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COUNTERSTROKE

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(Continued.)

"Captain Lettby was here. I wanted to stay—to say something to you."

"Well?"

"It is something impertinent, I don't know how to put it."

"Then leave it unsaid, please. I hate to be out of friends with people, Lord Francis, but I don't think I could suffer an impertinence."

Lord Francis looked excessively uncomfortable. "If only your father were in England," he sighed.

"Oh, it is advice you want to offer me," cried the girl, amused.

"Yes, advice, that is it." He caught eagerly at the word. "Advice, yes, a piece of advice which I would not dare to advance if I had not your welfare deep at heart, Miss Elliott."

His face grew passionately earnest as he spoke, and the girl found herself voluntarily growing earnest too.

"Speak, then," she said.

"It is about that woman"—he groaned out the words with an effort that was painfully transparent—"who was here just now, the Countess of Hohenstein."

"Ah!" the girl's eyes flashed and she clasped her hands across her knee. "Be careful, Lord Francis. I like that woman as you call her."

"The man almost groaned. 'For heaven's sake don't allow yourself to like her!' he cried. 'She means you harm; yes, Francis, she means you harm.'"

"Francine!" echoed Miss Elliott springing to her feet; "you have no right to name me so, and less to speak ill of my friends. How dare you say such a thing to me of the Countess—and behind her back?"

Cressingham arose too. "I dare, Miss Elliott, because I, once"—(he gulped down a breath)—"because I wish to be your friend, and surely it is a friend's part to warn his friend when there is danger. Pardon me one moment. Please let me speak. I know that what I am saying will cut me off from your acquaintance for all time, but say it I must so that at all hazards you be warned. That woman has been my ruin; wantonly and deliberately she wrecked my career, and not yet satisfied, she now pursues me with professions of affection. Recently she has chosen to regard you as a rival. I think that she is mad, at all events she is dangerous, I believe that she hates you, I know that she will try to do you harm."

"My Lord!" Miss Elliott seemed trying not to laugh.

"Forgive me, Miss Elliott, what I have said must sound to you horribly absurd and egotistical. But for all that I pledge you my honor it is true. I felt that it was duty to warn you, even though it has only worked me further injury."

"Time will show, my Lord," said Miss Elliott coldly.

"Ay, Time. It is the only friend I have left." The words were spoken with such unaffected sadness that the girl's heart was touched. She moved a step nearer to the man and put her hand timidly upon his arm.

"Lord Francis, if what you say is true, why do you, why do you persevere in an acquaintance which appears to you so evil?"

He looked at her gravely, his eyes full of melancholy. "I cannot answer you, Miss Elliott."

The girl drew herself erect, and sur-

veyed him with a chilling smile. "I think I understand, Lord Francis. I thank you for the warning. Perhaps it was kindly meant. Need I detain you longer?"

"No," Cressingham bowed low. "Good-bye." He stood gazing at her imploringly.

But Miss Elliott, turning her back, crossed the room to ring the bell.

"Good-bye," she replied without looking at him, and with a quick sigh he departed.

When the girl was quite alone she sank into a deep armchair and thought these words aloud: "I suppose I can't be a proper sort of woman, certainly not the sort that one reads about in improving books. I know I ought to feel beautifully indignant, the outraged divinity within me, and all that. But I don't. I love Lord Francis Cressingham, and I don't care much who knows it, so long as he does not. As for that woman, she has fascinated him, of course, but I don't believe he loves her. I can feel that she is not a good woman. Any way and whether or not, she is not going to keep him. He is too good for her, and I want him, yes, I want him, want him with all my heart."

Then Miss Elliott went to her bedroom, locked the door, threw herself upon her bed, and wept unreservedly for quite ten minutes.

CHAPTER III.
A SPY UPON A SPY.

Lord Francis Cressingham found Captain Lettby waiting for him upon the steps of Colonel Elliott's house. The Captain held a twisted piece of paper in one hand; with the other he was impatiently twirling his walking-stick.

"The Countess asked me to give you this note," he announced abruptly.

"Ah, thanks," Cressingham crushed the paper into his pocket. "Are you going citywards?"

"I think not."

"Well, then, good-day to you," with a nod.

"One moment, Cressingham, if you please."

"Ten if you like. Anything urgent?"

"Let us walk on." The Captain's face was troubled; they walked in silence for a little and stopped by common impulse at the corner of Dover street and Piccadilly.

"The fact is, Cressingham, I've wanted to speak to you for quite a while, but you're so infernally hard to get hold of, since—" he hesitated.

"Since I got the sack from the F. O., said the other grimly.

"I didn't quite mean that but you've said it yourself. We used to be friends once, Cressingham—"

"Once!"

"Well—"

"Oh, I quite understand; your manner when we met today left little to be explained."

"Bosh!" blurted out the Captain. "It's not your part to be satirical; you are the deserter, Frank. The old rooms which you always shared with me are still there and never once have you come near me."

"I thought—"

"Never mind what you thought. You never gave me a chance. You resigned from the regiment without saying a word to a soul. You've never been to the club, never called at the mess. How can you wonder that your old pals are offend-

FIREMEN GET INCREASE;
PATROL WAGON NEEDED;
PAY FORTNIGHTLY

At the regular monthly session of the board of public safety last evening it was decided that the call firemen should have their fifty per cent increase for the full year commencing the first of December, 1906.

A committee was appointed to inquire into the cost and maintenance of a patrol wagon and a number of other matters were disposed of. The meeting was brief and harmonious. Alderman Vanwart occupied the chair and Ald. Christie, Tiley, Housham, Lockhart, Langan, Pickett, Rowan and Sprout were present. With Chief Kerr, Director Wisely and the common clerk.

Ald. Holder brought up the question of paying the firemen and he moved that it be recommended to the treasury board that the men be paid half-monthly instead of monthly.

Ald. Pickett suggested that the recommendation should read that all employees under this department should be paid fortnightly. On motion this was adopted.

Tenders for eighteen police coats were people. Henderson & Hunt and C. B. Pigeon were the tenderers, both quoting \$33 each for the garments.

On motion it was decided to divide the order between the two tenderers.

On motion it was decided to call for tenders for supplies for the fire department.

On motion it was decided that a valuator be appointed to examine the building on the city property situated under case to Michael Collins. Inspector of Buildings Thompson was appointed.

On the recommendation of the director it

was decided to grant Havelock Lodge, No. 27, L. O. L., rooms in the Market building, to J. W. Morrison and J. A. Griffiths applied for a lease of certain lots near the mill pond south of Rodney street. It was moved by Lockhart that the applicants be notified that the city was not leasing lots in the mill pond at present. Carried.

Robert Merrivewher, of Fairville, asked that she lease held by him be transferred to him and his wife. On motion it was decided that he could surrender the lease and get a new one.

Police Officer Fred Lucas was granted full pay for leave absence on account of injuries he received in stopping a runaway horse.

The sub-committee appointed to consider the matter of having an inspector of electric wiring reported through the chairman, Ald. Christie, that from information received from different cities in Canada and the United States they were of the opinion that guard wires were unnecessary and of no practical benefit. They would like permission to present to the board of fire underwriters what information they had received and report to the next meeting of the board.

Ald. Lockhart moved that the report be received and the recommendations carried out. Carried.

The sub-committee appointed to consider the matter of having a fire alarm box should be placed west of Dock street in the vicinity of the end of North wharf or on Smythe street. A committee consisting of the chairman, Ald. Bullock, the chief and director was appointed to look into the matter. The board then adjourned.

ded? The fellows are thinking all sorts of things."

"Let them think!"

"Oh, it's all very well to take that stand, but you are not treating them properly. They have a right to an explanation, and you know it. Vernon and I have stood your spousals long enough. It's time you took a hand, or at least gave one of us the right to do so."

Cressingham's face softened. "You're a good fellow, Jack, but I can't yet, I'm too cut up."

"Absurd," cried the other sharply. "Don't you see how foolish you are? What's the use of musing the beastly thing? It's not as if you'd cleared out and gone to India or somewhere. Then they'd have understood your feelings and forgotten the whole business before this. But here you stay right in the heart of things, avoiding everybody and not condescending to offer the slightest explanation. 'Pon my soul, it's no wonder that people talk about you and imagine things!'"

"It's kind of you, Jack, to come down on me like this. I know you're right. Well then, I'll see the Colonel; Vernon's a good sort, he has refused to send on my resignation—I got a note from him today."

"Good man. You'll stay on with us, then."

"If Vernon advises me—after he hears what I have to say. Fact is, I was damned careless, Jack, and deserved the thrashing I got. But for an accident, I'd have disgraced the whole regiment. The facts were not published, but you have a right to know. It was a Nihilist conspiracy, and the brutes made use of me. The Czar might have been assassinated."

"Great heavens!"

"I was near to cutting my throat at one time, and would have, too, if they had called my honor into question."

"Don't talk rot, Frank. The F. O.'s stupid enough, but it never gets drunk, all at one time."

"I'm dashed glad to have chatted the thing over with you, old chap. I feel better now than I've done for weeks."

"Well, good-bye, old fellow. See you soon, won't you?"

"Tomorrow. Good-bye, Jack."

"Eh, by-the-bye, dine with me at the club tomorrow night?"

"Very well."

Captain Lettby got into a handsome, and presently remembered that he had entirely overlooked his original intention of writing his friend for his extraordinary treatment of Miss Elliott. But he soon forgot the whole matter in the recollection of Madame Viyella's bright eyes and certain speeches which she had murmured in his ears. Indeed, so fickle is the heart of man, he forgot also his own devotion to his cousin and the fact that he had worshipped at her shrine for six long years.

Cressingham wandered moodily to his rooms in Jermyn street, and there arrived nervously plucked open the Countess' note.

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RIFLED THE MAILS

Winnipeg, Oct. 29.—A parcel of Union Bank bills, amounting to \$5,000, as well as valuable registered mail matter, was stolen from the registered letter bag at Elkhorn today. The sack was thrown from the early morning express from Winnipeg and was intended for a station on the Kinkora branch, which runs northwest from Elkhorn. The mail is taken off at the latter place by a mail clerk of the branch line but he had an arrangement whereby the night operator took them a charge. Saturday morning, when the bags reached the branch train the theft was discovered.

It is supposed the sack was cut open after being thrown on the platform and before the agent had taken charge of the mail for the night.

YARMOUTH MAN
DIED FROM MALARIA

New York, Oct. 29.—The schooner Cartagena arrived today from the San Blas coast by way of Southampton (N. C.), where she stopped for medical attendance. Two of the crew died of malaria. The first, F. Holm, a seaman, native of Finland, died on Sept. 16, and was buried at sea. The other, Nelson Hammond, second mate, whose home was at Yarmouth (N. S.), died in a hospital at Wilmington (N. C.). All hands were affected by fever from time to time during the voyage, and navigation of the schooner was seriously impeded. With the exception of one man, however, all had recovered when the schooner arrived here today.

EDUCATION BILL
DEFEATED BY LORDS

London, Oct. 29.—The first vote in committee of the house of lords on the education bill was taken tonight, and resulted in the defeat of the government by a majority of 200. The vote came on an amendment to the first clause in the bill. The amendment, which was offered by Lord Hensington, Liberal, makes religious instruction compulsory during a part of the day school hours in all public elementary schools.

REV. M. C. SHEWEN IS
RECTOR ST. MARY'S

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 29.—At a meeting of the parishioners of St. Mary's Episcopal church this evening, Rev. M. C. Shewen, of Greenwich, Kings county, was elected rector in succession to Rev. Dr. Duffy, who lately removed to the west. The election was decided on the first ballot, Mr. Shewen, taking twenty votes, Rev. H. E. Dibble seven, and Rev. W. O. Raymond, jr., two. It is said that Rev. Mr. Dibble was willing to accept the appointment only on condition that a portion of the parsonage at Margerville was added to his field, and this proposal did not meet with favor.

It is believed that Rev. Mr. Shewen will accept the call and enter upon his duties early in the new year.

The U. N. B. football team left this morning on its annual tour. The party consisted of about twenty-five students under Manager F. A. Jewett. The team is composed of: Full, Hayward; halves, Dunphy, Babbitt, Dever, Dysart, Smith and Wooster; quarters, Rutledge, Baird and Graham; forwards, Capt. Maxon, Gregory, W. Woods, L. Wood, J. Wood, Mungall, Gillie, Grant and Colter. Before leaving Manager Jewett received a telegram saying that Mount Allison had finally decided to play on Tuesday as the U. N. B. requested. The other dates are; Thursday, St. Joseph's at Memramook; Saturday, at Moncton; Nov. 5th, Marathons at St. John.

NEWFOUNDLAND WAS
FULLY INFORMED

London, Oct. 29.—Answering a question in the House of Commons today, Winston Spencer Churchill, under-secretary for the colonial office, gave precise details of the steps taken to fully inform the government of Newfoundland of the course of the negotiations of the modus vivendi on the fisheries question. He said:

"The decision of His Majesty's government, that a modus vivendi was needed and their intention to make proposals to the United States government for such arrangement was communicated to the colonial government, telegraphically, some days before the United States was informed. In the same telegram Newfoundland was asked to give her views of what form the modus vivendi should take, and no proposals were actually made to the United States government until the reply of Newfoundland was received. Throughout Newfoundland was kept fully and promptly advised by telegraph."

"His Majesty's government answered no communications of the United States without first consulting Newfoundland and endeavoring to obtain her concurrence. The note from the United States ambassador, ratifying the arrangement, was telegraphed verbatim to the colonial government the same day as it was written and received."

SISTERS OF FORMER
ST. SOHN MAN KILLED
IN TRAIN DISASTER

New York, Oct. 29.—The railroad disaster yesterday near Atlantic City, by which about sixty-five persons were killed, had among the victims two ladies who have been known in St. John. Mrs. Walter Bradish and Mrs. Cora Bibber Brown, both of Eastport (Me.). Mrs. Bradish and Mrs. Brown were sisters of George Swett, who was once the proprietor of the Hotel Dufferin, and is now the proprietor of the Hotel Walton in Philadelphia. They had been visiting their brother, and were taking a Sunday outing to Atlantic City.

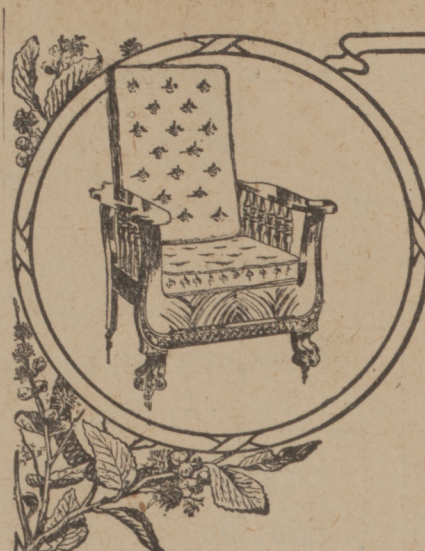
DRANK BAY RUM AND DIED

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 29.—Three enlisted men of the battleship Wisconsin are dead and two are seriously ill as the result of drinking bay rum. Thomas F. Cox took the liquor from the ship's barbershop and diluted it with water, and together with four companions became intoxicated Friday night. Their condition was not discovered until Sunday, when three of the men died on board the ship.

The engagement is announced of Miss Kathleen Hansard Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robertson, of Sharn (Mass.), formerly of St. John (N. B.), to Dr. Stuart Donald Mackenzie, of Winnipeg (Man.).

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Cheffoniers in Mahogany.

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