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## Clarke & Co. The Cash System Store.

### Opened Last Week Men's Hats IN SOFT AND STIFF FELTS.

All the latest prevailing styles, Fedoras, Straight Leaf, Turned Edge, etc., large and small shapes, all sizes, 6 3/4 to 7 1/4.

### Our Stock of Men's Furnishings

is being made complete as rapidly as possible. Already we have received a large assortment of Shirts, etc. We have now on the road and to open this week W. G. & R. Shirts and Collars, new spring patterns and styles. Soft and Stiff Point Shirts and Latest Style Collars.

### NEW STOCK OF Ladies' Corsets.

The favorite D. & A. make which have proved such a success with us during the last few years. The new spring models are slightly higher in the bust. Now in stock at our store, 50c to \$1.50.

### We cannot emphasize too strongly the value of Crums' Prints.

which we mentioned last week. The clear cut patterns; the fine quality of cotton; the lack of dressing; and best of all the guarantee that goes with each piece of, absolutely fast color, make this the most desirable print on the market.

Price 14c.

Just opened this week New Dress Goods and Whitewear, of which we shall have more to say later.

CLARKE & Co., The Cash System Store.

## Special Values in Cottons and Prints.

**Grey Cotton.** The famous Bengal Brand, full 1 yd wide, very fine quality, well worth 12c per yd, but having secured a quantity of Cotton before the advance in prices we are enabled to place this on sale now at **10 yards for 85c.**

**Regular 10c.** quality, good heavy full width Cotton, at 8c, per yard or **10 yards for 75c.**

We are also showing an extra good Cotton at 5c, per yard or **10 yards for 45c.**

**Prints.** We have several pieces of regular 10c. Print which in order to make room we are clearing out at **8c. per yard.**  
All regular 12, 14, and 15c Prints placed on the table now at **10c. per yard.**

A. H. MACKAY, Newcastle.

### HARDWARE.

I am constantly adding to my already large stock of hardware and will soon have a new store opened up. Everything in Hardware.

J. H. Phinney

### Roses, Carnations and Daffodils

Bouquets and all kinds of sweet flowers. Floral Emblems made of the choicest flowers.

H. S. CRUKSHANK, 180 Union St. St. John, N. B.

### A Few Snaps in Groceries

Starting on THURSDAY, 22ND INST. I will for TEN DAYS ONLY, sell the following goods at unreasonably low prices for SPOT CASH:

25 lbs. Hand Picked Beans for	\$1.00
22 " Granulated Sugar for	1.00
6 " Best Soap, any brand preferred,	.25
4 " Best Raisins for	.25
1 gal. Extra Choice Porto Rico Molasses	.45
1 Large Bottle Syrup for	.20
1 Bottle Heaton's Mixed Pickled or Chow	.20
Vim Tea in bulk or packages at a reduction of 5c. per pound.	

Remember these prices are for SPOT CASH, and no Coupons and last for only TEN DAYS, beginning Thursday, (to-morrow.) Mail orders accompanied by cash will receive prompt and careful attention.

Geo. Stables, THE PEOPLE'S GROCER.

### An Evening Concert with an Edison Phonograph:

Overture to William Tell	Band	Last Rose of Summer	Coronet Solo
Rosevelt's Rough Rider March	Band	Without Your Love Ah! Lee	Contralto Solo
Sing Again That Sweet Refrain	Tenor Solo	Me Die	Contralto Solo
Selection from the "Chinese Honey-moon"	Orchestra	Intermezzo from "Cavalleria"	Orchestra
Little Darling Dream of Me	Orchestra	Rustic Song	Orchestra
Polonaise Brilliant	Orchestra	The Shade of the Palms	Piano Solo
Barn Dance from "Florodora"	Orchestra	Then You'll Remember Me	Violin
Good Night Beloved Good Night	Orchestra	Anvil Chorus	Band

H. WILLISTON & CO. JEWELERS. ESTABLISHED 1889.

### PREMIER DELIVERS BUDGET SPEECH.

Estimates a Substantial Surplus for the Coming Year.

### ROAD MONEY.

Amount of Money Spent on Northumberland Roads During Last Year.

(Special to Advocate.)  
Premier Tweedie began his budget speech in the House at 8.50, yesterday evening. He spoke until 10.10 and will resume his speech this morning.

The estimated receipts for 1906 were given at \$507,639.15—estimated expenditure at \$487,327.42, showing an estimated surplus of \$120,311.73. Mr. Tweedie for the most part confined himself to dealing with the Central Railway expenditure, showing from reports of the special Engineer and Commissioners King and McLeod that the developments of the Central Railway Coal industry had already more than justified the Government's action in putting the road in a first class order.

Mr. Mr. LaBelle in reply to Mr. Morrison said:

The superintendents appointed for the different highway districts in the county of Northumberland are the following:

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**NOTICE OF SALE.**

To EDWARD POWER of the Parish of Inverman, in the County of Gloucester, Farmer:

Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Fifth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five, and made between Edmond Power of the Parish of Inverman, in the County of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, of the one part, and Philip Arnesen of the Parish of Saumarez, in said County and Province, Merchant, of the other part, Notice is hereby given, that for default in the payment of the moneys secured by said Mortgage, the same will, for the purpose of satisfying the said Mortgage, and the moneys secured thereby, BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, in front of the Court House in the Town of Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester, aforesaid, on TUESDAY, the Seventeenth Day of April next, at noon, all that Lot, Tract, Piece or Parcel of Land, situate, lying and being in the Parish of Inverman, in the County of Gloucester, and bounded as follows:—Beginning at a stake standing at the Northeastern angle of Lot number one hundred and fifty-two, purchased by Charles Power, thence running Easterly to the land owned and occupied by Agass Motirow, thence Westerly to the rear line of the Lot, thence Southerly to the place of beginning, being a part of Lot number one hundred and fifty-three, on the Gaspean Brook, originally granted to John L. Power, and now sitting sixty acres more or less, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

Dated the Twenty-sixth day of January, A. D. 1906.

**N. A. LANDRY, PHIL. ARNESEN,**  
Solicitor for Mortgagee. Mortgagee.

**TO THE FARMERS**

OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Gentlemen:—Having leased the French Fort Cove Roller Flour Mill, Newcastle, we have put it in thorough repair and secured the services of Mr. Jas. Jones, one of the best millers in the county, Mill.

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A second-class female teacher for District No. 5, Underhill, Blackville, for remainder of term. Apply, stating salary to **JAMES W. UNDERHILL,** Sec. to Trustees, Underhill P. O.

**FATHER MAGUIRE, WRITES LETTER.**

**Denounces the Administration of the Scott Act Here.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ADVOCATE:

SIR:—The role of critic is always an unpleasant one to play, the more so when it has for its object local conditions and persons. So keenly does the present writer realize this truth that he has refrained, up to the present, from appearing in such a capacity until forced thereto by a state of things ever growing worse, which all must admit, prevail in this town of Newcastle. His only object is to let in the white light of publicity upon the dark places with the hope that his fellow townsmen may be shamed into the adoption of means to correct abuses; or, at least, to see that the laws are observed.

Of course, he is not of those who expect too much of human nature, or hope that virtue may be taught and enforced by law. But laxity in carrying out the provisions—even where the wisdom of its policy questioned—must, in the end, lead to social deterioration and demoralization of the community. This has made itself evident in this town of Newcastle, as it had already done in the town of Chatham, and was amply illustrated by facts.

**LIQUOR FAIRLY FLOWED.**

Northumberland County came under the Canada Temperance Act, known as the Scott Act, in 1887. At first it was fairly well applied, although much was left to be desired. But for the last two years or more liquor fairly flowed in this town of Newcastle; and the audacity of the law-breakers became more brazen from a sense of security begotten of the difficulty in the way of securing convictions.

We should distinguish between two classes of offenders, the licensed vendors and all others. Proof of sale was enough to convict the latter, whilst in regard to the form it was necessary moreover to prove that the sale was not for bona fide medicinal purposes. Here the advocates of the observance met their first real problem which appeared all but insoluble, as a result of the interpretation of the act and certain rulings of the new magistrate.

The amount of liquor, in however large quantities prescribed by a medical man for his 'patient' whom he might never have seen, or who might then be at his work or office, and who labored under a novel disease known as 'itis', or, stipped of its medical verbiage, 'thirst' was not to be regarded by the vendor as being for other than bona fide medicinal purposes. The name of some strolling doctor signed to the prescription was a pledge of immunity from consequences to the vendor. In substance, this was on the magistrate's ruling. I do not mean to question his knowledge or justice and impartiality. But to the man in the street and to the former magistrate a prescription calling for twelve or more bottles of whisky, which was far from unusual, was on the face of it one not for bona fide medicinal purposes.

If the act bore this interpretation, then it is a most pernicious act, not only failing in the purpose which it sought to obtain, but standing in the way of protection which a reasonable application of the New Brunswick licensing laws might be expected to afford. Hence we might well complain of the Dominion Parliament which gave us a law in other respects also defective. The misfortune is the greater since the Scott Act does not permit decisions on questions of fact to be reviewed or reversed by a higher court.

**THE 'SICK MAN'S' AGENTS.**

Again, the 'sick man' puts his prescription on file with the vendor. Other 'sick men' come to him for lines or orders to draw against his prescriptions for a bottle of whiskey which he gives very freely and frequently. They act

as his 'agents' by paying for it with their own money, carry it away to the streets or the lots and cure him by drinking it themselves. It is perfectly lawful for the vendor to receive and honor these bits of paper, without question.

Such substantiality is No. 2 ruling. The act thus becomes not one to restrain the sale of liquor, but one to protect the vendor against the consequences of his defiance of the law and his disregard for the well-being of the community. Moreover there appears to be nothing in the law, as we understand it here, to prevent the vendors from preserving the orders against each prescription, only long enough to throw inquisitive people or the inspector off the count of the orders drawn on each prescription; and having accomplished their purpose of safeguarding the vendor from prosecution, may, in whole or part, be destroyed when the danger is passed. In this way a prescription for, say, twelve bottles of spirits might be made to cover the sale of any additional quantities, however unlimited. And since as is held, the vendors are not obliged to show the inspector their prescriptions and orders, no means of comparison and verification remain.

Further, the act seems to have made no provision capable of reaching the abuse of doctors outside the county and practicing in counties not subject to the operation of the act, who sent their books of signed blank prescription forms into this county and the towns without, or for—often for a consideration—to certain parties who in turn for a drink distributed this paper among the 'faithful'.

There was a doctor formerly of Chatham and one of Rexton (N. B.) whose paper was fairly common to Newcastle. Another in this county did not find it inconsistent with a sense of decency to act similarly. Moreover, it was not necessary to have doctors' prescriptions; a line from a respectable man would open the tap to the proper person; for it acted as a voucher for the trustworthiness of the bearer. We need not marvel at the result. The fortunes rolling up in the hands of Scott Act monopolists was an invitation to unlicensed parties to try their luck in this 'Klondike'.

**SENDING OUT OF TOWN FOR BOTTLES.**

In consequence, places began to spring up like mushrooms or toadstools in a night, and multiply only to fatten upon the weakness and imprudence of the working class.

The railway station was an unguarded avenue. Numerous cases of spirits were expressed to town with perfect safety. Thirsty crowds of men on pay day deputed one of their number to board a north or south-bound train to a more or less distant town where a supply of liquor might be procured. This commissary, returning with a sack of bottles, would be met by the expectant crowd who displayed so little restraint that some of them 'fell by the wayside.' A crowd of some fifteen men might be seen on an afternoon behind stores on the main street, and sometimes in sight of the passers-by with two large bottles. There are now ten places in town which make the sale of liquor their exclusive business. It would be as reasonable to try to prove the existence of a fire in the woods on both sides of the Miramichi were allane, as to be asked to prove, what no

one here calls in question, that liquor flows in Newcastle.


Another phase of the evil is the incoming to the town of women; little if at all, better than strumpets driven out of neighboring towns by the force of public opinion or the pressure of the law, who keep places where rotten young men like vultures scenting carrion, or dogs, offal, congregate and heated with spirits, make the air of these dens lurid with profanity and dark with their obscenity.

When the inherent difficulties in the way of enforcing the Scott Act are weighed and appreciated, the state of things which prevails here in common with so many other localities could not continue for any length of time had the people reflected, that the seeds of disorder once sown, the outcome, however slow in coming to maturity and how great soever the efforts to retard it, must result in a harvest of evil consequences, both material and moral; or had they not been in sympathy with a lax administration of the law. A few days ago the people of Charlottetown and county, Prince Edward Island, voted against the continuance of the Scott Act. The temperance people accomplished their end, while the liquor dealers were quite content to remain in statu quo ante.

**OFFICIALS AND THEIR DUTY.**

Again the graver consequences following in the train of widespread, open, constant and general.

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**Vapo-Cresolene**

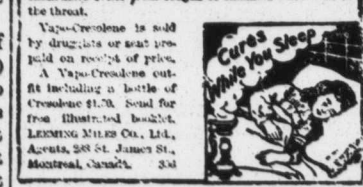
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Is every word in this dictionary, pal? Oh, no my child. Every little while a new word comes into the language. What's the latest word, pal? Your ma will tell you. She always has the last word.

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**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that, at the next meeting of the Local Legislature, legislation will be applied for to make certain changes in the assessment law respecting the Town of Newcastle, also for the erecting of a fire district in the Town in accordance with certain demands of the Fire Underwriters, also, to provide funds for the building of permanent sidewalks and special taxation therefor on anyoning properties and the erection of a crib work at the public wharf, also for authority to impose taxes and assessments on certain properties within the Town and the amendment of an Act relating to the Town of Newcastle passed in the year 1900, also for the power to bond the floating indebtedness of the Town and to provide for necessary expenditure in connection with Water, Sewerage and Electric Light.

Dated this 26th day of January, A. D., 1906.

**R. T. D. AITKEN,**  
Town Clerk.

**TROUT Mezzc Work**

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The "little fighting whaler" forced the life of the deep-sea, apparently man, in organized bands, savagely attacking the ordinary large whale and bringing him to the death. The whaler, attacking in this way, did it with the same method of defense as the "Old-Whale-Dunk" lives. A curious law at what was dealt at the whaler, England, recently, the whaler was studied and dealt in the whaler, but when the whaler looked at his hands they found that one of them had twelve spades, another eleven, the third man swung diamonds, and the fourth eleven clubs. They were trumps.

H. . ANSLOW, Local Agent  
N 2821









## The Return of Sherlock Holmes.

By S. Conan Doyle.

Author of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," "The Hound of the Baskinville," "The Sign of the Four," "A Study in Scarlet," etc.

(Illustrated by F. D. Steele.)



Godfrey Stanton was much excited.

"Hold it to the glass," he cried. "That is unnecessary," said Holmes. "The paper is thin, and the reverse will give the message. Here it is," he turned at once and we read:

**Stand by us for  
Gordon Sake**

"So that is the full end of the telegram which Godfrey Stanton dispatched within a few hours of his disappearance. There are at least six words of the message which have escaped us, but what remains—'Stand by us for God's sake'—proves that this young man saw a formidable danger which approached him, and from which some one else could protect him. 'Us' marks you! Another person was involved. Who should it be but the pale-faced, bearded man, who seemed himself so nervous a state? What then is the connection between Godfrey Stanton and the bearded man? And what is the third source from which each of them sought help against pressing danger? Our inquiry has already narrowed down to that."

"We have only to find to whom that telegram is addressed," I suggested. "Exactly, my dear Watson. Your reflection, though profound and already crossed my mind. But I dare say it may have come to your notice that if you walk into a post-office and demand to see the counterfoil of another man's message, there may be some disinclination on the part of the officials to oblige you. There is so much red tape in these matters. However, I have not doubt that with a little delicacy and finesse the end may be attained. Meanwhile, I should like in your presence, Mr. Overton, to go through those papers which have been left upon the table."

There were a number of letters, bills and notebooks, which Holmes turned over and examined with quick, nervous fingers and darting, penetrating eyes. "Nothing here," he said at last. "By the way, I suppose your friend was a healthy young fellow—nothing amiss with him?"

"Sound as a bell."

"Have you ever known him?"

"Not a day. He has been laid up with a back, and once he slipped his knee-cap, but that was nothing."

"Perhaps he was not so strong as you suppose. I should think he may have had some secret trouble. With your assent, I will put one or two of those papers in my pocket, in case they should bear upon our future inquiry."

"One moment—one moment!" cried a querulous voice, and we looked up to find a queer little old man jerking and twitching in the doorway. He was dressed in rusty black, with a very broad-brimmed top hat and a loose white necktie—the whole effect being that of a very rustic parson or of an undertaker's mate. Yet, in spite of his shabby and even absurd appearance, his voice had a sharp crackle and his manner a quick incisiveness which commanded attention.

"Who are you, sir, and by what right do you touch this gentleman's papers?" he asked.

"I am a private detective, and I am endeavoring to explain his disappearance."

"Oh, you are, are you? And who instructed you, eh?"

"This gentleman, Mr. Stanton's friend, was referred to me by Scotland Yard."

"Who are you, sir?"

"I am Cyril Overton."

"Then it is you who sent me a telegram. My name is Lord Mount-James. I came round as quickly as the Boyswater bus would bring me. So you have instructed a detective?"

"Yes, sir."

"And are you prepared to meet the cost?"

"I have no doubt, sir, that my friend Godfrey, when we find him, will be prepared to do that."

"But if he is never found, eh? Answer me that!"

"In that case no doubt his family—"

"Nothing of the sort, sir!" screamed the little man. "Don't look to me for a penny—not a penny! You understand that, Mr. Detective? I am all the family that this young man has got, and I tell you that I am not responsible. If he has any expectations it is due to the fact that I have never wasted money, and I do not propose to begin to do so now. As to those papers with which you are making so free, I may tell you that in case there should be anything of any value among them you will be held strictly to account for what you do with them."

"Very good, sir," said Sherlock Holmes. "May I ask in the meanwhile whether you have yourself any theory to account for this young man's disappearance?"

"No, sir, I have not. He is big enough and old enough to look after himself, and if he is as foolish as to

lose himself I entirely refuse to accept the responsibility of finding for him."

"I quite understand your position," said Holmes, with a mischievous twinkle in his eyes. "Perhaps you don't quite understand mine. Godfrey Stanton appears to have been a poor man. If he has been kidnapped it could not have been for anything which he himself possesses. The fame of your wealth has gone abroad, Lord Mount-James, and it is certainly possible that a gang of thieves have secured your nephew in order to gain from him some information as to your house, your habits and your treasures."

"The face of our impressionable little nephew turned as white as his necktie."

"However, sir, what an idea! I never thought of such a thing! What inference makes these things in the world? But Godfrey is a fine lad—a staunch lad. Nothing would induce him to give his old uncle away. I'll have the plate moved over to the back this evening. In the meantime spare no pains, Mr. Detective. I beg you to leave no stone unturned to bring him safely back. As to money, well, so far as a liver or even a tumor goes, you can always look to me."

Even in his disordered frame of mind the noble master could give us no information which could help us, for he knew little of the private life of his nephew. Our only clue lay in the truncated telegram, and with a copy of this in his hand Holmes set forth in a second look for his chain. We had shaken off Lord Mount-James, and Overton had gone to consult with the other members of his team over the milestone which had befuddled them.

There was a telephone office at a short distance from the hotel. We waited outside it.

"It's worth trying, Watson," said Holmes. "Of course with a warrant we could demand to see the counterfoils, but we have not reached that stage yet. I don't suppose they remember faces in so busy a place. Let us venture it."

"I am sorry to trouble you," said he in his blandest manner to the young woman behind the grating; "there is some small mistake about a telegram I sent yesterday. I have had no answer, and I very much fear that I must have omitted to put my name at the end. Could you tell me if this was so?"

The young woman turned over a sheet of counterfoils.

"What o'clock was it?" she asked.

"A little after 6."

"Whom was it to?"

Holmes put his finger to his lips and glanced at me. "The last words in it were 'for God's sake,'" he whispered confidentially. "I am very anxious at getting no answer."

The young woman separated one of the forms.

"This is it. There is no name," said she, smoothing it out upon the counter.

"Then that, of course, accounts for my getting no answer," said Holmes. "Dear me, how very stupid of me, to be sure! Good morning, miss, and many thanks for having relieved my mind."

He checked and rubbed his hands when we found ourselves in the street once more.

"Well?" I asked.

"We progress, my dear Watson, we progress. I had seven different schemes for getting a glimpse of that telegram, but I could hardly hope to succeed the very first time."

"And what have you gained?"

"A starting point for our investigation," he hailed a cab. "King's Cross station," said he.

"We have a journey, then?"

"Yes, I think we must run down to Cambridge together. All the indications seem to me to point in that direction."

"Tell me," I asked, as we rattled up Gray's Inn road, "have you any suspicion yet as to the cause of the disappearance? I don't think that among all our cases I have known one where the motives are more obscure. Surely you don't really imagine that he may be kidnapped in order to give information against his wealthy uncle?"

"I confess, my dear Watson, that that does not appeal to me as a very probable explanation. It struck me, however, as being the one which was most likely to interest that exceedingly unpleasant old person."

"It certainly did that, but what are your alternatives?"

"I could mention several. You must admit that it is curious and suggestive that this incident should occur on the eve of this important match and should involve the only man whose presence seems essential to the success of the side. It may, of course, be a coincidence, but it is interesting. Amateur sport is free from betting, but a good deal of outside betting goes on among the public, and it is possible that it might be worth some one's while to get at a player as the ruffians of the turf get at a race horse. There is one explanation. A second very obvious one is that this young man really is the heir of a great property, however modest his means may at present be, and it is not impossible that a plot to hold him for ransom might be concocted."

"These theories take no account of the telegram."

"Quite true, Watson. The telegram still remains the only solid thing which we have to deal, and we must not permit our attention to wander away from it. It is to gain from him some information as to your house, your habits and your treasures."

are now upon our way to Cambridge. The path of our investigation is at present obscure, but I shall be very much surprised if before evening we have not cleared it up or made a considerable advance along it."

It was already dark when we reached the old university city. Holmes took a cab at the station and ordered the man to drive to the house of Dr. Leslie Armstrong. A few minutes later we had stopped at a large mansion in the busiest thoroughfare. We were shown in and after a long wait were at last admitted into the consulting room, where we found the doctor seated behind his table.

It struck the degree in which I had lost touch with my profession that the name of Leslie Armstrong was unknown to me. Now I am aware that he is not only one of the heads of the medical school of the university, but a first-class reputation in more than one branch of science. Yet even without knowing his brilliant record one could not fail to be impressed by a mere glance at the man—the square, massive face, the hooding eyes under the thick-lashed brows, and the granite molting of the indefatigable jaw, a man of deep character, a man with an alert mind, grim, ascetic, self-contained, formidable—as I read Dr. Leslie Armstrong.

He held my friend's card in his hand, and he looked up with no very pleasant expression upon his dark features.

"I have heard your name, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, and I am aware of your profession—one of which I have no means approve."

"In that, doctor, you will find yourself in agreement with every criminal in the country," said my friend quickly.

"So far as your efforts are directed toward the suppression of crime, sir, they must have the support of every reasonable member of the community, though I cannot doubt that the official machinery is amply sufficient for the purpose. Where your calling is more open to criticism is when you pry into the secrets of private individuals, when you take up family matters which are



Dr. Leslie Armstrong.

better hidden, and when you incidentally waste the time of men who are more busy than yourself. At the present moment, for example, I should be writing a treatise instead of conversing with you."

"No doubt, doctor, and yet the conversation may prove more important than the treatise. Incidentally I may tell you that we are doing the reverse of what you very justly blame, and that we are endeavoring to prevent anything like public exposure of private matters which must necessarily follow when once the case is fairly in the hands of the official police. You may look upon me simply as an irregular pioneer, who goes in front of the regular forces of the country. I have come to ask you about Mr. Godfrey Stanton."

"What about him?"

"You know him, do you not?"

"He is an intimate friend of mine."

"You are aware that he has disappeared?"

"Ah, indeed? There was no change of expression in the rugged features of the doctor.

"He left his hotel last night—he has not been heard of."

"No doubt he will return."

"Tomorrow is the varsity football match."

"I have no sympathy with these childish games. The young man's fate interests me deeply, since I know him and like him. The football match does not come within my horizon at all."

"I claim your sympathy, then, in my investigation of Mr. Stanton's fate. Do you know where he is?"

"Certainly not."

"You have not seen him since yesterday?"

"No, I have not."

"Was Mr. Stanton a healthy man?"

"Absolutely."

"Did you ever know him ill?"

"Never."

Holmes popped a sheet of paper before the doctor's eyes. "Then perhaps you will explain this receipted bill for 13 guineas paid by Mr. Godfrey Stanton last month to Dr. Leslie Armstrong of Cambridge. I picked it out from among the papers upon his desk."

The doctor flushed with anger.

"I do not feel that there is any reason why I should render an explanation to you, Mr. Holmes."

Holmes replaced the bill in his notebook. "If you prefer a public explanation, it must come sooner or later," said he. "I have already told you that I can hush up that which others will be bound to publish, and you would really be wiser to take me into your complete confidence."

"I know nothing about it."

"Did you hear from Mr. Stanton in London?"

"Certainly not."

"Dear me, dear me—the postoffice again!" Holmes sighed wearily. "A most urgent telegram was dispatched to you from London by Godfrey Stanton at 3.15 yesterday evening—a

telegram which is undoubtedly associated with his disappearance—and yet you have not had time to read it in such a short time. I shall therefore go down to the office here and register a complaint."

"I'll trouble you to wait out of my house, sir," said he. "You can tell your employer, Lord Mount-James, that I do not wish to have anything to do either with him or with his agents. No, sir—not another word!" He hung the bell loudly. "John, show these gentlemen out."

A pompous butler ushered us severely to the door, and we found ourselves in the street.

Holmes burst out laughing.

"Dr. Leslie Armstrong is certainly a man of energy and character," said he. "I have met some men who, if he turns his talents that way, was more calculated to fill the gap left by the illustrious Moriarty. And now, my dear Watson, here we are, stranded and friendless in this inhospitable town, which we cannot leave without abandoning our case. This little inn just opposite Armstrong's house is singularly adapted to our needs. If you would engage a front room and purchase the necessities for the night, I may have time to make a few inquiries."

These few inquiries proved, however, to be a more lengthy proceeding than Holmes had imagined. For we all returned to the inn much weary and much fatigued. A cold supper was ready upon the table, and when his needs were satisfied and his pipe alight he was ready to take that half-ecstatic and weary philosophic view which was natural to him when his affairs were going awry. The sound of carriage wheels came him to rest and glance out of the window. A long and pair of grays stood before the doctor's door.

"It's been out three hours," said Holmes. "Started at 6.30, and here it is back again. That gives a radius of ten or twelve miles, and he does it once or sometimes twice a day."

"No unusual thing for a doctor in practice."

"But Armstrong is not really a doctor in practice. He is a lecturer and a consultant, but he does not care for general practice, which distracts him from his literary work. Why, then, does he make these long journeys, which must be exceedingly irksome to him, and who is it that he visits?"

"His coachman."

"My dear Watson, can you doubt that it was to him that I first applied? I do not know whether it came from his own innate depravity or from the prospecting of his master, but he was rude enough to set a dog at me. Neither dog nor man liked the look of my stick, however, and the matter fell through. All that I have learned is the yard of our own inn. It was he who told me of the doctor's habits and of his daily journey. At that instant, to give point to his words, the carriage came round to the door."

"Could you not follow it?"

"Excellent, Watson! You are scintillating this evening. The idea did cross my mind. There is, as you may have observed, a bicycle shop next to our inn. Into this I rushed, engaged a bicycle and was able to get started before the carriage was quite out of sight. I rapidly overtook it, and then, keeping at a discreet distance of a hundred yards or so, I followed its lights until we were clear of the town. We had got well out on the country road when a somewhat mortifying incident occurred. The carriage stopped, the doctor alighted, walked swiftly back to where I had halted and told me in an excellent rustic fashion that the feared road was narrow and that he hoped his carriage did not impede the passage of my bicycle. Nothing could have been more admirable than his way of putting it. I at once rode past the carriage, and, keeping to the main road, I went on for a few miles and then halted in a convenient place to see if the carriage passed. There was no sign of it, however, and so it became evident that it had turned down one of several side roads which I had observed. I rode back, but again saw nothing of the carriage, and now, as you perceive, it has returned after me. Of course I had at the outset no particular reason to connect these journeys with the disappearance of Godfrey Stanton, and was only inclined to investigate them on the general grounds that everything which concerns Dr. Armstrong is at present of interest to us, but now that I find he keeps so keen a lookout upon any one who may follow him on these excursions the affair appears more important, and I shall not be satisfied until I have made the matter clear."

"We can follow him tomorrow."

"Can we? It is not so easy as you seem to think. You are not familiar with Cambridgeshire, are you? It does not lend itself to concealment. All this country that I passed over tonight is as flat as the palm of your hand, and the man we are following is no fool, as he very clearly showed tonight. I have wired to Overton to let us know any fresh London developments at this address, and in the meantime we can only concentrate our attention upon Dr. Armstrong, whose name the obliging young lady at the office allowed me to read upon the counterfoil of Stanton's urgent message. He knows where the

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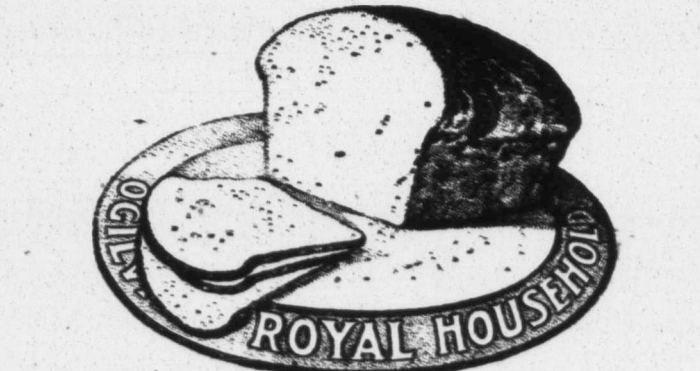
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"Suppose," said the wise orator—"though  
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Suppose a baby one year old with arms of  
the tremendous  
Length of ninety-three odd million miles  
Should, in a freak of fun,  
Reach up and touch the sun!  
That child would be  
Two hundred and fifty-three  
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I'm told,  
Before it learned  
its hand was burned!" —St. Nicholas.

Justified.  
"I wish they'd invent a new expres-  
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cused the account of a recent wedding.  
"It's always the blushing bride."  
"Well," replied Mrs. Top, "when you  
see what sort of husbands most  
men are, you can't wonder  
at the blushing."

After the Consultation.  
"Brown and Smith are  
the only ones upon old Gator."  
"Then necessary?"  
"Brown has a note coming  
and Smith wants an automobile."

The Look.  
"This plate must be  
this is wet."  
"Sure! There's a leak in the soup."

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tion we must sorrowfully await the  
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This morning's issue of the  
Advocate is before me. I cannot  
share the hopefulness of the  
writer of the article. He should  
have remembered the fate,  
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A man always gets on easier by  
taking his wife's advice.  
Yes, answered Mr. Meekton.  
When things turn out badly there  
is not much said.

**HER SKIN WAS YELLOW.**  
I had only to try Dr. Hamilton's Pills  
to appreciate their merit, writes Miss  
Anne S. Byce, of Woodstock. My  
system was out of order. My blood was  
weak and thin. I had a nasty sticky  
complexion. My skin was bad and dry.  
The first box of Dr. Hamilton's Pills made  
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Mr. Hittomup—What shall I  
take doctor, to remove the redness  
of the nose?  
Physician—Take nothing—for  
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If you are acquainted with anyone who  
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Sold by R. C. Vye.

She—Cousin John's wife is the  
most jealous woman I ever met.  
He—Indeed!  
She—Yes. Why, when they  
went to Niagara Falls on their  
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