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The Street of the Three Brothers did not prove at all an attractive one, and it turned out, moreover, that Fanchette's friend had gone back to La Roche-Segur, having disposed of her modest maison meuble to an up-to-date Parisian. But that shrewd dame showed them so much attention as well as the rooms she had vacant that, for lack of other resort, they resolved to remain there meantime. Fanchette went down stairs again to rate the ill-tempered concierge of the house whose rough and ready method of handling hat-boxes did not meet with her approval, while the girl threw herself disconsolately into a chair beside the window of her little chamber and looked out with weary eyes at the dull, dingy street.

What she saw and heard there was all so different from the clean, sweet solitude of the quiet bungalow on Peconic Bay that she could by no means shake off the dejection induced by the contrast. And neither was this the Paris that she had known, that bright, sunny vista of avenues and open spaces where one might wander at will and without fear of any such enemy as she was seeking concealment from now.

Circumstances had changed very sadly for her since she had ceased to be an inmate of the modest pension on Avenue Marceau, since that fateful day on which she had kissed the two old maids there good-bye, gone out into an unknown world to shape her own destiny to her own ideas. And it had cost her more than she could well count to shape it to such futile end that she was now a denizen of the Rue des Trois Freres, alone and friendless save for Fanchette.

Withal, however, she could not find it in her to repent herself of that most impulsive step. She had done all she could to extricate herself from the cruel tangle in which fate had enmeshed her. Some day, perhaps, she would be free, and, while she lived, she would fight for her freedom. She was a soldier's daughter, and for her there could be no surrender. That brave thought sufficed to comfort her, and, when Fanchette once more appeared, she put all doubts behind her, resolutely assumed an outward indifference to her surroundings which went far to encourage her companion.

That afternoon they spent indoors but next day they drove to the bank in which she had been forced to leave such funds as had been lying there on the occasion of her hurried flight from France, and which she had not since felt safe to send for, lest in doing so she should afford her enemy clue to her whereabouts. It was no great amount, not much more than ten thousand francs, accumulated from the liberal allowance Miles Quaintance had made her during her sojourn in Europe, but it was a comfort to have it once more in her possession. All there was left of the sum obtained by the sale of her car would not have lasted them long, whereas, with this supplement, it would be possible to carry out her intention of earning her further livelihood in some far part of the world. Other girls were doing that—why not she?

She fancied that the clerk who attended her in the bank had shown more interest in her than was altogether necessary, but he asked no needless questions as she feared he might, and, when she returned to Fanchette who was anxiously awaiting her in a closed cab at the sidewalk, it was with the gratifying announcement that she had accomplished the object of their long voyage from New York.

"Yes, everything went smoothly," she told that apprehensive listener. "They paid my cheque without the slightest hesitation, and—all will go well now, Fanchette. Tomorrow, I think, we may leave for London."

"Why not tonight, ma'mselle?" Fanchette asked eagerly. "Delay may bring danger, and—Monsieur is powerful in Paris, even from a great distance."

"Tonight, then, if you will," the girl agreed readily. When they reached the Rue des Trois Freres, however, Andre, the concierge, came forward, chuckling caustically, to tell them that there was a visitor waiting them. Their irresponsible start of dismay did not escape his sharp eyes, and he was still chuckling when he got back to his lair underneath the stairs they were tremulously ascending.

"Eh, bien, Mlle. Fanchette!" said he to himself in a tone of great satisfaction. "It is now that you must be sorry that you spoke to Andre so rudely yesterday. That old good-for-

AUSTRALIA SENDS BEEF TO LONDON

New Movement is Expected to Strike
Blow at British Business of American Companies.

London, May 18—Australia is evidently determined at last to make an effort to capture from America some of the meat trade with England. There is at present only one ship, and that a "wind jammer," engaged in the trade. This ship, the *Marathon*, has just completed her second voyage with a consignment of chilled meat from Australia, but the arrival on this occasion is much more notable than on previous occasions, for the reason that whereas the first voyage occupied sixty-two days, the present trip has taken sixty-seven days, the vessel having been delayed owing to the Australian coal strike. To land beef in England in perfect condition, after a voyage of nearly ten weeks is considered something of an achievement, and it is likely to inaugurate a new scheme for the supply of Britain with Empire grown beef and at the same time help the Australian meat exporters.

It is pointed out that the importance of the experiment is threefold. It will give Great Britain a new source of fresh meat supply and to bring her less under the control of the Frozen Meat Trust; it will permit Australia to compete for the chilled beef trade with Great Britain up to the present monopolized by the United States and Argentine, and it will give the Australian meat companies who have been sending their meat shipments to England in a frozen state a large margin of profit, because there is a difference in value between chilled and frozen meat in London of about two cents a pound.

At present the American companies have practically a monopoly of the meat supplies at Smithfield Market, London, and have been making of late a bold bid to dominate it entirely. Steamers are at present being built with the idea of bringing regular supplies of Argentine chilled beef to Smithfield Market every Monday morning—an arrangement which the Australian chilled beef experiment, if properly followed, up, may rather seriously disturb, for it will mean that no longer will the Americans enjoy a monopoly.

SERIOUS FIRE NEAR OTTAWA

Ottawa, May 17—Two serious fires occurred today in the vicinity of Ottawa, at Kirk's Ferry, a frame hotel owned by George McAllister; a frame residence and contents, owned by Mrs. John McAllister, and a general store, residence and out-buildings, the property of E. H. Hellard, were burned.

At Wakefield, Que., the MacLaren woollen mill, the MacLaren grist mill and four houses owned by the company were burned, involving destruction of property to the value of \$50,000, nearly all covered by insurance. A fire engine and detachment of men sent out from Ottawa, prevented the destruction of the whole village.

To prevent a hard-boiled egg turning green round the yolk cool it immediately in a basin of cold water. Sleep as many hours as you find necessary to completely recuperate your strength, and get to bed as early as you can.

nothing has still a tooth in his head and can bite with it, Mlle. Fanchette."

They entered their little parlor, in trepidation to find a stranger installed there, a man of coldly official aspect, with something of the professional ferret about him, who turned out to be an agent de surete from the Prefecture on the Quai des Orfèvres.

He explained his mission, politely enough but with obvious indifference. The declaration of identity made by Mlle. Lorraine on entering the country was believed to be a misleading one. The Chief of Police directed that she and the person described as Fanchette Lefevre should remain in their present quarters and under surveillance pending some inquiry into mademoiselle's antecedents.

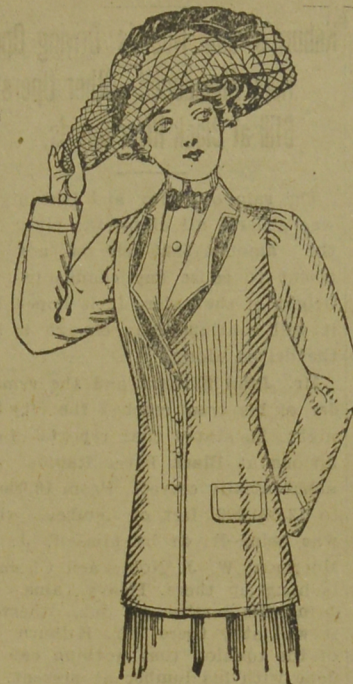
"But this is an outrage!" the girl exclaimed. "The Chief of Police is apparently not aware that I'm an American."

The plain-clothes police man shrugged his shoulders. He did not know and did not greatly care. His part was solely that of a messenger.

"Mademoiselle is allowed every liberty of movement," he suggested smoothly, "except as regards leaving Paris. It might be that application to the American Consul would serve to put matters right for her."

She shook her head vexedly, knowing that such recourse had been cut off by her own conduct. And the man did not fail to observe the involuntary action, from which he drew his own inference. He rose to go.

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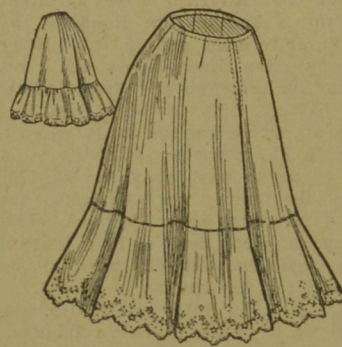
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