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

BY L. G. MOBERLY.

(Continued.)

"Oh! but you will soon learn little things," Stella said graciously, all the more graciously because she was keenly conscious of the difference between her own exquisite face and form, and the puzzled face and ungainly form before her. The swift glance she cast at herself in the glass as she flung her hat aside was sufficient to assure her that her dainty apple blossom complexion and blue eyes could never be compared unfavorably with the rather freckled complexion and brown eyes of her companion. She knew that her fair hair was like spun gold, and she had no admiration to spare for Miranda's tawny locks whilst she saw well enough that her own graceful proportions threw into strong relief the gauche coarseness of the seventeen year old heiress. It was very much easier to be civil, even cordial to their strange guest, as each of these details broke in upon her, and she looked quite kindly into Miranda's puzzled countenance.

"I will do what I can to help you," she said with that touch of graciousness in her voice: "you won't mind, will you, if I tell you when I notice things you might alter a little?"

"Mind?—bless yer, no," Miranda responded heartily. Her own big, generous nature always opened out to kindness, and for the moment Stella's beauty dominated her completely. "I'd say thank you if you'd tell me the proper way to talk and behave. I ain't likely to learn by myself, and I've set me heart on being a lady."

"I will help you all I can," Stella repeated, "and I can advise you what to wear, and what to say—and—oh! heaps of little odds and ends."

"Ain't you kind?" the other exclaimed; "every mortal thing's strange to me like. Why—I ain't never seen a room like this before," and her eyes wandered round the dainty apartment with eager glances that were full of surprise and admiration.

"My goodness," she continued after a pause, "don't ladies seem to want a lot o' things to make them comfortable; and ain't you got a lot o' pretty things, too?"

She rose as her sentence ended, and walked towards the dressing table, looking almost reverently at Stella's silver-backed brushes and topped pots and bottles.

"And the pictures too," her awestruck voice went on, whilst her eyes wandered round the well covered walls; "well there, your photographs and things do make pore Mrs. Mantering's pictures seem cheap and bad."

"Mrs. Mantering?" Stella said interrogatively.

Miranda's ruddy head nodded.

"She was my missus, the landlady in the house where your ma come and found me," the girl answered simply, not oppressed by any unmauve honte in alluding to her recent vocation. "She was good to me too, Mrs. Mantering was," she added reflectively, "but her pictures, they didn't come up to yours."

And Miranda's eyes lingered on one or two water colors.

"My godmother gave them to me," Stella answered indifferently; her appreciation of landscape was not as keen as her appreciation of clothes; "I suppose they are pretty, people say she sketches well, but they don't interest me much." She shrugged her shoulders gracefully and returned to the contemplation of her own face in

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Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



GOWN OF BLACK ACCORDION PLAID CREPE.

A very smart design for a gown of crepe, thin silk or voile is shown in the sketch, the model being of black satin-finish crepe, the skirt made without trimming beyond the sun-pleating. The bodice had a deep square yoke of Chantilly lace, the sleeves being formed of ruffles of the same lace,

a source of distinct vexation to find that the cold hard glance which could instantly reduce Stella to tears and submission was entirely ineffectual when applied to Molly. The girl's brown eyes met her strange green ones quite undimly and unconcernedly, and neither dropped or wavered under Mrs. Bedsworth's gaze. The truth was that Molly neither feared her chaperone, nor did she respect that lady over much. As she had explained to Mr. Bray, she understood Mrs. Bedsworth's motives in wishing to receive her as an inmate of the house, and her first impression of her chaperone remained unaltered and certainly not improved, when in her own forcible language she declared that she had "sized up" Mrs. Bedsworth the moment she expressed more than a simple fact, and the smart lady would have been astonished could she have seen the opinion entertained of her by the girl whom she despised and flattered at the same time.

Molly and Stella reached a footing of friendly understanding which, a few weeks earlier, the latter would have deemed an impossibility. Although their only meeting ground was the common one of their mutual girlhood, Stella found her new companion far more interesting than she had imagined such a girl could be; and Molly's native shrewdness and keen sense of humor amused the girl who had been reared amidst surroundings of a conventional type. Everything she did and saw came to Molly as something fresh and strange, and her naive delight in what seemed to Stella commonplace and ordinary, gave to the other girl also a sense of something new and charming in an existence hitherto on a dead level of monotony.

Of Alan Dayrell, Molly saw very little, and he maintained towards her the same attitude of distant civility which he had taken up on their introduction to one another. Her improvement in speech and manner the grateful lessening of her guard and awkwardness did not make him admire her one whit more than he had done when she entered the Bedsworth's drawing-room in the April afternoon of their first acquaintance.

He was polite to her because it was his nature to be polite to women; but he regarded her as a servant-maid who was being lifted out of her proper sphere and he still considered that his godfather had shown signs of something oddly like insanity in making a will whose conditions were so out of proportion to all common sense. As for marrying such a girl, the mere idea aroused in him nothing but the amused indignation he had felt when the terms of the will were first read to him, and Stella suffered no qualms of uneasiness because of the proximity of her betrothed to the heiress whom his godfather had destined to be his wife.

(To be continued.)

"I will call you whatever you like," Stella answered more gently; "your name is Miranda, isn't it?"

"That's my christened name," was the response, "but everybody always called me Molly, and I'd sooner you'd say Molly too, if you don't mind."

"Of course it shall be Molly, if you like," Stella answered; "I like it much better than Miranda; you don't look like a Miranda," she added, with a smiling glance at the other's red head and bright eyes, "you look much more like a Molly."

From that moment the little servant dropped her rather high sounding and pretentious name, and by Mrs. Bedsworth and her daughter was addressed in the simpler fashion which seemed so much more suitable.

In the days that followed she gradually took her place in the household and her singular adaptability to the new conditions of life in which she found herself soon became apparent to Mrs. Bedsworth and Stella. She evinced a quiet determination to attain her ultimate object which impressed the elder lady not altogether pleasantly. She was occasionally assailed by an uneasy conviction that if her will and that of her ward chanced to come into collision, the result was by no means such a foregone conclusion as was the result of a conflict of wills with Stella.

Mrs. Bedsworth infinitely preferred to be always the dominating spirit. She had no ambition to meet a fellow Greek on equal grounds, nor to find her match in point of will power; and she was uncomfortably aware that Molly Hume, the ex-servant-maid, the girl whom she had assumed rashly would be clay in the hands of a potter was by no means so malleable as she had hoped. Indeed, excepting when she wished to be directed towards lady-like speech and habits, she was not malleable at all. To Mrs. Bedsworth it was

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There was another big attendance at the Every Day Club last evening. A. Gordon Leavitt gave some brief but highly entertaining talks on various kinds of animals which were illustrated by a number of specimens. His descriptions and remarks were listened to with much interest. John Salmon proved his ability to entertain by pleasing the audience with several readings and there was also a general entertainment which made up an attractive programme. The attractions of the club are well maintained, and the efforts to interest and amuse are evidently largely appreciated.

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NEW COMPANIES SEEK CHARTERS

Frederickton, N. B., Jan. 23—This week's Gazette contains the following notices: Judson E. Hetherington, S. C. Perry, of Cady's, Queens county; and Geo. H. Perry, A. H. Steeves and John E. Porter, St. John, apply for letters patent as "The Washademoak Steamship Company," capital \$8,000, of 400 shares. The object of the company is to purchase and to acquire the steamer Aberdeen and control and manage the same for steamboat business.

Clement C. Avar, R. G. Archibald, Bliss Anderson, Florence S. Avar, Sackville; H. F. G. Paisley, St. John; J. Albert Avar, River Hebert, seek incorporation as "The Tribune Printing Company," to purchase and carry on the business now conducted by the Tribune Printing Company at Sackville; capital, \$14,000 of 140 shares.

H. Vonhagen, Isaac Purdy, J. M. Seeley, New York; M. F. Keith, Moncton; L. V. Blain, Boston, seek incorporation as "The Royal Coal Company," to take over and control certain mining lands and premises in Kent county; capital, \$100,000, of 10,000 shares.

Incorporation is granted the Victoria Produce Company; capital, \$30,000.

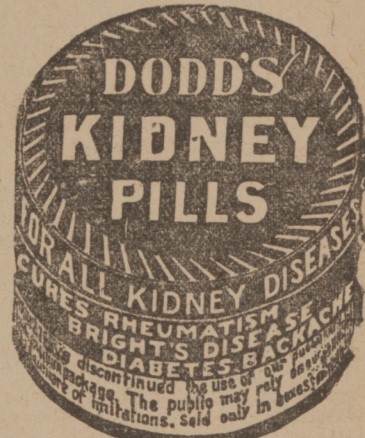
Tenders are called for building the masonry substructure of St. George lower bridge at St. George, and also construction of a metal superstructure span of the same bridge.

The Teachers' Association met last night. J. Frank Owens was elected president and W. L. McDermott was added

to the executive committee. Papers on Canadian authors were read as follows:—Archibald Lampman, by Miss McLeod; Ralph Connor, Miss Milligan; Charles G. D. Roberts, Miss Payson, and Gilbert Parker, by Miss Thorne.

The mayor has received an offer from G. H. Waring, of the Union Foundry Company, Carleton, to put the Ludlow in good condition and keep her in working order for a year or any period that may be agreed upon. No sum is mentioned as payment for the work. The matter will be referred to the ferry committee for consideration.

Charity often means throwing sour dough on the waters and keeping a weather eye for an angel food cake to come floating in.



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TEAS ADVANCED

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(Ottawa Citizen.)

The rise or fall of mining stocks affects only a certain proportion of the public but when an everyday necessity goes up in price the people as a whole sit up and take notice.

Such is the condition of affairs at present in relation to the tea trade and the news that the price of the fragrant leaf has advanced is causing a lot of discussion.

The rise mostly affects the low grade black teas such as those that retail at from twenty-five to thirty-five cents per pound.

The increase amounts to nearly forty per cent., in these qualities and as a result the twenty-five cent brand will be practically put out of the market. The shortage of crops owing to partial destruction is advanced as a reason for the increase in the retail price of blacks.

Japan and Ceylon greens have gone up about twenty per cent., also, owing chiefly to the opening up of Manchuria by the Japanese. The Japs can send their green tea into Manchuria at a lesser cost and obtain a better price than by exporting it to Europe or America. On top of this, the crop of greens this year is only about half the usual one and London is taking the larger part of it.

On the whole it looks as though the Canadian public will be forced to take a very much poorer quality at the old prices or pay the increased price to secure the same old quality.

A meeting was held in number three engine house last evening to discuss plans for celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Chief Kerr, as chief of the department, on the last day of this month.

All the fire companies and the Salvage Corps were represented. The celebration will be held in number one station and committees were appointed to take matters in hand. The mayor, director and the members of the present common council and surviving representatives at former council boards for the past twenty-five years will be guests.

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