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...That... Preposterous ..Will..

BY L. G. MOBERLY.

(Continued.)

"Mrs. Mannering, sir," she said; "and I'm sunre Molly would be pleased for me

"Thank you, Mrs. Mannering," Mr. Bray broke in again, "I will explain my business to Miss Miranda Hume herself; it concerns her alone; and before proceeding further I must ascertain whether she is actually the person of whom I am in search." Then, without giving Mrs. Mannering an opportunity of saying the words which were evidently hovering on her lips, he turned to the girl and continued—

"Can you tell me anything about yourself? Do you know who your parents were? and whether you had any godparents and so on?"

He had seated himself upon a chair pushed forward by Mrs. Mannering out of the medley of furniture, whilst Miranda stood in front of him, looking at him with round puzzled eyes and bewildered face.

"Me father's and mother's bin dead ever since I can remember," she answered; "me aunt reared me. Me mother's sister she was. But I come out to service when I was thirteen, and I means to make me own way now." Whilst she spoke Mr. Bray became aware of a certain dogged strength in her face and eyes which he had not at first noticed; and at the end of her sentence her lips closed in a straight firm line, giving evidence of no small determination and force of character.

"Where did your parents live?" was his next question.

"In Lime street, three turnings down on the left from here," was the prompt reply; "but they weren't no Londoners, not to begin with. They came from the country down Simley way." Mr. Bray started imperceptibly. That this girl's parents should have belong to the village of which Mr. Godfrey Haines was the squire had brought the possibility of her being the person he sought into the range of the actual.

"And you were born in London?" he pursued.

"Oh no, I warn't; I was born at Simley, and the squire—Mr. Haines his name was—he was my godfather."

Mr. Bray with difficulty suppressed an expression of excitement before he asked: "Have you ever seen your godfather since you left Simley?"

"Only once. 'E come 'ere one day six months ago—arsked me me age, and give me a Bible."

"Yes"—here the landlady put in indignantly—"only give 'er a Bible, and him a well to do gentleman as any one could see by his clothes; downright mean I called it, not so much as to hand the pore girl a half a crown, and good to her as I've bin too."

The connexion between the two parts of the sentence was not quite obvious, but Mrs. Mannering did not think it necessary to explain to the lawyer what great hopes she had built on that visit of Mr. Haines, nor how much it had weighed with her in her efforts to induce Miranda to remain in her service, when that young woman expressed a desire to go and better herself.

"Could you describe this Mr. Haines to me?" was Mr. Bray's next question, ignoring Mrs. Mannering's speech, and looking keenly into the girl's white face.

"A queer-lookin' gent 'e was," Miranda vouchsafed: "very short, and with a red face and no more 'air on 'is 'ad than 'ud cover a baby's, and little peepin' eyes what seemed to laugh at yer all the time."

Mr. Bray nearly groaned. The description so exactly applied to his late client, and he cast a last despairing thought in the direction of Alan Dayrell and his vanished hopes; for the longer he stood in that little overcrowded room and looked at the girl in her shabby pink frock, the more impossible did it seem to him that Dayrell could under any conceivable circumstances carry out the terms of his godfather's will.

"And did Mr. Haines at that time say anything to lead you to suppose he might ever do more for you, or help you in any way?"

Miranda's red head was vigorously shaken.

"Lor no," she said, "e never so much as spoke o' the future. 'E just says, 'Be a good gal, and read yer Bible, and try to climb up in the world. You've got it in yer face to do it.' That's what 'e said, 'climb up in the world,' and that's what I'm goin' fer to do—see if I don't," and a mutinous glance in the direction of her mistress flashed from her brown eyes.

The bewildered surprise which had been her most prominent expression when Mr. Bray had first seen her had vanished: her earlier alarm of him had vanished too; the alert shrewdness of the Londoner, bred if not born, was apparent now in her every look and word; and behind this acquired quality Mr. Bray again recognized in her a force of character which nothing could hide.

"Very good advice," he said, looking absently into the girl's brown eyes, which met his squarely and fearlessly; "but now, Miranda, I have a very important piece of news to tell you. If I find your statements are correct, if I discover that your parents really lived at Simley, and that you are without doubt Mr. Haines' goddaughter, then—you will find that he did not forget you. On the contrary he has remembered you very substantially."

"'E ain't dead is 'e?"

"Yes—he is dead, but—if as I say you are the person I assume you to be, you will find that he has mentioned you in his will."

"Lor!" ejaculated Miranda; and "Goodness gracious, lawk a mussy!" exclaimed Mrs. Mannering, adding: "you don't mean as 'e've left Mirander a little legacy, do you, sir?"

"He has left her a legacy," said the lawyer drily;" I don't know that I could call it a very little one; it will effectually help her in that climbing process of which she has been speaking."

"Lor!" both women exclaimed again, only half understanding the words but vaguely atching at their meaning, and Mr. Bray, seeing that Mrs. Mannering was preparing to pour out a torrent of words, went on speaking hastily—

"I can give you no particulars until I have thoroughly investigated the facts which Miranda has just given me. For this investigation some days may be necessary. I should be glad if Miranda would call upon me at my office in Lincoln's Inn on Thursday morning next. Here is my card." He drew one from his case and handed it to the girl before Mrs. Mannering's evident intention of taking it could be carried out.

"And so she shall," the landlady cried eagerly, "and I'd be pleased to come along with 'er if I could, which I can't, seein' as I musn't leave the 'ouse open when Molly, that is Mirander, I should say, is out."

"Quite so, quite so," answered the lawyer pleasantly, greatly relieved to find that so excellent a reason would keep Mrs. Mannering away, "it would naturally be impossible for you to leave your house, but if you will kindly allow Miranda to come to me at eleven o'clock on Thursday, I shall be much obliged."

Miranda looked at him shyly as she turned to go away.

"And I'm sure I take it very kind of you to come yerself to tell me," she said, "and you'll find all I've said is gauspel truth."

"This is a pretty kettle of fish upon my word," Mr. Bray thought grimly as the cab whirled him away, "and the wildest practical joke I ever heard of in the whole of my life. A hundred thousand pounds put into the hands of an ignorant, dirty, uneducated servant girl—poor Dayrell, poor Dayrell."

Not a ray of light had come to relieve Mr. Bray's gloomy reflections during the two days he spent in investigating Miranda Hume's story. Every word spoken by the girl had proved to be correct, and the lawyer was fain to admit that the great property of Mr. Godfrey Haines, deceased, was infallibly bound to pass into the keeping of a maid of all work of seventeen, whose highest earnings in the course of her short life had been eight pounds a year, and whose wildest aspirations hitherto had led her to look upon a cook's place in a lady's house as the height of her ambition.

"I wish to goodness Dayrell had the smallest atom of ground for opposing the will on the plea of insanity," he reflected, when on Thursday morning the lawyer sat in his room awaiting Miranda's arrival, "but it would be useless waste of money. He has not a leg to stand upon. Mr. Haines, up to the last, was as sane a man as I ever met, and this will must be some freak, some absurd freak. He was always a bit of a faddist. He must have got some ridiculous idea into his head, or he would never have suggested anything so absurd as that his property should be administered by an utterly incompetent girl—and that Dayrell should marry her. Preposterous," and he shrugged his shoulders impatiently. "Did the fellow offend him in some way. Had these Humes any claim on him? It is altogether monstrous and incomprehensible." But when an hour later his clerk ushered "Miss Miranda Hume" into his employer's room, Mr. Bray started violently, and the words "incompetent girl," that a short time before had seemed so accurately to describe Miranda, no longer appeared applicable.

The girl's clothes left everything to be desired. She wore a skirt many inches too short for her, revealing thick ill-shaped boots. Her jacket was abnormally large and hung quaintly round her slight person, and her hat had not only seen better days—much better days—but it was also of a shape that Mrs. Noah might have fashioned when she quitted the ark: yet in spite of her incongruous clothes the girl's face, shining with soap and water, wore a look that no incompetent person's face ever wore, there was a new alertness in her eyes, and her mouth was set in the firm lines that so plainly marked a determined nature.

"The girl's no fool," was the thought that flashed instantly into the lawyer's mind; "perhaps—after all—"

But he did not let that thought go on to its conclusion, and pushing a chair forward to Miranda he said briskly—

"Good morning, Miss Hume; please sit down, and we will talk over things quietly."

On hearing his term of address she looked up sharply, and the ghost of a smile crept round her mouth, but she said nothing, only sitting down quietly on the chair to which he had pointed.

(To be continued.)

Rev. C. T. Phillips, of Jacksonville, came to the city last evening on the Boston train.

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NO EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR GRAND FALLS POWER CO.

Treasury Board Does Not Favor Their Request --- Civic Expenditures Exceed Estimates in Many Departments --- Grants for Clocks in Church Steeples.

At a meeting of the treasury board last evening a committee was appointed to devise a scheme to pay civic employes at their work and to obviate the loss of time going to the chamberlain's office. The dates for the semi-monthly payment of salaries were changes to the 5th and 20th. St. Luke's vestry were given $60 a year to keep the church clock in repair and illuminate it at night. A committee of the board will wait on the fire underwriters to ask for a reduction in insurance rates owing to the increased pressure of the water supply. An application from the Grand Falls Power Company for an exclusive franchise in the city was refused. The statements of the expenditures in the various departments, as submitted by the directors and the chamberlain, were compared and were found to contain many discrepancies. A joint exhibit was ordered. The chamberlain reported a large increase in the collection of taxes over any previous year.

A communication from H. B. Nase, vestry clerk of St. Luke's church, with reference to the city's grant for the church clock, stated that the annual grant was $10, and that an increase was asked for in September, 1903, but the matter was left over until the year was up. The fact that Trinity church received $100, St. George's church $24, and the Sheffield House $25 was referred to. Mr. Nase pointed out that the clock was not illuminated, as the grant was inadequate. The clock was now out of repair, and owing to lack of funds the vestry would be unable to place it in order unless they received a sufficient allowance.

Ald. Rowan referred to the old city of Portland as having given a grant of $65. The $10, he said, was only to cover the winding. He moved that a grant of $60 a year be given.

The mayor moved that Trinity church receive the usual grant of $100.

Ald. Rowan's motion with regard to St. Luke's and the mayor's with reference to Trinity were carried.

A communication from the Grand Falls Power Company with reference to obtaining an exclusive franchise in the city in return for supplying power at certain rates was taken up. The substances of the application has already been published.

Ald. Baxter said that, in view of the power possibilities in other parts of the province, it would be the height of folly to tie the city to any one company for a term of years. He moved that it was not in the public interest to grant any exclusive franchise to any company. The motion was carried unanimously.

At the request of the chamberlain the dates for the semi-monthly payment of salaries were changed from the 15th and 30th to the 5th and 20th.

Ald. Lockhart called attention to the saving if employes were paid at the place at which they were working.

The chamberlain did not think the scheme would work. It could be done with gangs outside the city, but there would be a difficulty in finding the men in the city on a wet day.

On motion of Ald. Lockhart the chairman, Ald. Pickett and Lockhart with the chamberlain were appointed to devise a plan and report.

Ald. Rowan said it was time an application should be made to the underwriters to reduce the insurance rates as promised. Loch Lomond water was now in the city and he understood an average additional pressure of 25 pounds was now obtainable. Many policies were being renewed at this time of year and the advantage of the reduced rate should be given. He moved for a committee to wait on the underwriters.

The motion was carried and the chairman, Ald. Rowan and Baxter were appointed.

The board then took up a comparison between the statements furnished by the directors of the various boards showing the appropriations and expenditures and those submitted by the chamberlain.

There were many discrepancies. In the streets department the director showed an expenditure of $63,742.44, the chamberlain made the figures $70,764.02. In the safety department there was a difference of nearly $3,000 in the fire department and about $6,000 in the police department.

On motion of Ald. Baxter the director of works, the director of water and sewerage and the director of safety in co-operation with the chamberlain were each requested to submit a joint exhibit at the next meeting.

The chamberlain submitted the following memorandum of expenditures in all departments during 1906:

Memorandum sundry expenditures, etc., city of St. John for sundry departmental accounts and for period ending 31 December, 1906:

FERRY STEAMER ACCOUNT.
Warrant for year 1906, $5,000.

Dr. Balance at 31 December, 1905		$8,205.13
Revenue collected to 31 Dec., 1906, $29,882.97, assessments $4,270.04	$34,153.01	
Expenditures	33,712.86	440.15
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1906		$7,764.98

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.
Warrant for year 1906, $55,000; Expenditure Limit, $50,000.

Dr. Balance at 31st December, 1905		$17,889.99
Revenues, assessments, rentals, sales of horses	$52,201.50	
Expenditures	50,657.94	1,643.56
Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1906		$16,246.43

LAMP DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.
Warrant 1906, $25,000; Expenditure limit, $22,604

Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1905		$2,067.10
Revenue, assessments	$24,105.73	
Expenditures	21,736.79	2,318.94
Cr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1906		$251.84

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.
Warrant, 1906, $33,000.

Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1905		$2,261.53
Revenues, assessments, police court fines, city court fees	37,047.71	
Expenditures	38,415.27	1,365.56
Dr. balance at 31 Dec., 1906		$3,627.09

STREET DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.
Warrant for year 1906, $70,000; Expenditure Limit, $63,000.

Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1905		54,781.17
Revenue assessment, sundry asphalt workrk	$71,836.78	
Expenditures (7,348 fixed charges)	70,764.02	1,072.76
Dr. Balance 31 Dec., 1906		53,708.41

SEWERAGE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.
Warrant of 1906, $10,000; Interest $13,909.

Dr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1906		$9,786.97
Revenue assessments, sundry permits to enter sewers	$27,081.81	
Expenditures	27,468.80	386.99
Dr. Balance 31 Dec., 1906		$10,173.96

WATER MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Cr. Balance at 31 Dec., 1905		$26,051.51
Revenue water supply to steamers, assessments, etc	$128,440.29	
Expenditures, interest, etc	122,395.63	6,044.66
Cr. balances 31 Dec., 1906		$32,096.17

The statement of taxes collected during 1906 was as follows:

General assessment collected to 31 December, 1906	$412,076.50
Total default collected to 31 Dec., 1906	81,772.72
	$493,849.22
General assessment collected to Dec., 1905	369,614.72
Total default collected to 31 Dec., 1905	67,334.53
	$436,949.25
Increase January, year 1906	$56,899.97
Default taxes collected 1 Oct., 1906, to 31 Dec., 1906	$21,122.96
Default taxes collected 1 Oct., 1905 to 31 Dec., 1906	10,843.43
Increase January, year 1906	$10,829.53

The chairman and the chamberlain were congratulated on the excellent showing over previous years. It was the general opinion that the additional collections were the result of the system instituted by Ald. Bullock.

The board then adjourned.

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$1.75 Dent's Lined Cape Gloves, for **$1.25.**

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