe they separate from the stem and being exceedingly light pass into the atmosphere, where they are wafted about, many of them finally reaching the ground or settling upon plants. Under favourable conditions of moisture and heat the contents of a microscopic spore may push out a long minute tube, which can penetrate into any part of the potato plant and give rise to the fungus; or may separate into several distinct portions (swarm spores) which burst through the spore wall and become the source of the parasitic plant.

The mature plant which lives in the tops and tubers is very minute, and can only be seen by the aid of the microscope. It consists of many colourless, branching, thread-like structures. These penetrate the tissues of the potato and feed upon the juices, so that it soon weakens and begins to waste away. From the thread-like structures tiny stalks arise, assuming beautiful plant-like forms and bearing upon their branches the spores already referred to. They live but a short time, but the thread-like structure is perennial and hardy, and from fragments of it new fungi may arise.

It is said by some that another kind of spore is produced which can winter, and thus give rise to the organism in another season. These are the so-called resting spores, apparently for the purpose of keeping the species over certain periods, while the spores already considered are

produced rapidly so as to hasten the spread of the fungus under favorable conditions. This minute microscopic plant is certainly a low form of vegetable life, incapable of manufacturing food from the mineral kingdom, but fastening upon other plants and feeding upon their juices. A wet season supplies conditions well adapted for its development, and hence we have the "rot" associated with such weather. There is no doubt that many spores are always more or less present, but they are prevented from being a source of trouble because the weather is not suited for their growth.

Remedies. - The "rot" usually appears about the first two weeks in August, and if the weather is favorable its spread is very rapid, for as soon as the thread-like structure which arises from the spore is developed it immediately becomes spore-bearing. Hence the importance of examining the plants for the appearance of the brownish spots that indicate the presence of the fungus.

1. As soon as discovered, dig the potatoes. Delay will allow it to spread to the stems, and thence to the tubers. If it reaches these and damp weather comes, "rot" will certainly appear.

2. After digging, the potatoes should be put in a cool dry place, thus surrounding them with conditions unfavorable for the growth of the fungus, if any happens to be upon them.

3. Growing early varieties is worthy of consideration, so that they may mature before the season arrives when this parasite is likely to affect the crop.

4. All potato stalks in affected lands should be gathered and burned, so as to destroy the millions of spores which may be upon them.

5. Use none but good seed. If at all affected, reject them; and plant in well-drained land. If the potatoes to be used for seed have been taken from cellars where affected ones were kept, they are likely to have the microscopic spores on them and escape notice. It would be best to get seed from unaffected districts.

6. It is scarcely necessary to remark that it would be injudicious to plant potatoes in the same field the following year after a visitation of the "rot," inasmuch as the ground may retain the germs of the disease.

7. Avoid planting upon heavy clay soil, but prefer a light and dry soil. This presents the fewest conditions suitable for the growth of the fungus.

The nature of our climate is not so favorable for the development of this injurious fungus as that of Britain; yet as we are sometimes visited by it, and although scarcely viewed as a scourge, it is well that we should remember its nature and habits and always be ready to guard against failure if it appears. As last summer was favorable for its propagation, great care should be exercised in the selection of seed this spring.

It is expected that the United Empire will leave Sarnia on her first trip up this season on Tuesday next, the 27th inst.

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Goderich, Feb. 14th 18

MAN IS MONARCH.

The Young Men of North Street Methodist Church Think So.

They Cook and Wait and Warble and Make Speeches to Show That They can do Without the Ladies—Lecture by Rev. G. H. Turk, of Leeknow.

About a year ago the young ladies connected with North street Methodist church got up a social which was entirely conducted by themselves, even to the ticket selling at the door, and the speaking from the chair. The young men have been gathering themselves together ever since to excel, if possible, the maidens in the culinary and social line, and Good Friday evening was chosen as the time to make the manifestation.

Notwithstanding the rain, a good audience assembled to witness the effort. The following gentlemen were the active spirits of the occasion:—

Manager—C. G. Newton.

Waters—W. Armstrong, J. Acheson, R. Barnby, M. Robertson, W. Ellard, R. Robertson, J. W. Reid, J. Cassidy, W. Cox, J. Henderson, C. Yates, T. Wylie, W. Pridham, G. Hamlen, W. Bickle.

Door keepers—O. Pennington, J. Truax, J. A. Reid.

Ushers—Jos. Pearin, J. W. Vanatter. Chairman—R. Barnby.

All of the above were single men, except the ushers, who have each been under the matrimonial yoke for several years. Ed. Belcher, the baker, another married man, was taken in to balance the chorus. The young men were attired in long white aprons, with bouquets of natural flowers, and they also wore square topped paper caps, which gave them a spruce, uniform appearance. The waiting was prompt and gave much satisfaction.

The refreshments, all of which were prepared by male hands, were abundant and toothsome. The coffee was piped hot, and the sandwiches, jelly cakes, fruit-cakes, coconut-cakes, etc. were voted "just excellent" by the surprised gender. The young men are laying out future punishment at the summer picnic.

Mr. Barnby, High School student, occupied the chair, and made the following opening address:—

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—As you are doubtless aware, I have been appointed chairman for the evening, but I can assure you that it does not give me great pleasure to stand up here tonight. I would rather sit at the door and enjoy the entertainment. But in this life there are duties allotted to us, and we must perform these duties as best we may. As I have no prepared speech, and the evening is far advanced, it would not be prudent for me to trouble you with any attempt at a lengthy address. I trust you all have enjoyed yourselves; that you relished the tea—the coffee, rather—provided by the young men. I can tell the congregation that all was done by the young men here tonight in the gallery. (Applause by the congregation and blazes by the young men in the gallery.) I heard one remark very-very-very: "The coffee is very good." I think, therefore, the young men are to be congratulated upon their success in this line. About a year ago we had an entertainment got up entirely by the young ladies, and it was a success. (Hear, hear.) But I would say to the girls tonight that I want to show how our entertainment is superior to yours. Like you you had the flour to bake; but who tilled the land and sowed the wheat? Men. Who took the water to the mill and ground it there? Men. I can tell the ladies that tonight no woman has had a finger in this pie. (Laughter and applause.) You know, too, that in order to get the water and flour to rise, you must mix something with it, and that has been provided by man. (Laughter.) The ladies also provided for the mind, and I think the pieces they gave were composed mainly by men. (Expressions of dissent on the faces of the girls.) I believe that everything in the intellectual line tonight will be composed by men. (Male applause.) The ladies are fond of talking about women's rights, women's rights, women's rights. We men also have our rights. One of these is the privilege of going shopping. He then quizzed the opposite sex about their fickleness when shopping, and closed by introducing the chorus by the waiters. These gentlemen, who were very enthusiastically received, sang the following song, composed by Willie Armstrong, to the air of "Auld Lang Syne":—

THE YOUNG MEN'S SONG.

We come before you, friends, tonight, With cruet and wash-bowl in hand; To show you little of our might; Quite sure you'll not be afraid. Our aprons, caps, and bread and cake, We think them very nice; For making all we honor take, And cut up every slice. To greater work we do aspire: For pulpit, press, and main; And all important things require The noble help of man. For up above this world we soar, To measure sun and moon; Deep, deep into the earth we bore, And search down underground. We need not with the world contend For riches which are our own; We know they always need young men With muscle, brain and bone. The ladies think they do excel With needle and wash-pail; But even this the people's taste, And suit the people's taste. At dish-washing we offend; We do not think 'tis fair To make the noble creature, man, Such woful work to share. But as to bachelor's life we're doomed, And have to do the work, Some patent pie will get us soon To wash off all the dirt. 'O my, where are the men,' they say; 'O, my, where are the men?' For every little job they'll send And say, 'Where are the men?' Notwithstanding the disclaimer about washing the dishes made by the poet in the song given above, the venerable sexton says that the church was handed over to him next day in a cleaner condition than after any other social or tea-meeting.

THE LECTURE.

Rev. Mr. Turk humorously prefaced his lecture by saying that he really believed that after all this talk of the chairman about the young men doing so nicely without the young ladies, he would not be surprised to hear that the

chairman had been seen after the meeting leaning over somebody's front gate. (Laughter.) He opened by quoting Dr. Douglas's maxim in choosing a text. "Take a good text, gentlemen, a full text. Do not spend your hours in building a sermon about a fragment of a text, whilst countless passages there are which under the stroke of the hammer of thought will fly into sparkling diamonds of truth." Society is composed of two classes, the leaders and the led. Both are indispensable to maintain a proper equilibrium. In every age there were those who rose above their fellows. They were the suns in the world's sky; the fixed stars in the firmament. The lecturer then glanced at some of the worthies of history—men like Alexander, Demosthenes, Hannibal, Cato, Cicero, Dante,—generals, poets, orators and philosophers, and came down to the leaders of the nineteenth century. Some one had said that "Peace was the dream of the wise, but war is the history of man." At the opening of the 19th century all Europe was engaged in war. The whole of the 170,000,000 of her population, by the decrees of kings or from personal choice, were fighting each other. France was largely responsible for the condition of affairs. Napoleon without doubt, was a great man. He was a born leader. He freely to a member of the assembly who expressed a fear that he was too young to take command of an important expedition, he said, "I will be older when I return." The influence exercised by Napoleon upon the world is without a parallel. Side by side with Napoleon, but infinitely above him in true greatness of character and leadership, stands Wellington. The "Iron Duke" had not one tithe of the glitter and sparkle with which his great antagonist dazzled the world. But he possessed the greatest of all genius, a sort of inspired common sense. He knew what he could do, and what he could not do. He knew Napoleon often confounded his ambitions with his abilities. Wellington pitted against Napoleon was the man to win in the end. The former never needlessly sacrificed a soldier; and that also could be said of his immediate superior, the Duke of Wellington. The speaker then drew a graphic picture of the battle of Waterloo, which was an admirable bit of word painting. Wellington's character was summed up in his reply to a Scotch colonel at a critical moment in that momentous contest: "I would not have any man under my command who would not pray for war, he would not hope for war, but should the day come when war was forced upon us, may we prove worthy of the airs who bore us, and filled and thrilled with the spirit which animated the heroes of Waterloo, rally around the old flag. (Applause.) He then went on to notice leaders in the political world. At the time of the downfall of Napoleon he begged description. In England the public debt crushed the people. Taxes were exorbitant. Bread was taxed. Even as common and necessary an article as salt was taxed many times its worth, in some cases \$20 a cwt. A man who wished to improve his business by advertising had to pay 75c to \$1 for the privilege, besides the cost of the advertisement. The newspaper men don't think the merchants advertise freely enough nowadays, when there are no taxes, said the lecturer, and the audience burst into a big laugh. Criminal law were very savage, and were administered with most relentless severity. Edmund Burke used to say he could pass any bill through Parliament which imposed the death penalty. If a man injured a Westminster bridge, he was hanged. If he shot at rabbits or stole property to the value of \$1.25 he was promptly hanged. Representative government at the beginning of this century was a mere figment. Two-thirds of the members of the Commons were appointed by the peers who owned the boroughs. After alluding to the prominent figures in the carrying of the Reform Bill, the lecturer dwelt at length on two great statesmen and life-long political antagonists—Beaconsfield and Gladstone. He described Disraeli's first appearance as a parliamentary debater, and traced his course until his triumphant return from the Vienna congress, bearing with him "Peace with Honor." Beaconsfield loved England, and was jealous of her honor and supremacy among the nations. The Vienna congress was the crowning triumph of his political career. The Russian Bear came down from his northern forest and sat upon the shores of the Bosphorus not content with his vast possessions, like a hungry boy at Christmas, he wanted a slice of Turkey. Turkey was under the protection of England. Russia had the audacity to forbid the British fleet from passing the straits. The Lion was aroused. The English sailed up the Danubian, and dropped anchor in the bay below Constantinople. The Russian army halted, but it was at England's orders. The Bear growled but the Lion roared. That roar struck terror to the heart of the Russian Bear. He turned and fled, snapping and snoring, to his home in the north. The Lion is slow to strike, but he does not strike in vain. (Applause.) 1857 will ever be memorable as it came to the front the other leading light of the political firmament of the 19th century. The Government was in trouble over finance, not an unusual thing even in Canada. (Laughter.) After a brilliant speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Disraeli), at 2 o'clock in the morning a young parliamentarian rose to reply, and soon his magnetic voice chained the attention of the House. At 4.30 p. m. the House divided, and the Government was in a minority of 19. The hero of that hour was none other than William Ewart Gladstone, the man toward whom today the eyes of the civilized world are turned. From that night until Disraeli retired the Commons for the Upper Chamber, these two giants of debate were steadily pitted against each other. In fact, one name was almost certain to suggest the other. It is not disparaging to any to say that as parliamentarian the world has never seen the equal of the present premier of England. He has made more eloquent speeches than any living man. His erudition is marvellous, and he is as good as he is great. He is a living refutation of the assertion that it is impossible for a politician to be a Christian. (Applause.) Whatever may be the issue of the great question now before the

British Parliament, Gladstone will ever stand before the public mind as the "Grand Old Man." We want more men in our political life. "God, give us men!" prayed the lecturer. Politics may never be right until we have more the same code of morals for it that are applied to the other relations of life. He thought, however, it would be best not to enter into any discussion of Canadian politics, although the young men of this country should study political history more closely. There was a wide difference between partyism and politics. Less partyism and more politics was what the country needed. Give us men, and the great history of Canada will be written. Macaulay, the great historian, says that the statesman was next described, and a high tribute paid to his genius. Carlyle, that grim enigma, philosopher and historian, also came in for review. Perhaps the greatest achievement in the life of the present century was the opening up of the wealth of German literature to the English mind. Living in an age of shame, he, having shame directed all his energies against them. Friends, Gress, Argyle and George Elliot, in England; Bancroft, Prescott, Irving and Emerson in America; and Whitman and Deak in Canada, were also named as celebrated in literature during the century. It had sternly been said that "Canadians are not a literary people. To refute that calumny it was only necessary to read the list of Canadian authors, and examine our system of education, which is confessedly the best in the world. (Applause.) The speaker then eloquently and forcibly denounced the trashy reading that is so abundant in the present day, and urged upon us the elevating literature. The best advice next to "Keep good company" was "Read good books." (Hear, hear.) A comparison between the social condition of the world at the beginning of the present century and the present day, showed that great strides had been made upward and forward. He would not enter the field of conflict between capital and labor. There are grievances on both sides; yet he believed the struggle would result in ultimate good. A review of the condition of both classes at the beginning of the century would do much to heal the breach. The Golden Rule acted out would solve the whole problem: "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you." The lecturer then paid an eloquent tribute to the late J. B. George, the temperance apostle, and was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his panegyric. This led the speaker on to the condition of temperance affairs in Canada. He said, "In many countries the temperance cause is not active. The cause is partly with the government, but not altogether. The people have passed the measure by overwhelming majorities, and those people should help the government to enforce the law. (Hear, hear.) He then asked the question, "What is the remedy?" and put away liquor should ask the voter to break the law. 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