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## The Lapse of Enoch Wentworth

ISABEL GORDON CURTIS

Author of "The Woman  
from Wolverton"

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"No. Who are the men?"  
"God knows!" answered the Eng-  
lishman, with a thrill of compassion  
in his voice. "They are a lot of half-  
frozen, starving, human wreckage,  
who have been waiting there for an  
hour to get a loaf of bread."

Dorcas lowered the carriage win-  
dow and gazed out. Oswald watched  
her. The girl's face mirrored her feel-  
ings so keenly he could feel what was  
passing in her mind. Her lips quiv-  
ered and tears hung on her lashes.  
She could not trust herself to speak.  
"I shall never forget how that pitiful  
line appealed to me the first time I  
saw it," the man continued, "although  
I had known the poor of London since  
boyhood. This homeless, famished,  
orderly column, growing and growing  
as one man after another comes creep-  
ing from his burrow to hold a place,  
was too much for me. I stood watch-  
ing it from that corner," he pointed  
across the street, "night after night. I  
used to try to help. In a few cases I  
did manage to put a man on his feet.  
The task was generally hopeless, ex-  
cept that I could satisfy the hunger  
of the moment. During hard winters  
in New York I have seen the line  
grow till there were hundreds in it.  
Sometimes it goes down Tenth street  
and around the corner."

Dorcas turned to look at him. Tears  
stood in her eyes and her lips quiv-  
ered.

"I understand," he went on. "You  
are wondering why we, well clothed,  
fed and sheltered from the wind, are  
here, and they are there. I do not  
know. It is a problem as old as the  
world itself. All we can do is to help  
individually, man to man."

Dorcas' gaze went back to the bread  
line. Oswald sat in thoughtful silence.  
"Don't think me sacrilegious, Mr.  
Oswald," she confessed, "but when I  
see such misery it makes me wonder  
if the Eternal himself has a con-  
science." She sat watching the line  
of patient, pallid men. Stragglers  
crept up to join it from every direc-  
tion. "I simply cannot imagine a God  
who—Mr. Oswald!" She grasped his  
arm with a half-stifled scream and laid  
her trembling hand upon his.

"What is it?" asked her companion,  
rising. "What frightened you, Miss  
Wentworth?" He stared past her out  
into the street. The block of vehicles  
had begun to move. They were again  
driving slowly down Broadway.

"Nothing," she answered quickly,  
"nothing but a chance resemblance.  
I thought I—saw some one whom I  
once knew. It must have been a mis-  
take."

The Englishman glanced at her curi-  
ously. She began to chat about the  
play and other things. She was try-  
ing to forget whatever had startled  
her. She said "Good-by" at the door  
of her home. Oswald realized that  
she was eager to have him go. As he  
drove away he tried to recall anything  
which could have happened. A wom-  
an of her poise would not be disturbed  
by a trifle.

Dorcas shut the street door and ran  
upstairs to her brother's study, where  
the 'phone stood. She searched dis-  
tractedly through the directory for the  
address of a livery from which occa-  
sionally she called a cab. The name  
had escaped her. She stood for a mo-  
ment trying in vain to recall it, then  
she rang the bell. Her wait seemed



"What frightened you, Miss Went-  
worth?"

unless before the old servant ap-  
peared.

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N. E. Cood, formerly of this city,  
makes the following comment on the  
Cook murder trial at Edmonton:

"Those who have been forced to  
bear the brunt of suspicion in the  
Crawford murder case have been put  
through a grueling test and must  
now feel somewhat relieved. New  
theories are uppermost in the minds  
of the people, cause for which is found  
in the baffling mysteriousness of the  
case. Some of these are ridiculous on  
the face of circumstances cited to bear  
out the logic of the theories. Some  
know more than the law and the  
authorities who have been working  
on the case; they must convince them-  
selves that they do if they believe  
these theories correct. For those who  
suffer as a result of suspicion, the  
Star knows how to feel the most sym-  
pathy. If the innocent have suffered  
and must continue to suffer, then God  
help the guilty. His time will come  
and punishment meted out will not  
be spared.

The law of the land is enforced by  
men who are paid for what they know  
or do. These men are more capable  
of what is expected of them than  
those who look on from the outside.  
Contrary to this, however, there are  
those who have already passed judg-  
ment on the party or parties they be-  
lieve guilty. In their own minds,  
they believe more than suspicion is  
there. And to counteract it all, it  
must be admitted that a man is en-  
titled to his own opinion.

The Star is of the opinion that the  
time is not far distant when the pub-  
lic will be fully informed as to who  
laid the plans for and eventually dis-  
posed of the late Mr. Crawford.  
'Murder will out' has been proven  
true in every known instance. Until  
that time, conjectures and suspicions  
must be laid over. The time may  
not be long. On the other hand, a  
deathbed confession may be necessary  
to prove the theories for the crime.



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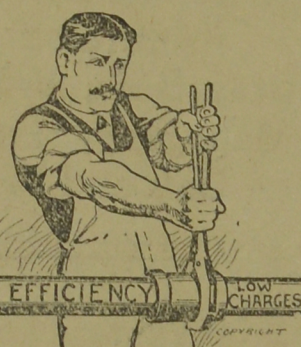
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