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rshipping the den Calf.

A month ago, or thereabouts, every Conservative paper in Canada, and not a few of the better s Liberal papers, were loudly denouncthe Honourable William Pugsley; most of them were clamoring for an estigation into his conduct in connecn with the Central Railway in New nswick. The circumstances are so well wn that to repeat them is unnecessary, ice it to say that a Commission pred over by Mr. Justice Landry, who conceded to be a man of high reputan and integrity, declared that Mr. gsley, in conjunction with other parties o were named, had been guilty of misropriation of public funds to the ext of at least $134,000. Mr. Pugsley n public man, a life-long politician, has n a Minister in the Local Legislature his own Province and is now a Cabinet nister in the Laurier Administration. these are the facts of the case there be no doubt that Mr. Pugsley is a rupt politician, and whether they be the ts or not the public press has so dered and has accepted them as true. It y be equally true that Mr. Pugsley is very able man, with a fine grasp of blic affairs, and that he is capable of dering valuable public service, but the estion is whether it is seemly to kotow a man who has recently been denounced such a serious offence, and who has ded the only means of re-establishing reputation, just because he happens to in a position to confer favours. Most ple will think it is too much like worpping the Golden Calf. It has been d by reasonable critics, that a conspious public man destroys his own usefulss when he becomesc involved in such nsactions as those which were brought me by the Commission to Mr. Pugsley. may be quite fair to argue that a final dgment should be suspended until the e has been tried and a verdict rendered, t what do people say of one whom ither threats nor persuasions can induce submit his case to the arbitriment of fellows? Suspension of judgment uld surely then cease to be a virtue, d the culprit would have no right to mplain if the public drew their own nclusion; this is exactly what happened the case of Mr. Pugsley. The debate the House only emphasized the skill th which he dodged the issue, and the gument that his offense was committed fore he was a Cabinet Minister is a re pretext which did nothing to mititte its seriousness. One can hardly exess surprise at the suggestion to receive r. Pugsley in the West with open arms. ch an attitude is typical of a certain ase of political life which has to be ognized on this Continent. The only fence offered for this sycophantic attile is that it is good business, and as g as the dollar rules there are men who uld be willing to shut their eyes to erything but material advantage. All t The Week has to say on the subject that the attitude is inexplicable to the ker-on who has no axe to grind, and favours to expect. Many Eastern pers, and not all of them Conservative ans, have roundly declared that the sition demanded Mr. Pugsley's resignan. Surely not because of any defalcans in his capacity of a private citizen, h which neither the House of Commons the Press would have anything to do, because in their opinion he was a corrupt politician, and if his numerous denouncers and critics did not mean that they meant nothing.

News From The North.

The splendid edition of the Prince Rupert Empire, published today by John Houston, contains the most comprehensive and reliable information which has yet been given to the world about the new Northern City. It is astonishing how imperceptibly a new city grows on the frontier. The outside world hears of a band of surveyors landing from a launch with their tent and implements. A few months later it hears that half a dozen prospectors have gone and established a camp, a little later the first general supply store puts in an appearance, and one by one men gather, many of them stragglers and world wanderers, until perhaps in a year a small community has been formed, and from this time on the community grows until, as in the case of Prince Rupert, at the end of three years, astonishing to relate, there are over a thousand persons domiciled, and one hundred and fifty business houses able to give their advertisements to a local paper. To this rapid growth the Press has made an enormous contribution. The veteran newspaper man who runs the Empire has flooded the Province and penetrated thousands of miles on the mainland with such scraps of news as he could gather during the evolution process. It is certain that no pioneer city ever had such extensive advertising as Prince Rupert. Inside of little more than a year 2,000 workmen have been gathered together, and are now busily engaged in constructing the first one hundred miles of railway eastward from the terminal. The second hundred, and possibly one hundred and fifty, is laid out for next year, meanwhile, the Grand Trunk Pacific is getting a move on West of Edmonton and has commenced to close in the 700-mile gap which separates it from coast construction. No fewer than twenty-six firms of sub-contractors are engaged at this end of the work, and the chief contractors, Foley, Welsh & Stewart, are supervising the whole. The rate of wages paid ranges from $2.50 to $3.25 for a day of ten hours; there is a hospital and a very competent doctor, the workmen contributing a $1 a month each to its support. There has been a good deal of misconception as to the climate of Prince Rupert, that it is decidedly wet must be admitted, but the Empire contends that its wet days do not exceed in number those of Vancouver, although the measurement of rainfall is greater. It also claims that the meteorological returns show the range of temperature to be about the same, the average mean a little lower. Prince Rupert is connected with the outside world by the Government telegraph line, which is a branch of the Yukon line. The total length of the latter is 3,230 miles, while the branch is 246 miles long. Today Prince Rupert has four churches, an average daily school attendance of sixty, a Board of Trade with a membership of sixty, and a workingmen's Association with a membership of three hundred. It also has a fire department well equipped with fire fighting appliances. Next week the first sale of town lots will take place. There is a good deal of resentment at the fact that this sale will be in Vancouver, and it is possible to sympathise with those who complain, but on the other hand it must be admitted that under existing conditions it would have been impossible to assemble as many buyers at Prince Rupert. Its selection would have shut out some who could not spare the time to travel so far, and there is little doubt that the decision of the Government to hold it at the most convenient rallying point will be justified by the results of the sale. In the near future Prince Rupert will for the first time be in a position to establish its inhabitants in their own homesteads, and from that time on it will grow as only a modern pioneer city can.

In Victoria. Real Estate

Some people are afraid of a boom, and a good many others are afraid of too much of a boom. The Week belongs to neither class because it realizes that in the West all progress is the result of booms. Victoria slept for forty years; it awoke three years ago and had a real estate boom, which realized values undreamt of, enabled many people who had been holding on with difficulty to sell at good prices, attracted an enormous increase in population, and induced activity in every branch of business. Then the croakers began and said it was only a boom and would soon fizzle out. It did not fizzle out, although it subsided somewhat in sympathy with a financial panic, and trade depression, which hit every part of the world; but with little more than a year of lull the boom is busy again, busier than ever, for during the last two or three months more real estate has been sold to bona fide purchasers than during the whole of the preceding boom which remained active for a year. And the end is not yet, for every sub-division sells as rapidly as it is put on the market, and the value of building permits granted mounts higher and higher every month. The croakers are not quite so much in evidence this time, they begin to realize that a boom may be a blessing, and if it does nothing else it makes a noise and stirs things up. However much the circumstance may be discounted it remains that at the present moment more than two hundred dwelling houses are in course of construction in the city, and that new arrivals are registered daily. The difficulty is to keep pace with the civic requirements of such developments. That is a problem which has not yet been solved, but it will be before long.

School Teachers.

Education is possibly the most important duty of the State, at any rate it comes next to the protection of human life. A recent caustic writer on the subject, dealing with some of the weaknesses of the present system, wittily remarked that teachers can be divided into two classes, those who teach and those who screech. Let it not be supposed from this characterization that he merely meant to differentiate male from female teachers, for although the context would tend to show that the thought may have passed through his mind at any rate he meant to call attention to the fact that the screeching teacher is a species not yet extinct. He describes him as the teacher who is negative in his relations and attitudes to his pupil, who employs his time in hunting their mistakes and pointing out their failures. Every sympathetic educationalist knows that the true teacher is born and not made, although if born he may be polished. He is characterized by a zeal for discovering the aptitudes of a pupil, and for adjusting the pupil's work to his faculties and powers. Only in this way can the best he is capable of be got from him, and in accomplishing so much of success he acquires the inspiration to do better, for self confidence is the strongest stimulant to effort. Hammering never yet developed a pupil, and screeching is an anomaly in an age which claims to produce thinkers instead of thumpers. "He that hath ears to hear let him hear."

Newspaper Correspondence.

There is only one thing more wonderful than the similarity in style which characterizes most of the correspondence in a certain newspaper, and that is the modesty of those who sum up courage to sign their names to their effusions. The public is wondering why some of these hitherto obscure correspondents have so long hid their light under a bushel, and deprived the community of the benefit of their opinions on the burning topics of the day. It has been well argued in defence of anonymity that when the reader does not know who the writer is imagination may clothe him with some of the attributes of importance, but that on the principle that no man is a hero to his valet, publicity would dispel the illusion. It certainly has done so in the case of some worthy correspondents who have been impressed into the service of a local paper. Indeed there are not a few who doubt whether the situation has been improved by the departure from a custom with whoch the public had at least become familiar.

More Litigation.

The action of the City Council in appealing against the decision which refused them the right to block the conveyance of freight over the lines of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company will not meet with the approval of the citizens. The only thing that could possibly be said in its defence is that the decision of the Court of Appeal is necessary to give finality to the judgment, but as no one except the members of the Council, has any desire to prevent the conveyance of freight it is merely straining a legal point to spend more money in litigation. The Week is not in favour of giving the British Columbia Electric Railway Company or any other corporation a privilege to which it is not entitled, neither is it, however, in favour of splitting hairs where the public convenience and public interest are involved. It is in favour of a little more common sense and a little less red tape, and it would gladly aid in a movement which would get rid of the fossilized regulations which seem to handicap the movements of the Council whenever progress is suggested. In the case under discussion, in the case of the application of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company for an undertaking from the City not to enter into competition with them as business rivals, and in the case of the purchase of the rights of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company there has been unnecessary delay, and far too pronounced an inclination to litigate. The sooner some direct means of settling these questions, which are blocking the progress of the City, can be discovered the better.

At The Street Corner

By THE LOUNGER

After the lapse of another week the battle of the pavements is still being waged and apparently is as far from settlement as ever. Furthermore the difficulty is increased by the fact that their number which was legion is increasing also. We have now wood block, vitrified brick, asphalt, bithulitic, macadam, granitoid and Hassam, and probably before these lines are in print several other competitors will have entered the lists. No wonder that in face of so many claimants for their favor the City Fathers are unable to decide, and I therefore venture to offer them an original suggestion which costs nothing. It is that the agents of the various companies, who are so anxious to pave Victoria streets should be allowed to pave a section of ten yards in length on some selected street side by side, so that all may be subjected to the same test and the paving that wears best, and otherwise gives satisfaction, taking into consideration cost, as well as conditions, should be proclaimed the winner and finally adopted. Meanwhile the wise thing to do would be to use the City creosoting plant and local wood blocks, and so find employment for local labour and develop a local industry. If this is not loyalty to Victoria then I shall be quite willing for the Vancouver Island Development League or any other duly qualified and duly authorised body to correct it.

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Dust! dust! dust everywhere! but especially on the main thoroughfares of the City. What on earth is the matter with the Sprinkling Committee? I am prepared to admit that the electric sprinkler is doing good work these days—and nights, but it cannot work on the streets where there are no tracks, and Boreas is getting in his work all the time. The result is deplorable; grit on the furniture, grit on the beds, grit in the food, grit on the windows, grit everywhere, and all for want of water.

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My little screed of last week in favor of the races has met with a mixed reception. There are some people who think that a horse race is bad thing per se, and altogether past redemption. There are others who think that the race is all right and the surroundings all wrong, but I nevertheless believe that the game is well worth the candle. True it is not the rural sport to which some of us have been accustomed at the old fashioned country meets at home, but it is the nearest approach we can get to it, and those who sigh for other days whilst condemning tose should remember that if the race of thoroughbreds be cut off by the abolition of the sport there could be no evolution from the crude gathering of a pioneer country to the finished aristocratic meet to which we have been accustomed. Let us have a little toleration in this matter and give the horses and the directors, and the trades people of Victoria a show in every sense of the word. It is begging the question to say that because a privilege has been abused in the States it will be abused here, that remains to be seen, and Victorians are going to see it through.

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I am glad to notice a move in the direction of sweeping the principal streets during the day time and removing the rubbish which accumulates so rapidly. I am still looking for those galvanized iron depositaries for which the money was voted long ago, and which will arrive presumably at the same time as the floating platform promised for James Bay Causeway. I wonder if it is too much too hope that when these arrive movable receptacles might be placed in the Ross Bay cemetery to receive discarded flowers, papers, bags and other waste debris for which there is now no depositary, and which are flung about and gave an air of untidyness to what should be the neatest resort in the city. There is great scope for a landscape gardener at Ross Bay, but I suppose the City lacks the necessary funds.

Whilst on the subject of Ross Bay I want to draw the attention of the Council to the retaining wall or piles which are supposed to protect the cemetery from the ravages of the sea. Last winter the waves broke over these piles and made great inroads on the bank, washing away many tons of earth, and necessitating the removal of several coffins. In the Spring an attempt was made to repair the damage, but it was the attempt of children and not of men. No permanent work has been done and the trouble is that the row of piles are at least eight or ten feet too low to prevent the sea breaking over. They are allright right as a foot, but what is wanted is another row behind them, and unless this is done during the present Summer, next Winter will see another slice removed from the graveyard. Why is such a necessary work delayed year after year? It is this constant botching of the job, instead of doing it once for all thoroughly, which wastes so much public money, and creates so much dissatisfaction.

Nothing substantial has been done towards protecting Dallas Road where the sea wall has broken down, and the same defect exists there—the wall is too low. There are no funds, but my point is that funds will have to be found later on and that it will require a great deal more then than if the evil were checked at the present stage.

Central is kept pretty busy these

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days and the increased use of the telephone is another evidence of the growth of Victoria. Sometimes amusing complications ensue in consequence of the rush. A local business man Friday afternoon took down his receiver to make a hurry call. He could not get "Central," but was surprised to hear a feminine conversation going on over his Independent line. He could not help hearing part of their talk, which concerned a certain social function and what each was going to wear. Unable to stand it longer, he demanded to know who was using the line and why he failed to get his number. One of the girls, becoming indignant at the interruption, scornfully asked:

"What line do you think you are on, anyhow?"

This was too much for the exasperated business man, but his wit got the better of him and he replied: "I don't know, but judging from what I have heard I should say I was on a clothes line."

He got his number at once.

Lounger.

"Pray what kind of a suitor would come up to your tune?"

"Oh, something like a millionaire."

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hat clamors to be heard;
ound the world rebounded,
y anxious echoes stirr'd.
efend the Empire"!—Hearken
e men of brain and brawn:
tch where the storm-clouds darken
he splendor of the dawn.

at patriot voice among ye,
hall fail to answer fair;
e challenge that is flung ye,
n every breath of air?
fence, but not Defiance!
o hold, not to redeem!
perial Alliance,
he Star beyond the Dream.

at patriot heart shall quaver
o face the issue?—Why,
s only cowards waver,
is only cravens fly!
e patriot spirit in ye,—
our heritage from birth,—
ll yet arise and win ye
he glory of the earth.

men of Greater Britain,
Tis time to stand on guard!
would not see Her smitten,
e would not see Her scarr'd:—
e Mother who hath shielded
nd shelter'd you so long;
ose far-flung arm hath wielded
he strength that made ye strong.

ur empery so vaunted:—
an it defend its own,
flag of faith forth-flaunted,
y pride of place alone?
naught but these were needed,
hy then the warning cry?
all it be all unheeded,
r what will ye reply?

all it be words or actions?
rave words, or braver deeds
at scorn to deal with factions,
r trade with party creeds?
r common weal avowing
One comprehensive Good:
l other disallowing,
Save only Brotherhood.

e arm must now be strengthened,
That shields the Mother's breast;
e "thin red line" be lengthened,
f it would stand the test.
, of the body royal,
The blood arterial;
ill ye be less than loyal,
Less than Imperial?

rst for your state and nation,
Let your devotion prove,
ithout equivocation,
The measure of your love.
ove it by being ready,
Disdaining dalliance.
ove it by standing steady,
Armed with all valiance.

efend the Empire"!—Hear ye,
Each of the Whole a Part:
old to your trust, nor fear ye,
Inscribe it on your heart.
old it with that ye prizeth,
Lest ye perchance forget,
brighter sun upriseth,
Than ever yet hath set.

—Blanche E. Holt Murison.

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Social and Personal.

Mr. E. T. Colley left by Thursday's boat for the west coast.

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Mrs. George L. Courtney and children have returned from California.

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Miss Nanna Baker of Vancouver is visiting friends in Victoria.

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Mr. Edgar Brown left for Bella Coola on Thursday last.

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Mrs. Fred. Walker is making satisfactory progress from a recent attack of scarlet fever.

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Mrs. Walter Dunn of Westholme was in town during the week.

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Mrs. Fisher of Metchosin was a visitor in town during the week.

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Mr. H. Pooley returned home from Seattle early in the week.

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Mr. K. Gillespie returned from San Juan during the week.

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Mrs. Love leaves shortly on a trip to England.

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Mrs. de B. Green and the Misses Green are guests at the Angela.

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Mr. T. O. McKay of Vancouver came over for a few days this week.

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Miss Phyllys Eberts is expected home from the East some time next month.

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Mr. R. Flaherty has returned to town after an absence of several months.

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Miss Helen Peters gave a small dance on Friday last at her mother's residence, Oak Bay.

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Miss Walker and Mrs. Morse spent a few days in Seattle during the week.

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Miss Violet Hickey returned last Monday from Seattle where she had been visiting friends.

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Mrs. Harry Pooley, after a delightful visit spent with friends in Vancouver, arrived during the week.

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Lady Musgrave and Mrs. Chaplin arrived on Saturday from the Old Country and will be the guests of their sister, Mrs. Henry Croft.

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Mrs. Crowe-Baker and Mrs. Eberts are to be among the numerous hostesses who are giving "at homes" on the 24th.

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Mrs. Carter of Duncans spent a few days with friends in town during the week.

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Hon. F. F. Fulton and Mrs. Fulton have returned from their honeymoon trip and are registered at the Empress.

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Mrs. J. H. Todd entertained a few friends at bridge on Monday last at her lovely residence on St. Charles street. Each guest was presented with a beautiful bouquet of lillies of the valley.

He was at the club and had talked politics for an hour and a half. "That's the situation in a nutshell," he declared at the close. "Heavens!" exclaimed a member to his nearest neighbor, "What a nut!"

Grouchy Employer (looking at watch)—Mr. Penscratch, this is the third morning you've been late this week.

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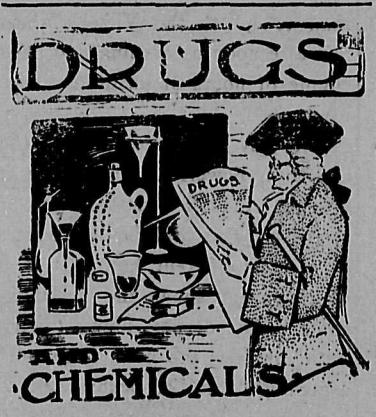

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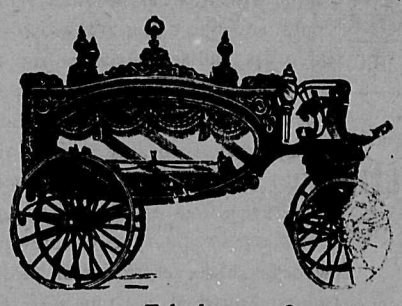

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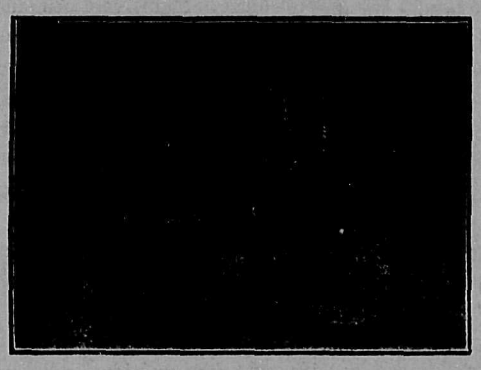

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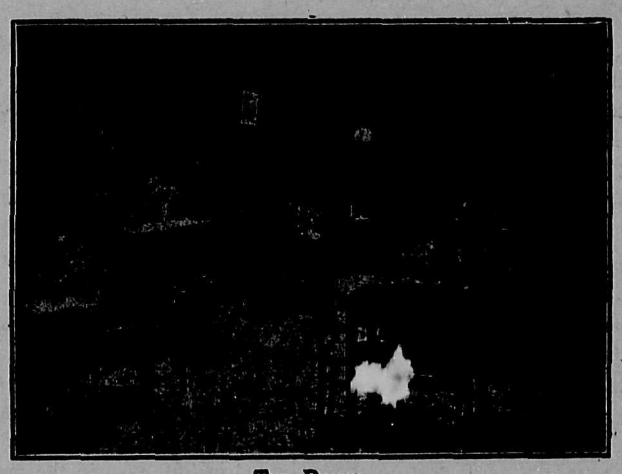

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George Meredith.

By BOHEMIAN.

Now that George Meredith has gone the sole survivor of the Victorian era of literature in the realm of fiction is Thomas Hardy. Both had long passed the three score years and ten limit within which a man can do his best work. Neither received in their last days the divine afflatus which came to Tennyson when he wrote "Crossing the Bar." For Meredith the book of life is closed and for Hardy the scroll will no more be unrolled.

Meredith was never a strong man physically, and for half his life time was a sufferer. To what extent this accounts for the touch of cynicism which became chronic in his writings and the note pessimism which all too often pervaded them, it is impossible to say. At any rate this quality of his work is largely responsible for the alienation of public sympathy and for the fact that he never achieved popularity in spite of the standard which he reached as a literary craftsman.

I always regarded Meredith's cynicism as superficial, more a pose than a trait, one of which he made convenient use at times to veil his real meaning, and which he handled as a dexterous swordsman handles a rapier, to prick but not to wound his adversary. No doubt cynicism became a habitude of his mind but it was not unkindly nor was it ever sardonic, as he hurled the keenest shaft, the intelligent reader could hear him chuckle, and knew that he was experimenting and speculating as to just how much the hide of his adversary could stand.

No student of Meredith's writing could possibly write him down as a cynic or a pessimist; he had intervals of gloom, when the skies were grey and the clouds heavy with rain, but the intervals were always succeeded by bright sunshine and clear skies, and even while the black cloud hung overhead he would illuminate them with lightning flashes of wit. No writer of the last century penned so many striking epigrammatic sentences or clothed so many pungent thoughts in such picturesque phraseology. He compelled attention by the unusual garb in which he dressed his ideas, and when he had exhausted every other resource known to the craft he would fling in a brilliant paradox which arrested the attention and compelled the reader to think if he would understand.

It was this liberal use of the paradox which caused Meredith to be caviare to the general public. They would not take the trouble to disentangle the knots in the skein, and if the meaning were not obvious they branded him obscure, at which he laughed as only the gods laugh at the foibles of a mortal, and dub them ignorant.

Still Meredith was a true philosopher, he had a mind like Shakespeare, he understood human nature, and could read the human heart like a book. He had the charity of all great minds, and judged men lightly of their errors. His every villian had a redeeming feature, and every incident, however dark, the gleam of possible good. He could never be brought to regard the faults of mankind as unredeemed or permanent. Even the supreme egoist, whom he covered with scathing ridicule, must have a warm corner in his heart which circumstance revealed.

As a workman in words, Meredith had no peer in his own day; he could juggle with them as no other artificer could, and like a conjurer would pick them up indiscriminately and fling them into space, but they would always fly together into a crystalized thought, whose beauty was enhanced by the novelty of the performance.

Meredith was essentially a stylist, not of the pale type of Stevenson, who polished every facett of his stone until it glittered, but one who rather preserved the rugged pristine beauties of the original nugget as it came from nature's hand. His style threw into relief the most brilliant thoughts with which his works were crowded until they glittered like corruscations. Their light, unlike the steady shining of Stevenson's Silvery Moon was as the scorching ray of the sun emerging from behind a cloud, or the blinding flash of a meteor as it is hurled across a dark sky.

Meredith gradually developed a sound philosophy of life, it is the philosophy of toleration which does not expect too much and is not impatient at too little. In his later years the mantle of pessimism fell from his shoulders, and if it was too late for him to add to his most brilliant literary work it was not too late to infuse into his rare utterances the high sounding note of optimism which closed his career. In the end he came home and brought with him a host of worshippers, who for years had bowed at his shrine and who followed him into the broader light.

Meredith will never appeal to the million unless it be in an intellectual age whose standard has not even been dreamt of so far, but he will always keep the torch of truth burning for a favorite few and they will draw inspiration from his inspired utterances and will scatter the seed in many a furrow.

Meredith has deeply enriched the world of letters, he has given it chaste thought, clothed if possible in still chaster language. After soaring above the heads of mere mortals he has alighted in their midst and at the last acclaimed the faith to which they cling. This must be accounted unto him for righteousness, by a world which is ever on the lookout for light and leading.

The revulsion of feeling after his death to one of tender sympathy is the first evidence that if misunderstood in life, even in the moment of passing the eyes of men have been opened to his real character, and those who never drew near to him in the flesh, and who regarded him as one afar off, will soon lay hold of the immortal thoughts to which he gave utterance, and "grapple them to their hearts with hooks of steel."

Bohemian.

Literary Notes.

The Canadian Magazine for May is a most interesting number. The first article in point of timeliness is entitled "Kaiser Wilhelm: His Opportunity and Failure." It affords a splendid conception of the present situation in Europe. "Ontario's Outworn Police System" is a vigorous criticism by John Verner McAree, a writer who apparently knows whereof he writes. "Montreal: A Great Commercial Centre," is contributed by John S. MacLean, and is finely illustrated. There are other good illustrated articles—"Hebert the Sculptor," by Gustave Dutaud; "Subduing the Sockeye," by Harold Sands, and "Making Cheese in Switzerland," by H. P. Somner. Miss L. M. Montgomery, author of "Anne of Green Gables," contributes a story of the supernatural entitled "The Return of Hester." A comprehensive appreciation of the music of the season, particularly in Toronto, is given by Miss Katherine Hale and there is as well an article by Arthur Hawkes, entitled "Why I Am a Suffragette" and nature sketches by Suzanne Marny and F M. Kelly, a clever character sketch by James P. Haverson, with poetry from John Boyd, E. M. Yeoman, A. Clare Giffin, Douglas Roberts and Charlotte Beaumont Jarvis.

MUSIC AND THE STAGE

At the Victoria Theatre.

Today sees the close of the second week of the engagement of the Edmund Gardiner Company at the Victoria Theatre, and a successful week it has been. "His Excellency the Governor," which has constituted the bill of fare since Tuesday evening, is one of the most amusing farce comedies which has been put on the boards for a long time. Mr. Gardiner's clever players have made the most of their opportunities, and the result has been increasingly large audiences every night.

In the title role Darrell Standing has confirmed the splendid impression created by him the first week in "The Case of Rebellious Susan," and has given an artistic rendition of the part. As Baverstock, Bennett Southard has once more shown his powers as a comedian of talent, while Verne Layton has been well suited with the part of Capt. Carew, the soldier who wins the heart of Miss Carlton. Orrin Knox did some excellent ork as Mr. Carlton, the susceptible cabinet minister, the other male members of the company having minor roles.

Of the ladies, Miss van Buren made a host of friends by her dainty acting as Miss Carlton, the young lady with whom the governor and his staff with one accord fall in love. She is very charming and graceful. Miss Gilbert has made a big hit as the Countess, a music hall star of doubtful antecedents who captivates the old statesman and shocks his sister, that severe widow, Mrs. Bolingbroke. The latter part was played by Miss Brook, who did so well as the suffragette last week. She is immense as the prejudiced, cantankerous old aristocrat, and altogether Capt. Marshall's masterpiece has been splendidly put on. The staging, as usual, has been quite beyond criticism. Today gives the last chance to see the play, and all those ho have not seen it, and most of those who have, could not do better than to go to the Victoria theatre this afternoon or evening and have a couple of hours of unadulterated enjoyment.

The play next week will be Capt. Swift, the powerful drama which first brought Haddon Chambers into prominence. This will be a production of a very different kind. It is full of action and shows the workings of some of the deepest human motives. Capt. Swift is the nom de guerre of a famous Australian bushranger, with his not less famous steed, Starlight. The illegitimate son of an English lady, he is put out to nurse with a family servant by the name of Marshall, by him he is badly treated and later on he runs away from school to Australia.

His last exploit is to rob a bank in Queensland, after which he comes to London under the name of Wilding. There he stops a runaway, thus saving the life of Mr. Seabrook who invites Wilding to his house, where he meets his mother, Mrs. Seabrook; and the scene in which she reveals her identity to him is one of the most powerful of the play. He falls in love with a cousin, who is the intended bride of his half-brother, Harry Seabrook, but in the meantime the detectives have tracked him to London and he is betrayed to them by his foster father. He evades arrest, but finally commits suicide to save his mother's name.

The title part is played by Darrell Standing, who is thus shown in quite a different role to any which he has hitherto played in Victoria. It gives opportunities for a great deal of fine and powerful acting, of which Mr. Standing avails himself to the uttermost. He may be trusted greatly to increase his reputation here next week. Bennett Southard plays Marshall, the scoundrelly servant and foster father. Hitherto Mr. Southard has taken comedy parts but next week he will be able to display quite a different side of histrionic talent.

It is a play which is always popular, for while not melodramatic it appeals most powerfully to the emotions of any audience, and should attract large crowds nightly.

The Millstones of Politics.

Of the Liberal party little need be said. An amalgamation of men of all —or no—political principles, it is an office for the moment retaining its position by a careful counting of noses from day to day, a spectacle for gods and men. Given two earnest parties on the right and left flank, with definite opposing principles, and this flabby mass is bound, in the long run, to be squeezed out of existence between them.

Not Much Good.

"Can I have a piece of pie, mother?"

"Say 'may I,' Johnny, not 'can I.'"

"Well, mother, may I have a piece of pie?"

"No, Johnny, you can't."

Unnatural History.

Young Eleanor was out riding with her father one day and saw a mule for the first time.

"Papa," said she, "didn't that horse's ears know enough to stop growing when they got big enough?"

"Hey, there! It is forbidden to walk on the railway tracks."

"Do not be afraid, my good man; we have come here to escape the automobiles."

As usual at all prominent banquets G. H. Mumm & Co.'s Champagne is to be found upon the menu: Recently at the Trafic Squad Banquet, held at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, G. H. Mumm's Extra Dry and selected Brut were listed and served exclusively. At a recent dinner to His Excellency John Franklin Fort, of the Senate of New Jersey, held at Arrowhead Inn, New York City, G. H. Mumm's Selected Brut was the one Champagne served. In British Columbia also at all the high class wedding suppers, prominent banquets and notable functions Mumm's Champagnes are used exclusively. Indeed, throughout the civilized world the best people drink G. H. Mumm & Co.'s Champagne because it is the best.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Benson School.

Sealed Tenders, superscribed "Te for School-house," will be received the Hon. the Minister of Public W up to noon of Thursday, the 10th of June, 1909, for the erection and pletion of a large one-room f school-house at Benson Road, Municipal Schol District.

Plans, specifications, contract forms of tender may be seen on after the 17th day of May, 1909, at offices of the Government Agent at Westminster; of N. A. McDairmid, Secretary of the School Board, La B.C., and at the Public Works Dep ment, Victoria, B.C.

Each proposal must be accompa by an accepted bank cheque or ce cate of deposit on a chartered ban Canada, made payable to the Hon. Minister of Public Works, for a equivalent to ten per cent. of the am of the tender, which sall be forfeit the party tendering decline to enter contract when called upon to do s if he fail to complete the work tracted for. The cheques or certific of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers be returned to them upon the execu of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered u made out on the forms supplied, si with the actual signature of the derer, and enclosed in the envel furnished.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engi

Public Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., May 13th, 1909.
may 22

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

NOTICE is hereby given that ence Wilton Bradshaw, barrister-at- of Victoria, B.C., has been appo the new attorney of the "Interprovi Land Company."

Dated this 10th day of May, 1909.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Compa
may 22

NOTICE is hereby given that, suant to the provisions of the Rev Statutes of Canada, 1906, Chapter Sec. 7, and Chapter 143, Sec. 34, undersigned will, at the expiratio thirty days from the date hereof a to the Governor in Council for the proval of the area plans and site certain proposed works to be constr ed at Thetis Cove, Esquimalt Harb Vancouver Island, British Colum upon the following described foresh and submerged lands:—Commencing high water mark at the north-west corner of the Esquimalt and Nana Railway Station grounds, known as Esquimalt Station; thence south f four degrees west (S. 54 deg. W.) a tance of four hundred and seventy-t feet (475ft.) more or less, along bo ary of foreshore applied for by the F. Graham Lumber Company (the p of which are filed) to the shore Richards Island, thence south nine degrees and thirteen minutes west 19 deg. 13 min. W.) a distance of hundred and fifty feet (150 ft.) a boundary of foreshore applied for the B. F. Graham Lumber Comp thence south eighty degrees east (S deg. E.) a distance of four hun and eighty feet (480 ft.) more or les high water mark, and thence follo high water mark to point of comme ment, the whole containing 3.85 (t and eighty-five one hundredths) a and shown coloured red on plan m by T. S. Gore P. L. S. under date 7th, 1909.

The said works consist of the struction of a booming ground for within the area above described, and erection of a saw-mill upon the f shore and extending into the water, a plan of the said proposed works a description of the proposed site been deposited with the Minister Public Works at Ottawa and duplic thereof in the Land Registry Offic Victoria, B.C.

Dated Victoria, B.C., May 21st, 1
may 22 PERCY DAVID HILLI

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CANDLESTICKS—For five candles, at $15.00
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SALTS AND PEPPERS—Cut glass, sterling tops, at $3.00 down to $2.00
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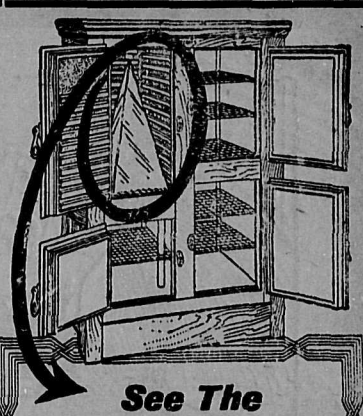

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Short Story

A STUDY IN PALMISTRY.

By Walter Hackett.

No episode in the career of Herr Otto Schmalz, the preventer of crime, better illustrates his unique methods than his singular adventure at the Greystone dinner.

That affair was, in fact, given in his honor, his connection with the theft of the Dudley diamonds having given him so great a notoriety as make him a desirable lion. Nevertheless, I accompanied him thither—Mr. Greystone had secured his attendance, through my intervention—with many doomy forebodings; for his extreme stoutness, his childish and overmincing vanity, and his unfortunate habit of falling asleep at the most inopportune times—a disease resulting from defective circulation—made him seem anything but a desirable dinner-guest.

His conduct at the table confirmed my fears, for in drinking his soup he managed to make a most terrific and awe-inspiring noise, besides spilling most of the liquid upon his shirt-front. Before his plate was removed, he fell asleep, and despite all my efforts he did not wake again until the duck was placed before him. Then, for the first time during the dinner, he spoke. He complained, with a petulant querulousness, that the duck was cold; after which he once more sank into slumber.

His conduct well-nigh drove Mrs. Greystone to despair—a feeling which she took no pains to hide—for she had bidden a brilliant company of guests to meet Herr Schmalz. With the unreasonableness of her sex, she held me to blame for the failure of her lion, calmly shifting to my shoulders the task of turning the dismal affair into a success.

I strove to do this with all my powers, but made no progress. No topic that I could mention seemed to excite general interest. By the time dessert was served I was prepared to abandon my efforts, when by a lucky chance I brought up the subject of palmistry.

In an instant there was a stir of interest. Every woman present was leaning forward eagerly, and a general discussion upon the question was precipitated. Without exception the women expressed their belief in the chiromantic art, while to a man the opposite sex scoffed at such a superstition.

It was this argument that awoke Herr Schmalz for the second time. He listened a space, his little eyes blinking sleepily behind his strong-lensed spectacles in silence. Then, suddenly, his heavy, guttural German voice boomed out above the other speakers.

"Palmistry," he declared in his precise foreign English, "is an exact science—so exact as mathematics."

With this he attacked his cafe parfait voraciously. A surprised silence followed his dictum. Then one of the men—Montgomery Morgan, the great steel magnate—leaned across the table and addressed him.

"Herr Schmalz," he said, making no effort to hide the contempt in his voice, "perhaps you are prepared to prove that statement."

The preventer of crime finished his ice with one gulp, and pushed the glass away. Then he glanced at Morgan.

"Give me your hand," he ordered.

The latter rose and, coming around the table, did as he was bid. For a moment Schmalz held the hand to the light, and scrutinized it carefully. When he had done, he dropped it, turned to the rest of us, and launched into a disquisition upon Morgan's character and habits.

Everyone of us present knew him intimately, and each of us recognized the truthfulness of Schmalz's assertions, remorseless and scathing as they were. Morgan himself, having returned to his chair, listened with white face and angry, compressed lips.

As Schmalz finished, he looked around at the other men.

"Have I convinced you?" he inquired.

None of them answered. None of them volunteered to ask for another test. The victory was his. Observing this, he was about to settle himself for another nap, when a woman at the farther end of the table rose quickly to her feet.

"Herr Schmalz," she cried, "do read my hand, won't you?"

Her action proved contagious. A moment later all the women in the room had gathered about him, eagerly asking him to study their hands. Their importunity tickled his vanity tremendously. His great flabby face, childish beneath the dome-shaped head, wrinkled itself in one vast grin of delight as he consented. In turn, he read each palm with a frankness, which, but for the gales of laughter that greeted his awkward revelations, might have caused no little ill-feeling.

At last all the women had passed before him but Margaret Heywood, a beautiful girl of twenty. He took her hand with the same careless manner as the others; but after one hasty glance into the palm, I saw him wrinkle his brows and bend closely over it. Then, rising, he stood face to face with its owner.

"I will tell nothing but the truth in what I see in the hand," he said to her; and then, pausing ever so slightly, he added: "So I can tell you nothing."

A dead silence followed these remarkable words. The girl's face flushed crimson, and then slowly faded to a frightened white.

"I do not understand," she managed to say finally.

He turned abruptly from her.

"It is not necessary that you should," was his curt rejoinder.

"But," she continued, laying her hand upon his arm and holding her other hand open before him, "I insist that you tell me what you see—there."

We all leaned forward breathlessly to hear his answer. He did not give it at once, but stood staring through his great spectacles at the girl. At last, with an impatient gesure, he turned from her.

"I will tell you nothing," he said petulantly, and, settling his great body into a chair, went peacefully to sleep.

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We gazed at him, and at the white-faced girl standing beside him, but no one spoke. In fact, the thing had grown very awkward. It was Mrs. Greystone who at last saved the day.

"Come, Margaret," she said, rising and giving the signal to leave the men to their cigars, "we will leave Herr Schmalz to his wine. After it he will no doubt be in a more agreeable mood, and we will all unite in insisting that he reveal to us your dark secret."

Placing her arm about the girl's waist, she led her gently through the door of the drawing-room, the rest of the ladies rustling after her. When all of them had vanished, Morgan rose to his feet and closed the door behind them. Then he turned toward us.

"Gentlemen," he exclaimed in a voice that thrilled with anger, "never have I seen so outrageous a wrong done to a defenseless woman as this—this"—his hand trembled excitedly as he pointed at the sleeping Schmalz—"this mountebank"—he fairly shouted the epithet—"has committed upon Miss Heywood. It is our duty to demand an explanation."

He paused and glanced about the table. Every man bowed an assent to his proposition. Though we knew that he was prompted by his anger at Schmalz's analysis of his character, we realized that Morgan's position was unassailable. Observing our acquiescence, he crossed to where the preventer of crime was peacefully snoozing.

"Mr. Schmalz!" he thundered.

There was no answer. The fat man dozed peacefully on. Morgan touched him, but without effect. At

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A GIFT THAT WILL BE SURE

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Sporting Comment

The first match for the Minto Cup has been played and New Westminster has secured first blood. British Columbia lacrosse players are practically all down on New Westminster to hold the cup, the only possible chance being a win for the Reginas in the first match. Now that this has been disposed of and the visitors given a beating, there is very little chance of them winning the second match, even if they succeeded in doing so they would have a hard time overcoming a two-goal lead. Individually the line up of the Regina team is about as strong as the Red Shirts but collectively they cannot hope to be in the same class as the Royals. Conceding another win to New Westminster the next series for the cup will take place in the Royal City during the latter part of next month and the early part of July when the Tecumsehs will make an effort to lift it, but I think they will meet with the same result as the Reginas.

This afternoon will witness the first attractions in connection with the annual celebration of Empire Day. The first on the programme will be the yacht race between the Spirit of this city and the Alexandra of Vancouvetr which will take place off Beacon Hill; baseball between the local aggregation and the Multonomah club of Portland; lacrosse between Victoria and Vancouver, along with the school sports and the regatta will make up the programme as far as the sporting events are concerned, and given good weather they should provide excellent sport.

Baseball was supposed to have started in Victoria last Saturday, but owing to the failure of the weather man to make good the game had to be cancelled. This makes it hard for the local team and it is hoped that they will receive a good attendance at every one of the three games they play during the celebration. The first will take place this afternoon at the Royal Athletic Park.

The first lacrosse match of the season will be played at the Royal Athletic Park on Monday when the local team will try conclusions with the Maple Leafs of Vancouver. This should be a good match and lovers of the National game are urged to attend and give the young players every encouragement.

The result of the six-round contest between Jack Johnson and Jack O'Brien the other evening did not show Johnson in a very strong light. O'Brien evidently did some clever work but his blows did not effect the big coon, and unless the latter improves before he runs against Ketchel, he might not have the chance to meet Jeffries.

UMPIRE.

Rather Ancient Exhibit.

Seattle, Wash., May 21.—Some enthusiastic antiquarian at the national capital has gone back three million years to fish up an exhibit for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

A letter from the government exposition agent describes it as a "mummied dinosaur, or trachadon," but even if it is worse than that, it will be an acceptable addition to the other old timers who will gather by the lakeside when the gates open on June 1st.

Not much of Colonel Trachodon's antecedents is known, nothing in fact, except that he died suddenly in Wyoming on an extremely hot day. Judging from the position in which the remains were found by Charles H. Sternberg, it died with its feet in the air and then lay out in the heat for two or three thousand years, which fortunately for posterity, made it a mummy instead of a dislocated skeleton, for the skin of the beast is intact, albeit, very much wrinkled as becomes ripe old age.

The dynosaur is now being prepared in the American Museum of Natural History. It is being renovated, or revamped or whatever it is that is done with ancient dynosaurs to make them fit for other company. It will then be brought on to Seattle as a part of the Government's exhibit.

A L'Outrance.

Turning to face his foe,
The knight holds his lance at rest.
"Now, steady, good lance! and so
You will find the heart in his breast.

Dark knight, of foes the first!
No quarter I give nor take;
My lance's terrible thirst,
There's naught but your blood can slake.

I know you—as strong as bold,
But hold you awhile at bay,
Ere one of us dyes the mold,
And the other rides on his way."

Ho! the clang of the steel!
Clear through his armour it thrust!
He sees him waver and reel—
His worst enemy bites the dust.

Prone 'neath the darkening skies,
What recks he of fame or pelf?—
One look—and the victor cries
To the heavens: "It is myself!"

Conqueror in the fight,
He springs to his steed again—
Acclaim him the noblest knight,
Because it is Self that lies slain.

—Charlotte Beaumont Jarvis, in The Canadian Magazine for May.

Reminded Him.

Winks—"Tthat medical gentleman hovering over the bar reminds me so of my nautical experience."

Dinks—"Because he is half seas over?"

Winks—"No, no; not so crude as that. Because the bartender is putting the schooner into the dry doc."

Milk and Water.

A Scottish farmer one day called to a farm lad, "Here, Tam, gang roon and gee the coos a cabbage each, but min' ye gie the biggest to the coo that gies the maist milk."

The boy departed to do his bidding, and on his return the farmer asked him if he had done as he was told.

"Aye, maister," replied the lad; "I gied 'em a' a cabbage each, and hung the biggest een on the pump handle."

A Texas paper says it has come to this, that a cook will not stay in a place where she is expected to do the cooking.

"I suppose your town is getting a bit more fashionable now," said Citiman.

"Yes," replied Subbubs, "we used to complain of our "chills and fever," but now we call it 'malaria.'"

In a southern state where an educational qualification was required for voters, a negro was asked, "What is the writ of certiorari?"

"I dunno, boss," replied the darkey, "but it's sumfin to keep de niggers from votin'."

The Ambitions of Youth.

"Johnny, why don't you be a good boy like your brother Willy?" the mother was sternly admonishing her naughty son. "Willy here may be president some day, while you will have to dig in the sewer."

"But mother," wailed Willy, "can't I dig in the sewer sometimes, too?"

"Well, well," exclaimed the bachelor friend, seeing the baby for the first time, "he's the dead image of you, Jack."

"Not much he isn't," exclaimed Jack, who had been up half the night "he's the living image if he's anything."

"And do you mean to say you pr fer Chollie? You told me you alwa feel so perfectly at home with Algie

"So I do, but with Chollie I feel if I were at a restaurant."

A Great Help.

Mrs. Smith—Yes, my little fiv year-old girl is a great help to m housekeeping.

Mrs. Randall—Why, what can suc a child do to help?

Mrs. Smith—She goes down ar tells the cook for me whenever we' going to have company.

Finds Out How to Make Friends.

Not long ago the editor of a Ne York magazine called upon Chau cey M. Depew to contribute to h magazine.

"My magazine, Dr. Depew," said, "had three hundred thousa readers. By addressing them you w gain one hundred thousand friend all of whom will some day vote f you for the presidency."

"Will they?" asked Depew abrup ly.

"I am convinced of it," said t editor.

Depew took a letter from one of t drawers of his desk and said:

"Well, just read this:"

"Honorable Chauncey M. Depew:

"Dear Sir: If you will stop cac ling for awhile, and give the count a rest on the thousand-and-one su jects that seem to be your speci ty, yours truly will not only be ve thankful to you, but will, of his ov accord, blow your trumpet whenev the necessity for doing so arises. Yours respectfully, JOSHUA S. R.

Charleston, South Carolina."

"This advice," said the learn doctor, "seemed to me sound, thou at first a trifle hard to digest. I ha concluded to accustom my system it."

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Public School, Prince Rupert.

aled Tenders, superscribed "Tender Public School, Prince Rupert," will ceived by the Honourable the Min- of Public Works up to noon on sday, the 27th day of May, 1909, for erection and completion of a two- y and basement frame school at e Rupert, B.C.

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EVERED CRIDDLE,
Supervising Architect.

c Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 20th April, 1909.
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OAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

TICE is hereby given that Philip strom will within 30 days from this apply to the Assistant Commis- r of Lands at Victoria, for a li- to prospect for coal on the land nder the area described as follows: mencing at a post on the N. E. r of section 13, township 30; thence one mile; thence west one mile; e north one mile; thence east one to place of beginning.

ted 22 March, 1909. may 8

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Trite School.

aled Tenders, superscribed "Tender School-house," will be received by Hon. the Minister of Public Works noon of Wednesday, the 2nd day ne, 1909, for the erection and com- n of a large one-room frame l-house on Lulu Island, Richmond cipality.

ns, specifications, contract and s of tender may be seen on and the 10th day of May, 1909, at offices of the Government Agent ew Westminster; of W. T. Easter- , Esq., Secretary of the School d, Eburne; and at the Public Works rtment, Victoria, B.C.

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e lowest or any tender not neces- y accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

ic Works Department,
ctoria, B.C., May 4th, 1909. may 8

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Court House, Fernie.

aled Tenders, superscribed "Tender Court House, Fernie, B.C.," will eceived by the Hon. the Minister ublic Works up to noon of Wednes- the 9th day of June, 1909, for the ion and completion of a Concrete Brick Court House at Fernie, B.C.

ans, specifications, contract and s of tender may be seen on and the 10th day of May, 1909, at the s of the Government Agent at ie; the Government Agent at Nel- the Government Agent at Revel- e, and at the Public Works Depart- , Victoria, B.C.

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EVERED CRIDDLE,
Supervising Architect.

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ctoria, B.C., May 4th, 1909. may 8

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve existing on lands on the Blackwater and Euchiniko Rivers, in Cariboo District, and Range 4, Coast District, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette of July 2nd, 1908, and bearing date of June 30th, 1908, is cancelled.

ROBERT A, RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands.

Department of Lands,
Victoria, B.C., May 1st, 1909.
may 8

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve existing on lands on Mud River, in Cariboo District, and Range 4, Coast District, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette of July 2nd, 1908, and bearing date of June 30th, 1908, is cancelled.

ROBERT A, RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands.

Department of Lands,
Victoria, B.C., May 1st, 1909.
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COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Tumbo Island.

NOTICE is hereby given that Arthur E. Hepburn will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal under the area described as follows:—

Commencing at a post planted at the extreme easterly end of Tumbo Island at high water mark; thence north one mile; thence east one mile; thence south one mile; thence west one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 27 April, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Tumbo Island.

NOTICE is hereby given that Harry McIvor Hepburn will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal under the area described as follows:—

Commencing at a post planted at the extreme westerly end of Tumbo Island at high water mark; thence north one mile; thence west one mile; thence south one mile; thence east one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 27 April, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Tumbo Island.

NOTICE is hereby given that Frank H. Hepburn will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal under the area described as follows:—

Commencing at a post made on a stump at the centre of the north shore of Tumbo Island at high water mark. Thence north one mile; thence west one mile; thence south one mile; thence east one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 27 April, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Tumbo Island.

NOTICE is hereby given that Barbara G. Hepburn will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal under the area described as follows:—

Commencing at a post made on a stump at the centre of the north shore of Tumbo Island, at high water mark; thence north one mile; thence east one mile; thence south one mile; thence west one mile to place of bginning.

Dated 27 April, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

NOTICE is hereby given that Theresa Elliott Pilling will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the land and under the area described as follows:

Commencing at a post on the S. W. corner of section 3, in township 31; thence north one mile; thence east one mile; thence south one mile; thence west one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 22 March, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

NOTICE is hereby given that E. Miles will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the land and under the area described as follows:

Commencing at a post on the S. E. corner of section 4, in township 31, thence north one mile, thence west one mile, thence south one mile, thence east one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 22 March, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that George Nordstrom will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the land and under the area described as follows:

Commencing at a post on the N. W. corner of section 26 in township 30; thence south one mile; thence east one mile; thence north one mile; thence west one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 22 March, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

NOTICE is hereby given that A. E. Pilling will, within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the land and under the area described as follows:

Commencing at a post on the N. E. corner of section 23, township 30, thence south one mile, thence west one mile; thence north one mile; thence east one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 22 March, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

NOTICE is hereby given that Charlie Nordstrom will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the land and under the area described as follows:—

Commencing at a post on the N. W. corner of section 18, township 27, thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile, thence north one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 22 March, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

NOTICE is hereby given that Chris Nordstrom will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the land and under the area described as follows:

Commencing at a post on the N. W. corner of section 18, township 27; thence east one mile, thence south one mile; thence west one mile; thence north one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 22 March, 1909. may 8

SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.

Queen Charlotte Islands.

TAKE NOTICE that I, William Simison, of Seattle, Washington, intend to apply for permission to prospect for coal over the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of E. Moore's location; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated November 10th, 1908.

WILLIAM SIMISON,
may 8 F. B. Allard, Agent.

SKEENA LAND DISTRICT.

Queen Charlotte Islands.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Richard Giguere, of Everett, Washington, hotelkeeper, intend to apply for permission to prospect for coal over the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Arcadus Giguere's licence; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated November 10th, 1908.

RICHARD GIGUERE,
may 8 F. B. Allard, Agent.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Reserve existing on Lot 223, Rupert District, is cancelled.

ROBERT A. RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands.

Department of Lands,
Victoria, B.C., March 17th, 1909.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Reserve on Lot 29a, Range 4, Coast District, is cancelled.

R. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 15th October, 1908.
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

North Dairy School House.

Sealed Tenders, superscribed "Tenders for School-house," will be received by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works up to noon of Thursday, the 20th day of May, 1909, for the erection and completion of a two-room frame School-house, situated near the Pumping Station on the Quadra Street extension, in the Saanich Municipality.

Plans, specifications, contract and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 26th day of April, 1909, at the Public Works Department, Victoria, B. C.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, for a sum equivalent to ten per cent. of the amount of the tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

EVERED CRIDDLE,
Supervising Aichitect.

Public Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 20th April, 1909.
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Hospital for Insane, Coquitlam Farm.

Alternative Sealed Tenders, superscribed "Tender for Chronic Building, Hospital for Insane, Coquitlam Farm," will be received by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works up to noon of Monday, the 31st day of May, 1909:

1. For the erection and completion of a reinforced concrete and brick building.

2. For the erection and part completion of a re-inforced concrete and brick building.

Plans, specifications, contract and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 26th day of April, 1909, at the offices of the Government Agent, New Westminster; of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Vancouver, and at the Public Works Department, Victoria, B.C.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, for a sum equivalent to ten per cent. of the amount of the tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

EVERED CRIDDLE,
Supervising Architect.

Public Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 20th April, 1909.
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CASCADE MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Alberni Mining Division of the Alberni District.

Where located—On Uchucklesit Harbour, Alberni Canal.

TAKE NOTICE that we the Cascade Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, Free Miner's Certificate No. B23151, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 18th day of March, 1909.

THE CASCADE COPPER MINING COMPANY, LIMITED
mch 13 Non-Personal Liability.

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

NOTICE is hereby given that Ole Strandwald will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the land and under the area described as follows:

Commencing at a post on the S. E. corner of section 19, township 27, thence north one mile, thence west one mile, thence south one mile, thence east one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 22 March, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

NOTICE is hereby given that Olaf Strandwald will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the land and under the area described as follows:

Commencing at a post on the S. W. corner of section 21, township 27, thence north one mile, thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 22 March, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

NOTICE is hereby given that Harold Strandwald will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the land and under the area described as follows:

Commencing at a post on the N. W. corner of section 15, township 27, thence south one mile, thence east one mile, thence north one mile, thence west one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 22 March, 1909. may 8

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

NOTICE is hereby given that C. D. Johnson will within 30 days from this date apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the land and under the area described as follows:

Commencing at a post on the S. W. corner of section 22, township 27, thence north one mile, thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile to place of beginning.

Dated 22 March, 1909. may 8

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum under the foreshore and under the water on the lands in and opposite Denman Island, Comox District, and described as follows:—Commencing at a post planted on the sea beach near the intersection of the centre line of section 20 and High Water Mark, Denman Island; thence west 40 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains, more or less, to High Water Mark; thence southerly along sea beach to place of commencement.

Dated this 25th day of March, 1909.

G. C. CAREW GIBSON,
may 15 E. Priest, Agent.

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A STUDY IN PALMISTRY.

(Continued from Page Four)

last, in exasperation, he seized his arm and shook him until Schmalz's huge body heaved and rolled like a great mold of jelly. This secured the desired result. Schmalz sleepily opened his eyes and crossly demanded:

"Vell, vell, vass iss?" It was only when first awakened that he deviated from his scrupulously perfect English.

"We demand," Morgan began pompously, "that you explain your outrageous conduct to Miss Heywood."

"There was nothing outrageous about it," Schmalz replied. "I saw something in her hand that I could not tell her—and did not. That's all."

But Morgan was not to be put off so lightly. He meant to have revenge.

"Possibly what you say is true," he agreed condescendingly. "Admitting, however, that it is true, there is nothing that you saw there which you cannot tell to us, who are her friends."

The preventer of crime frowned. Then he glanced about the table at the rest of us. In every face he saw a judgment against him. Leaning back in his chair, he sighed wearily.

"Very well," he answered, "I shall do as you wish. What I saw in her palm was, that she was destined to become"—he raised his wine-glass and sipped it thoughtfully; then, replacing it carefully—a"a murderess," he concluded.

The sudden and terrible accusation was terrifying. Morgan reeled back from it as if he had been struck a blow in the face. I saw another man across the table spring to his feet and stand staring at Schmalz with wide, terror-stricken eyes. Still another, at my left, who had been raising his glass to his lips, let it fall from his nerveless fingers.

For a long time no one spoke. Then Morgan pulled himself together and leaned over Schmalz.

"You are professionally a preventer of crime," he said smoothly. "Can you not prevent this girl from committing so heinous an offense as that?"

He was laying a trap, and Schmalz saw it. He shrugged his shoulders.

"I am not superhuman. I cannot change the nature of people. They are as they are born. You laugh at me and worship your own pig detectives, who only tell you what has happened after it has happened. I tell you what will happen before. They deduce the criminal from the crime; I deduce the crime from the future criminal. Your great author takes a character and tells you truthfully what will happen to him; I take real character and do the same. If you take my warnings in time, catastrophe may be averted. If not—"

Once more he shrugged his shoulders. Morgan was back at him like a flash.

"Warn us, that we may avert this catastrophe," he cried.

He meant to force the other to commit himself. Apparently, Schmalz was nothing loath.

"If that girl does become a murderess," he jerked out spasmodically, "she will kill a tall, thin man—a man with gray hair, brown eyes, worry-lined face, and hooked nose. When in repose, his eyelids will twitch continuously. He dresses quietly, and wears only necessary jewelry. His hands are without rings, but his finger-nails are constantly down to the quick—either because he bites them or because he pares them closely."

As on a previous occasion, this sudden and complete description of some mythical man excited my laughter; but the sound of it jangled alone in the quiet of the dining-room. The face of every other man had grown suddenly grave. I saw that even Morgan looked white.

"On what," he asked quietly—his voice had lost its taunting note, and there was a vague fear in it—"on what," he repeated, "do you base this most astounding assertion?"

For the first time that evening, Schmalz fairly beamed. The interest in the other's voice flattered his vanity at its most susceptible point.

"I will explain," he said, waving his hand genially about the table. "It is simplicity itself. There is in the lines of the young woman's hand the indication that she will kill a man; but it will not be in sudden passion, nor for love. She is too cold, too hard, for that. The line of her hand shows that also," he added. "So cold, so hard," he went on, "that the assassination will be an act of justice; so determined a character is she that she will be strong enough to punish an enemy with death. If she does not kill a man who loves her, whom will she kill? A person who has wronged some one whom she loves devotedly. Not a child—she has no children—the absence of a edding-ring shows that; yet the mother-love in the lines of her hand is developed to a surprising degree. The answer to the question is simple. She has an invalid parent whom she loves devotedly and cares for tenderly. Is it her father or her mother? I say unhesitatingly her father, and he and she are alone in the world. If it were her mother, the motherly line would be developed, but not abnormally—sick women do not need so great care as sick men; and if her mother lived, or if she had brothers or sisters, the whole care of her father would not devolve upon her. It is some one who is attempting to wrong her father, then, that she will kill." Once more he waved his hand. "As I said before, simplicity itself!"

He ceased, but no one moved or spoke. Every one present, except the speaker, knew of Margaret Heywood's life and circumstances. It seemed impossible that Schmalz could have learned the facts, yet he had described them with astounding accuracy.

"To continue," he went on, more and more flattered by the sensation he was causing, "it remains for us to discover who could wrong her father. Again I say, simplicity itself! The girl's appearance, her manner, indicate wealth. The long illness of her father—I know it has been a long one, because the abnormal development in the line of her hand could only have come after years—makes it impossible to believe that he himself made his fortune. It must have been inherited. Therefore, for years he will have had the same man of business; and this man is the only person who could be in a position to do him a wrong. He could wrong him only by stealing his money. A man steals in order to gamble. Therefore, since gamblers lead a life of great nervous strain, and he is at least a middle-aged man, he will be gray-haired, he will constantly bite or pare his nails, his face will be wrinkled with lines of care, and his eyes will twitch when he is in repose. This last is a failing which embezzlers from positions of trust always have. I said he would have gray hair and a hooked nose. Somehow, the great criminologist positively states that hypocrites—hypocritical thieves, he means—always have gray hair and hooked noses, and are always clean-shaven. That he will be quietly dressed and wear no jewelry follows. The man of brains who steals and gambles always dresses unostentatiously. He knows that it will disarm the suspicions of his clients. If such a man as I have described has anything to do with this girl's father's property, beware how they meet, for, unless you prevent it, some day she will kill him. My fee—my fee is five hundred dollars."

He put his hand out toward Morgan, as if to receive the money, and the next instant was fast asleep.

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Even as Schmalz's head fell forward on his breast, there came the sharp jangling of the door-bell, and a moment later the butler threw open the door from the front hallway to admit a late arrival.

As the newcomer smilingly entered the room, I sprang to my feet with a cry of surprise. The man was he whom Schmalz had just described to us. Even to the twitching eyes and knawed nails, the description was perfect!

The man looked at me. Then he glanced swiftly around the table at the white, set faces of the men who sat at it. At last his eyes found Morgan and he raised his brows interrogatively.

"What is it?" he queried. "Something is wrong?"

"Something is very wrong," replied Morgan. "This man"—he indicated Schmalz with a wave of the hand—"has been making most serious charges against you, Benton."

Benton gazed at the sleeper askance.

"That man?" he said wonderingly. "Why, I never saw him before in my life. What has he said?"

"He shall tell you himself," Morgan answered.

Once more he approached the preventer of crime and shook him violently, bellowing Schmalz's name, meanwhile, at the top of his voice. The other slowly opened his eyes.

"Vell?" he demanded.

"Herr Schmalz," said Morgan, "this is Theodore Benton, the business agent of John Heywood—Margaret's father. Will you tell him what you have just told us?"

Schmalz glared at the newcomer with no disguised venom. Evidently he regarded Benton with disfavor for interrupting his nap.

"Tell him yourself," she said at last in an irritable voice.

He did not go to sleep again, however. Instead, his child-like eyes slowly scrutinized Benton's face.

"Very well," answered Morgan. The chance he had been longing for had come at last. "This man Schmalz has just declared that you are in danger of being killed by Margaret Heywood."

Benton gasped with amazement, and his face went pale as he looked from Schmalz to Morgan and back to Schmalz again. Then he recovered and laughed.

"And why, may I ask, should Margaret care to kill me?"

It was Schmalz who answered him, and in a voice that was strange to me. The heavy guttural tones had disappeared, and he spoke in a piercing treble.

"Pecause"—in the excitement of the moment his careful English was entirely forgotten—"you haf robbed her father of eferything, and mean to escape this night. You were expected here to dinner—your card is there in the empty plate—but you did not come. Why? You were at your office—the blue streak from the blotter on your desk still clings to your sleeve. Why did you go there? To get all the negotiable securities together. It is this that makes your coat bulge out on the right side there, above your breast."

Every eye followed the fat finger that pointed toward Benton. The last statement, at least, was true. There was an unmistakable bulge in the man's coat.

There followed a moment of perfect silence. During it, Benton's face grew white, while his eyes widened and his mouth parted, showing his teeth in a smile that was no smile at all, but the snarl of a wolf at bay. All at once he sprang forward, and, placing both hands upon the table, leaned across it at Schmalz.

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He straightened himself up, and, turning, walked toward the door; but before he had taken two steps he was suddenly halted. Margaret Heywood had swung back the curtain that hung over the door of the dining-room, and stood confronting him. Her hard eyes looked at him fearlessly; her beautiful, cold face was set and stern.

"Margaret!" Benton faltered. 'You?'

"Since I left the dining-room I have been there listening," she said slowly. "I have heard every word."

"Then you know"—the man's nervousness was pitiable—"then you know," he stammered, "how absurd it all is!"

"I will think it absurd"—her voice was as cold as ice—"if you will show me the papers in your breast-pocket."

He gave ground as he heard her, and involuntarily his hand was raised protestingly to the pocket, but he did not answer her.

"Well?" she persisted.

He raised his head and looked at her defiantly.

"What you ask, Margaret, is impossible," he said.

It seemed to me that that refusal proved Schmalz's case. I turned to look at him that I might observe his triumph. He knew nothing of it however, for once more he was fast asleep.

When my eyes returned to the others, a strange sight met my gaze. Benton had drawn a revolver and was slowly backing toward a French window at the farther end of the room. It gave on to a balcony from which he could leap to the pavement. Suddenly one of the men leaped forward and struck the hand that held the pistol. The weapon dropped to the floor with a clatter, but Benton managed to shake himself free from the other's grasp. Turning, he leaped for the window, and broke it open.

Just as he did so, there came a sharp crack, a flash, and a thin line of smoke. His hands loosed their grip upon the window-frame and writhed high above his head. Then he fell over upon his back—stone dead.

I turned and looked across the room. Margaret Heywood was leaning against the wall there, the smoking pistol still in her hand.

It took the combined efforts of two of us to wake Schmalz from his sleepy eyes told him the story.

"Ach," he replied wearily, "if they would take my advice, once in a while I might get a fee!"

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