

A Surge of Doubt. THE ERROR OF LADY BLUNT.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.—KITTY and Gretchen Tremaine are two most charming girls. Kenneth Dugdale is a hunting cad and is staying with the Tremaines and is married to a girl named Blunt. Sir John's cousin, Arthur Blunt, is in the arms of a young girl named Blunt. A name of the name of Blunt's wife, a name of Sir John's prior to his marriage.

CHAPTER XIX. For many days a grief has been gathering, and now lies heavy upon Gretchen's heart, — a distressing fear, from which she shrinks, that all is not going well with Kitty. Of late Kitty has rather avoided Gretchen, — a dread, perhaps, the probing of those gentle eyes that seem to search and reach into the inmost soul—and, being found out, she has gayety, has flung herself, with an unhealthy desire for excitement, into a very vortex of dissipation, wearing out mind and body in vain efforts to forget. One day when things have been going with her rather worse than usual, Kitty, out of a sudden, has found a letter from Gretchen, and silent, and out of all heart, and perhaps a little reckless, sinks into a chair in her sister's room, having uttered some stupid commonplace, and sighs profoundly.

"I am so sorry to hear that, therefore deeming it wiser to remain silent, Gretchen goes up to her, and taking of her bonnet, lays it aside, and smooths her hair with fond sympathy. "Kitty, softening perhaps beneath that kindly pressure, turns her face up to Gretchen's and says suddenly: "Tell me, Gretchen, have you never repented your marriage?"

"My dearest, what a curious tone you use! My dear, you could not be of late, darling, — very softly, and with infinite tenderness, — "I have thought—I have feared — that you and Jack are not to each other what you used to be. Have I offended you?" — timidly.

"Did you ever offend any one? But how delicately you put it!" — with a short, unlovely laugh. "Why disguise facts that all the world may read? No, we do not get on; and it is the precise truth; and, however bad I may be, I am not less than a prescient truth-teller. So he finds me."

"What are you saying, Kitty? Bad? My dear, you could not be of late, darling, — very softly, and with infinite tenderness, — "I have thought—I have feared — that you and Jack are not to each other what you used to be. Have I offended you?" — timidly.

"Darling, how can you speak to me like that? You are the sister of my brother, because he is your husband; but you, you are myself. Of course all my sympathies are with you. It will relieve your mind to confide in me."

"Will it? Let me try, then. It is long since I have known relief of any kind. I am wretched. Gretchen—desperately so. My whole life is a mistake. I wish it could end, and trouble with it."

"Go on," says Gretchen, faintly, feeling herself, and enquiring her arm with her arm, and enquiring "Divorces are common," says Kitty, with an attempt at lightness, "and public separations worse; so we have arranged to separate. I have agreed never to interfere with each other or our friends. We do not clash, as most vulgar people might think. It is all so calmly managed. I never ask him where he has been,—perhaps because I know. He never asks me,—perhaps because he does not care to know."

"It is horrible," says Gretchen, below her breath. "To you, my dear," — hardly. "Because you are an angel. As for me (though I wished it over a moment since), there are times when I can still find flavor in my life. I have my own amusements. I have actually, strange as it may sound to you, my lovers."

"You would not?" begins Gretchen, and then pauses. "She is feeling sad and depressed. "No, I would not. Reassure yourself on that score; I could not. No, please, oblige, you know; and, besides, — with an indelicately sorrowful look, — "I am your sister. Forgive me that word!"

"FOR KING AND COUNTRY." PHILANTHROPY IN SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

An Interesting Book Deals With the Bright Side of the Late Struggle.

An interesting book has been published in England under the title "For King and Country," dealing with the philanthropic work of the war in South Africa, by Col. Gildea, C.V.O. The Colonel's facts and figures are at once interesting and astonishing in their collective form. It will surprise most of us, for example, to hear that the war has cost considerably over six millions more than the colossal sums devoted to the nation in its parliamentary budgets—six millions, at least, of private money in addition to the public cash swallowed up by the war. The total cost of the war of 1870 the Germans made immense private sacrifices on behalf of their fighting men, but their efforts in the South African war were for the Samaritan acts of the British people towards the sufferers for its sake in South Africa. Its notable feature was that a measure of its cost was borne by the nation in its parliamentary budgets—six millions, at least, of private money in addition to the public cash swallowed up by the war.

THE BOER TERRITORY. Will Be Divided Into Eight Sections and Patrolled.

Colonel Pilkington, who commands the Orange River Colony division of the South African Constabulary, has now arranged for an almost complete patrol system of the whole country, which for police purposes is divided into eight sections named after the chief rivers, says a Bloemfontein correspondent. A sub-division is made by using the old Free State district wards, in each of which is stationed a troop. Still further arrangements have been made by which the wards are cut into blocks of about 20 by 25 miles. Each block is patrolled daily by one non-commissioned officer and six men. The Boers express appreciation of the constant patrolling, and it protects them against the danger of attacks by the natives and will rid the country of the prevalent crime of cattle stealing.

INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL LUSH. Botha is published by the Times of Natal. He began by denying that he was in favor of the suspension of the Cape constitution, and he said he would be a retrogressive measure; and declared that if the Boers were treated with justice the process of settling down would be a long one. He said that the opinion of the blockhouse system. The English pro-Boer party did the Boers no good. Unless in the event of a general election, he would be in favor of the formation of a Boer regiment in the British army, as colonialist disliked military discipline. General Botha denied that during the war the Boer Government, in Holland, and maintained that it had always been in South Africa.

SIR FREDERICK TREVES.

Big Reward Will Be Given the King's Surgeon.

The coronation banquet conferred on Sir Frederick Treves will not be the great success which it was expected to be. The King's coronation banquet conferred on Sir Frederick Treves will not be the great success which it was expected to be. The King's coronation banquet conferred on Sir Frederick Treves will not be the great success which it was expected to be.

INFANT MARKET.

The director of the Orphanage at Temesvar, in Hungary, has arranged to hold an "infant market" once a month, at which the children, who are used to the orphanage, will be on view, at which persons desirous of adopting one or more can inspect them and take their choice. The first of these markets passed off very successfully. Thirty children were on view—boys and girls between the ages of one and ten years. Nineteen of these were adopted, and taken to their new homes. The market was a success, and the children were adopted by their new parents.

A PRESERVED MAMMOTH.

A touching bit of Alpine history tells of a glacier, which had been perfectly preserved body emerged so long afterward that it was recognized only by an old woman who had been the victim of the avalanche. Even more striking was the recent discovery of Dr. Herz in Eastern Siberia. It was the perfect body of a mammoth, which, having been preserved in a glacier, had fallen down a declivity and been instantly killed. Its mouth still held the last tuft of grass; its thick red-brown hair was still unchanged.

CHIMNEY SMOKE.

In Brussels, Malines, and other Belgian towns a novel method of not only getting rid of smoke, but of turning it to good account, has recently been employed. The smoke is driven by a ventilating fan into a filter filled with porous material, over which a continuous stream of petroleum, benzine, alcohol, or some liquid hydrocarbon flows. The result is that the smoke is entirely suppressed, and the chimney, near the top, is used for domestic purposes, and for driving gas engines. The filtering material itself also becomes a good combustible during the process.

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Young Man's Experience in the British Museum—A Sailor's Find.

To dream of finding a golden mine in the British Museum Library was the veriest nonsense. James Walker, however, a young Australian, who came over in 1897 for the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, dreamt one night that he stood in a large room, he dreamed that he was lined with books, that he took down a book from a shelf, and found behind it a lump of solid gold. The book had never been in the British Museum, but his dream was so vivid that he at once wrote to the head librarian for a ticket of admission. On entering the room, he recognized it perfectly from his dream, went to the spot in which he had found it.

FOUND THE GOLD. took down the book, and found — nothing at all! But, as he had always heard that dreams were true, he only smiled at his own stupidity. Then he took a glance at the book in his hand. It was a work on metallurgy. He sat down, opened it, and read the chapter on the gold of London. Suddenly his eyes were caught by a description of a certain ore of tin, a yellowish-brown ore, which was called the "binoxide of tin." Good heavens! he thought, "why, these tons of that on our range!" Very soon he was certain that on his father's property, near the town of West, there were valuable veins of tinstone. He hurried back home, and is now a very wealthy man.

WERE TIPPED WITH SNOW. and a great glacier came down to the water's edge. In his dream, he saw little figures moving on the narrow strip of sand beneath the cliffs, and he was ordered to make one of a boat's crew to go ashore for fresh water. Pulling the little boat, the figures proved to be Eskimos. One of them came up and offered him a handful of reddish stones in exchange for a tin of tinned food. He felt that he had secured a treasure, and awoke.

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GLOBULAR LIGHTNING. A peculiar case of globular lightning is reported by Count G. Hamilton. He has an estate situated on a mountain on the eastern shore of Lake Wener, in Sweden. Twenty seconds after a very vivid flash a brilliant white ball suddenly appeared over the dining-table; it disappeared almost immediately with an explosion, not doing any further harm than singeing the hair of some of the observers—who all agree about these details—and knocking over a few glasses, etc. In the kitchen below the dining-table, the electric current was not so much care to watch them going out, perhaps because people are more in a hurry and take less notice of him.

LIVING IN A CRATER. In the interior of the extinct crater Aso San, about thirty miles from the city of Kumamoto, in Japan, 20,000 people live and prosper. The vertical wall of the crater is 1,000 feet high. The inhabitants rarely make a journey into the outer world, but form almost a little nation by themselves.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES COLIC IN COWS. Mr. Wallace—"It seems to me that if ever a bachelor realizes his unhappy lot, it must be when he is in bed. It is a great difference between a man and a wife. If he goes to throwing the medicine bottles and things at the nurse when she happens to hurt his rheumatism, she will give."

LEVER'S Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder. dusted in the bath, softens the water at the same time that it disinfects.

ONCE IN A CENTURY. On Lord Derby's Westminster estate the ancient custom—observed only once in a century—of walking round the city of London, was revived. Halts were made along the sixteen miles of route and sports held. At the close of the party, numbering several hundreds, adjourned to the hall, where a bull, had been roasted whole, and there were more sports.

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ALLOWED TO MARRY. An application in open court for permission to marry, by a young lady of eighteen, is a somewhat unusual piece of legal procedure. It is usually assumed that it would take the form of a simple license.

TRAVELS OF A BOTTLE. A bottle containing a letter asking the finder to state where he found it was cast into the Mackinac River, Central Illinois, by Mr. Beulah, near Melbourne. The young lady informed the magistrate that her mother was dead, her father had gone to Western Australia, and there was no one available to give requisite permission demanded by the law in the case of the marriage of minors.

MULE OR NON. COM. A very quaint inquiry order has quite recently been unearthed. It deals with the machine guns provided for certain volunteer corps, and advises that, where possible, they should be used to draw them. "When a mule is not available, however," it goes on, "any intelligent non-commissioned officer will do instead."

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