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The Captain of the Kansas

By LOUIS TRACY.

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(Continued.)

"Have you ever heard of a Senor Pedro Ventana?" she asked suddenly.

"Has he to do with mines?" inquired the Chilean, tentatively.

"Yes."

"I know him by sight, senorita."

"Would he be acquainted with this man, Anacleto, do you think?"

"Can't say. Jose would know anybody whom he could touch for a few pesos."

She left him, promising to visit him daily in the future. As she walked back towards the bridge companion, she met Dr. Christobal. His fit of ill-humor had gone; he was all smiles; but Elsie, having extracted such information as Francisco possessed, was bent on adding to her store of knowledge. Incidentally, she meant to widen the doctor's views.

"Why have you taken to lecturing me?" she asked, with a simple directness which Christobal was not slow to profit by.

"Because, though old enough to be your father, or your elder brother, as you were kind enough to put it, I have not yet reached years of discretion."

If candor were needed, he would be candid. Sophistry was worse than useless with a woman of Elsie's type. The only way to win her was to be transparently honest. To Christobal, after an experience of a generation of Chileans, this came as a refreshing novelty.

"You mean, I suppose, that if every one attended to their own affairs it would be a less spiteful world. I am inclined to agree with you. Unhappily, I am not inclined to spare me the pangs of unrequited love."

The words hurt, but she did not flinch. Christobal, anxious to deceive himself, was radiant.

"Your charity goes too far," he cried.

"That was not the exact reason. No, my dear Miss Maxwell, I begin to exercise a new-born discretion. I shall not elucidate that cryptic remark until after New Year's Day. But I don't mind telling you why I have hit on a definite date. If all goes well with us—and we have had so many escapes that Providence may well send us a few more—the Kansas should steam out of our little bay of Good Hope about that period. Then I shall remind you of our discussion, and keep my promise."

With that he left her. After a gasp or two of surprise, for Elsie could read only one meaning into his words, she hurried up the bridge companion to arouse Mr. Boyle and ask what he would like for luncheon.

"Thank goodness, Jose," she murmured to the dog, whom she picked up in her arms. "Thank goodness, Mr. Boyle is neither an engaged man nor a widower. I do believe our excellent doctor is more concerned on his own account than on mine. And he said that your master's manner betokened a growing admiration. I wish, Mr. Jose, I mean nothing of the sort, and if you dare to hint at such a thing I shall be very angry with you—very—indeed."

"Huh," muttered Boyle, wide awake and watching her through the open door. "Some one has been worryin' that girl. It's a sure sign of trouble when a woman whispers in the ear of a dog or cat. Now, who can it be? That doctor chap? He cooed his eye at her this mornin' when she spoke about Ventana. He's a pretty tough old bird to think about settin' up house with a nice young jenny wren. Damn his eyes! he may be as rich as a Jew, but if he doesn't want him, an' is too skeered to say so, I'll tell him, in the right sort of Spanish, an' all. Now, had it been the skipper—"

Boyle hardly knew what to think—"had it been the skipper."

CHAPTER XII.

ENLIGHTENMENT.

The captain was enthusiastic when he heard of Elsie's idea for the protection of the main deck—"an excellent notion," he termed it, but he scouted the suggestion that she should undertake the work herself.

"You little know what hauling taut heavy canvas means," he said when they met at lunch. "It would tear the skin off your hands. No, Miss Maxwell, we can put our Chileans on to that job. I have something better for you to do. Can you map?"

"I have copied heaps of plans for my father," she told him.

"Excellent! At noon today I took an observation, so I intend to devote an hour to revising the chart. Will you help?"

Jose is in the scheme already. Then the Admiralty will gracefully acknowledge the survey supplied by Miss Elsie Maxwell, Captain Arthur Courtenay, and Jose, otherwise known as the pup.

His allusion to the dog by name recalled "Jose the Wine-bag," but Elsie thought she would retain that tiny scrap of detective information for the present. So she simply said:

"You will explain to me my part of the undertaking, of course?"

"Certainly. You must first correct the Index Error. Then you subtract the Dip and the Refraction in Altitude, take the sun's semi-diameter from the Nautical Almanac, and add the Parallax. Do you follow me?"

"Perfectly," it sounds the easiest thing. But I don't wish to hear the remarks of

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THE TAILOR-MADE MAID AND HER BOWS.

Bows of every shape but more or less uniform in size stock the neckwear box of the up-to-date tailor-made maid. The plain gros grain ribbon bow like that on the walking pump is worn with a belt of the same ribbon. Two color effects are new. Neat little bows are made by pleating a quarter yard of four-inch plain ribbon into a flat centre knot. The stiff silk of silk in white or some light color banded and bowed with black or the color of the suit is making a bid for popular favor in these last days of the year.

the Admiralty when they see the result."

"I am interested in navigation, to the slight extent possible to a mere yachtsman; may I join you?" interposed Christobal.

MANY HAVE IT FILLED

Druggist Says No Sufferer of Kidney Trouble or Rheumatism Should Leave This Simple Home-made Mixture Untried.

That the readers of this paper appreciate advice when given in good faith is plainly demonstrated by the fact that one well-known local pharmacy filled the "vegetable prescription," many times within the past two weeks. Most of these folks naturally bought the ingredients only and mixed them at home. The announcement of this simple, harmless, mixture has certainly accomplished much in reducing the great many cases of kidney complaint and rheumatism here, relieving pain and misery, especially among the older population, who are always suffering more or less with bladder and urinary troubles, backache and particularly rheumatism.

Another well-known druggist asks us to continue the announcement of the prescription. It is doing so much real good here, he continues, that it would be a crime not to do so. It can not be repeated too often, and further states many cases of remarkable cures wrought.

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DRY TIMES IN SUSSEX NOW

Thirsty Ones Searching for Liquor in Vain—Doctors Asked for "Prescriptions."

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 29.—Scott act affairs here since Friday have been quiet, and, judging from surrounding appearances, the town is practically dry. The doctors of the town had an unusual amount of calls last evening. The most of these were to fill small prescriptions, they said, just enough to last over Sunday, but only legitimate cases were looked after.

Inspector Cusack is now turning his attention to outside districts and he, with Constable Farmer, searched the premises of Andrew Carr, of Waterford, yesterday, but found nothing except empty bottles. It is reported that as Cusack and Farmer entered the front door, Carr slipped out the back door with his arms full of bottles, and destroyed the contents by breaking them against stones. Before Cusack reached him Carr remarked to Cusack, "By jingo, if you fellows are going to chase up here we might as well go out of business."

Carr was served with papers charged with violating the act. His case comes up before Justice Hornbrook tomorrow morning.



"Jim got an awful fright on his wedding day." "I know, I've seen her!"

TOO MUCH POLITICS IN THE AGITATION

Japan Does Not Take Canadian American Immigration Protests Seriously.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—A London C. A. P. despatch says: A Tokyo cable states that the exchange of memoranda is considered as finishing the Canadian negotiations as far as Japan is concerned, though it is not improbable that Canada may re-open the question after Mr. Lemieux makes his report.

The Japanese newspapers point out that the Canadian-American negotiations are partly, if not very largely, due to parliamentary tactics in Ottawa and Washington.

AMATEURS ARE AT WORK IN MONCTON

Local Cracksmen Try to Open a Safe and Batter It Badly.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 29.—Local amateur safe crackers have been operating in Moncton. A few nights ago an attempt was made to break open the safe in the office of Marks' carriage factory on Mechanic street, but failed. The parties first visited a blacksmith shop and secured drills and other tools and used these in trying to force the safe door. The safe was considerably battered up but the miscreants failed to get into it. About fifty cents worth of stamps in a desk were stolen. Entrance was gained to the office through a window. The police believe from the amateur efforts made to drill the safe the work is that of local thieves who are trying their hand at something bigger.

Miles Wheaton, station agent for Moncton & Buctouche Railway, at Buctouche, was brought to Moncton today by special train suffering from appendicitis. He was taken to the hospital and operated upon tonight. The patient is reported doing well.

CANADA'S NEED IS POPULATION

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick Addresses Ottawa Canadian Club.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, was the guest of the Canadian Club on Saturday when he delivered an address on "Canada and Canadians." He said that the outstanding feature of the twentieth century would be the development of the country and proceeded to show the great development that has taken place since confederation. Canada has three and a half miles of railway for every 1,000 inhabitants, while the United States had only two and a half miles.

"The great question," he said, "today was population. We need men to tunnel our mountains and bridge our rivers. The men who are modestly at our gates seeking admission today will be the electors of Canada tomorrow. The question was important, not only from the standpoint of Canada, but from the standpoint of the empire."

Proceeding Sir Charles said that he was neither a jingo or an imperialist. No change could increase the privileges Canadian enjoys. Canadians were neither big Englishers or little Englishers. They were content to be British subjects. Referring to the new stream of population he said:

"Statesmanship of our public men will have to be taxed to the utmost to find a way to assimilate the alien elements of our population and to stamp it with the stamp of dominant nationality. We should build up our country with a population that will direct its eyes eastward for national inspiration, for political ideals and even for the betterment of its physical condition."

He concluded as follows: "Standing as we are today a free and united people under the shadow of a great future let us go forward under one free flag to an even more glorious future."

\$150,000 FIRE IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Fire in the upper story of George Hees, Son & Co.'s five story building on Bay street, Saturday afternoon did damage exceeding \$150,000. Hees' window blind stock was the most damaged. Hees estimates the value of the building at \$90,000, and the insurance at 80 per cent. The stock is worth \$100,000, and is insured for \$50,000.

Turner & Hamilton, manufacturers' agents; Clark & Clark, leather goods; Peacock Bros & Co., shoe manufacturers, and Winch, McLaren & Co., smallwares, had their stocks damaged by water.

An accident occurred to the firemen handling the water tower, the handle got loose, and revolving, knocked Lieutenant Davidson down and broke his leg, besides injuring other firemen.

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MONTREAL'S RECORD OF VIOLENT DEATHS

During the Year There Were 785 Cases—Omer Rochette Captured in Chicago.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Omer Rochette, the Quebec man wanted on the charge of poisoning his wife, has been caught in Chicago, where he was traced through relatives. Chief McCaskill, of the provincial detective force, left Montreal tonight to get the prisoner.

According to the figures just issued by the city morgue this has been a busy year in the way of violent deaths in Montreal. During the year 785 violent deaths were reported to the coroner, an increase of 25 over last year's record. Twelve cases of homicide were reported, but in no case was a verdict of murder brought against any particular person.

Quite a large percentage of the killings have apparently been committed by Italians. Fire was responsible for forty-four deaths, including the seventeen victims of the Hochelaga school disaster. Eighty-three were killed by railways, sixty by steamboats and twenty-three by the street cars.

During the year there were twenty-seven suicides, fifty-three deaths by drowning, four died of alcoholism and eighteen by accidental poisoning.

Two hundred and seventeen deaths were reported, which proved due to natural causes. Electricity was responsible for seven deaths and lightning for only one. Only one death was attributed to automobiles and one man was killed by a base ball during a match.

JAPS APPLY FOR CANADIAN LAND

Japanese Colony to Be Started in Alberta Will Require 50,000 Acres of Land.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Application has been made to the C. P. R. land office at Calgary, Alberta, by the Japanese for 10,000 acres of irrigable land for growing sugar beets.

Nagatani, a native of Japan, spent several days in the vicinity of Nakami and Strathmore looking for sugar beet land on which to locate a colony of Japanese and no one knew his intentions until he applied at the Canadian Pacific Irrigation Colonization Company's offices in Calgary. He informed the company that he had examined the land and was satisfied it was quite suitable for sugar beets and wanted 10,000 acres in a block to start with but would require 50,000 altogether on which to locate a Japanese colony.

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HALIFAX ESTIMATES

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 29.—At a meeting of the civic finance committee last night the estimates for the coming year showed that the citizens will be assessed for \$509,379. This is an increase of \$41,120 over last year.

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