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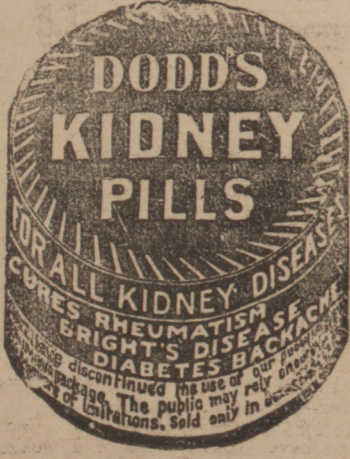
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THE LONELY GUARD, BY NORMAN INNES,

Author of "The Surge of War" (London Magazine, Eveleigh Nash, 1906); "Parson Croft" (Eveleigh Nash, 1907).

Continued.
A gaah, three, inches long, across my temple, a strained shoulder and cuts and bruises innumerable were the sum of my hurts, and it was to the good priest's great joy that I had woken with brain unclouded. Save for weakness owing to loss of blood and the aching of my limbs, was little the worse for mischance that had cost three of the men their lives and had broken the arm of a fourth. But the further news Knecht brought me was ill. The explosion that had so nearly caused my death had been the ruin of the gate, and in spite of a desperate resistance till nine the preceding evening, the Bavarians had forced an entrance and the defence of the lower courtyard had to be abandoned. Our stores had been saved, but—and the tears stood in my corporal's eyes as he told me—the horses had had to be abandoned. In the attack the enemy had lost heavily, though the actual numbers of their killed and wounded could not be ascertained. My troopers had strengthened the battlement that crowned and commanded the steps leading to the upper courtyard, and after a vain assault, in which the Bavarians had lost heavily, further hostilities had been suspended for the night.
"And now with the breaking of a new day, the enemy were bent on winning the upper court—they knew that Austrian a port might be looked for, their retreat threatened, at any moment. Their one large bay in the defenders yielding to the fury of their attack, and little time had been lost in an attempt upon the stairs. But hitherto, so my corporal told me, they had made small impression upon our men, who were confident of holding on until the arrival of help.
"So I, it seemed, was the crippled leader

of a horseless squadron, of whom more than ten were wounded and half a dozen killed. Yet Rohn was unconquered, prospect of relief grew hourly nearer, and it was with further satisfaction that I learned that the Countesses and their retainers had lent their aid in tending our wounded.
"That morning long the fight raged above the lower court with ever varying issue. Each half hour a trooper came to my chamber with my corporal's report of how we had lost, this one killed or that wounded, how the enemy were pressing us close or that they were disheartened and seemed inclined to draw off, and ever as the day wore on, the steps remained unclimbed, the battlements unwon.
"It was weary work living helpless in that chamber when we were at hand-grips with the foe upon the wall, and a dozen times I had it in my mind to go forth and see how it fared with my men, but the priest would not hear of it.
"On the morrow, mayhap, but not now," said he, "thy corporal is a stout man and thou couldst give him little aid. Rest thee with heart at ease, for surely the spirit of old Karl of the Red Beard will stand on Rohn's battlements today to guard his keep, to defend his treasure."
I smiled, so grave was his speech.
"Ever of old Karl and his treasure," I rejoined, but methinks he would scarce be found wielding that blade of his in the Austrian's quarrel."
"Aye, but Karl von Rohn was a stout friend to the Imperial house, as were his sons till within the last two generations. For some years the grandire of these ladies fell beneath the Emperor's displeasure, and so bitter was his resentment, that never since that day has a Rohn been seen in Vienna."
"Yet Her Majesty was at pains," I interposed, "to bid me use every courtesy to the Countesses. Nothing could have equalled—"
I stopped suddenly as a light knock fell upon the door—moments seemed like hours that day as I waited for the coming of the messenger from my corporal.
But it was not the messenger, nor even Karl Knecht himself that entered the chamber, but the two countesses von Rohn, the younger with her arm resting on that of her sister. Oh, ladies of beauty so rare, yet so diverse, oft do I lie in memory in that sunlit chamber and see ye standing beside the white-haired priest that summer afternoon when Austria and her foes were at death grips 'neath the shadow of your home. But no sign of the turmoil that raged without was written on their features. They glanced at the priest and then at me, and then stood over against the window betwixt my bed and the light.



PRACTICAL AND ORNAMENTAL GLOVE BRACELETS.

Sixteen-button-length glove, black kid gloves, fastening with four small black bone buttons and having heavily stitched side seams, and backs are held in place above the elbows and under the gown sleeves with broad black silk elastic bands, and below the elbows are glove bracelets of white coral beads in two rows, holding white discs of carved flat coral. The same class of bracelets are developed in jet, green-gold, Japanese and oriental beads and Hawaiian Island shells and seeds, brilliant antly tinted.

RESULT OF YESTERDAY'S ELECTION

Ald. Bullock is Elected Mayor and the Ward System is Defeated---Bullock's Majority Over Sears is 681---Elkin, Sculley, and Rowan the New Men at the Council

YESTERDAY'S VOTE IN DETAIL.		Victoria Ward.	
City	Wards	Victoria	Victoria
For mayor—			
Sears.....	120	375	185
Bullock.....	268	294	272
For alderman-at-large—			
Kelley.....	373	357	338
McGowan.....	240	302	318
Frink.....	283	317	301
Sculley.....	204	371	190
Clark.....	194	221	207
Time.....	54	128	130
Hunter.....	74	87	76
For the ward system.....	138	204	196
For the district system.....	11	30	27
For the system prior to 1907.....	191	231	166
Guys Ward.		Victoria Ward.	
Baskin.....	152	Pickett.....	258
Tait.....	114	Patchell.....	190
Brown.....	129	Dufferin Ward.	
Smith.....	101	Willett.....	261
Kings Ward.		Coholan.....	222
Vanwart.....	260	Lorne Ward.	
Potts.....	165	Holder.....	213
Queens Ward.		Roberts.....	204
Elkin.....	305		
Hetherington.....	55		
Wilson.....	151		
Dukes Ward.			
Vanwart.....	260		
Potts.....	165		
Prince Ward.			
Sproul.....	350		
Morrison.....	297		

"Captain Leely," said the Countess Inez, "is there aught in which we could be of service to one who lies wounded in our defence?"
I smiled, bitterly perhaps.
"In your defence, yet scarcely in your service," I answered, as I thanked them for their courtesy, making mention of the younger countess' watch beside my bed through the previous night.
It was this latter who spoke, flushing red and with a sidelong glance at her sister.
"For the matter of last night, I pray thee say nought and forget it. I owed thee some reparation. And I and my sister shall look on this holding of our home as a service, though our sympathies are not with thy people."
Deeper grew the crimson on their cheeks as I lay silent awhile, wondering whether these ladies of moods so many were but mocking me as they had mocked me before.
"Nay, sir, my sister speaks truth," cried Inez von Rohn. "Alas, sir, to our shame thou hast tasted of nought but deceit at our hands since you came to our house, but now by our name, we deceive thee no longer. Well hast thou done thy duty to the Queen, as Leon—"
"So my friend," Herr de Portugas, has his hand in this?" I cried at the mention of his name—Saints be my witness he had my thanks.
Her voice was but a whisper as she answered:
"When thou didst leave us together, I and Leon, when he had given thee his sword, he showed me wherein we had done thee wrong, wherein we had wronged ourselves. And so we come, Elsa von Rohn and I, to ask thy pardon for our folly, to thank thee for the many services thou hast wrought us and in chief, for guarding a certain heirloom of our house that was forced upon thee all unwillingly."
"A necklet of pearls?" said I, a smile breaking on my lips.
"The sisters nodded."
"Pearls that were ours and which we prized," replied the elder. "Pearls that were lost and which Leon de Portugas found."
"And which the Count von Wegen stole from my keeping, and if I mistake not, restored to their owners."
"Nay," cried the Lady Elsa. "He gave them to me at his coming to Rohn, but to take them again in Sondheim. They are lost, as would we have been but for Leon de Portugas and thee."
(Too be continued.)

SACKVILLE ELECTIONS

Sackville, N. B., April 21.—The only civic contest here today was that for mayor, and Charles Pickett was elected by a majority of sixteen over H. C. Read. In North ward Alderman Ford and C. W. Fawcett were elected by acclamation. In South ward Aldermen Johnson and H. M. Wood were elected by acclamation, as were Aldermen Anderson and Thomas Estabrooke in West ward and Aldermen Turner and Robert Duncan in East ward.
Elsworth Fowler was nominated by temperance people for West ward, but after the papers were filed it was found that he was ineligible to sit, so the other candidates went in by acclamation.
Tonight the retiring members of the council, the new members, H. C. Read, representatives of the press and others were entertained at supper at the Sackville restaurant by Senator Wood, who has been mayor since the town was incorporated.

NEWCASTLE ELECTIONS

Newcastle, N.B., April 21.—At the town elections today, 421 electors voted, compared with 450 last year.
Stanley W. Miller was elected mayor for a third term over J. Rogers Lawlor, the vote being 218 to 195.
Of the fifteen candidates the following were elected aldermen:—W. H. Belyea, L. B. McMurdo, J. M. Falconer, Charles J. Morrisey, re-elected; and Samuel A. Russell, William Ferguson, Dennis Doyle and Albert E. Shaw, new men. Three temperance aldermen—Thomas A. Clarke, John Clarke and John R. Allison were among the defeated.
St. Peter's church, Derby, has elected the following officers:—Wardens—F. Yeo, E. Allison; Vestry clerk—John Betts; Treasurer—Rev. T. H. Cuthbert; Vestrymen—W. Allison, J. Manderville, E. Yeo, A. Saunders, J. Chambers, J. Pleadwell, E. Ramsay, W. Cliffe; Delegate to synod—A. Saunders; Alternate—J. Manderville.
The town has decided to borrow \$5,000 from the Royal Bank, payable before July 2, by hypothecation of bonds.

CAMPBELLTON ELECTIONS

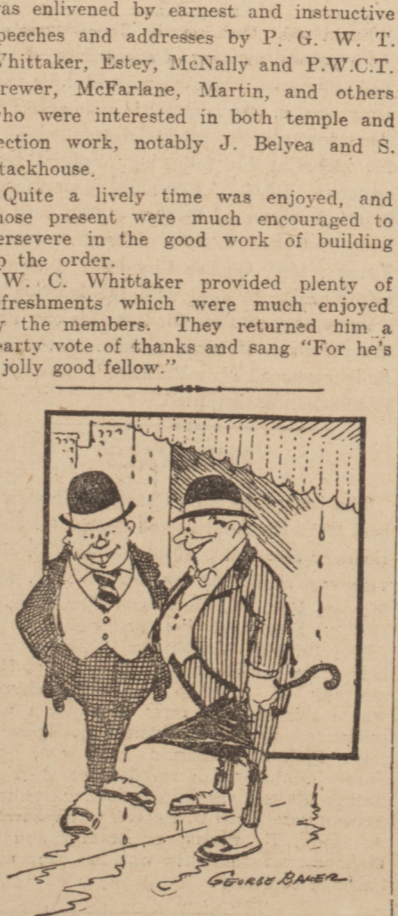
Campbellton, N.B., April 21.—(Special.) Nominations for mayor and councillors took place here on Tuesday 14th inst., when Dr. D. Murray was re-elected mayor by acclamation, as were also Councillors W. H. Miller and John M. McLean at large, A. McE. McDonald and Daniel Richards for ward 1 and J. F. Andrew and Maxwell M. Mowat, for ward 2. Three candidates were nominated for Ward 3, and the election which was held today resulted in the return of H. M. McLennan and Malcolm P. Moores as councillors for that ward.
Councillors Miller, McLean, Andrew Mowat and McLennan were members of last year's council. The other three members of last year's council did not offer for re-election.

CHATHAM ELECTIONS

Chatham, N. B., April 21.—Today's civic contest was closest and most exciting ever held here. Mayor MacLachlan went in by acclamation, but the election of some candidates hung on the question of a few votes, and the large crowd waited until these were declared. The result of election for aldermen was as follows, the first eight being elected:—J. Fred Benson, 314; W. F. Cassidy, 281;

TEMPLE OF HONOR

Victoria Temple of Honor No. 2 held a very enjoyable social in their hall, Market building, last evening. The meeting was enlivened by earnest and instructive speeches and addresses by P. G. W. T. Whittaker, Estey, McNally and P.W.C.T. Brewer, McFarlane, Martin, and others who were interested in both temple and section work, notably J. Belyea and S. Stackhouse.
Quite a lively time was enjoyed, and those present were much encouraged to persevere in the good work of building up the order.
W. C. Whittaker provided plenty of refreshments which were much enjoyed by the members. They returned him a hearty vote of thanks and sang "For he's a jolly good fellow."



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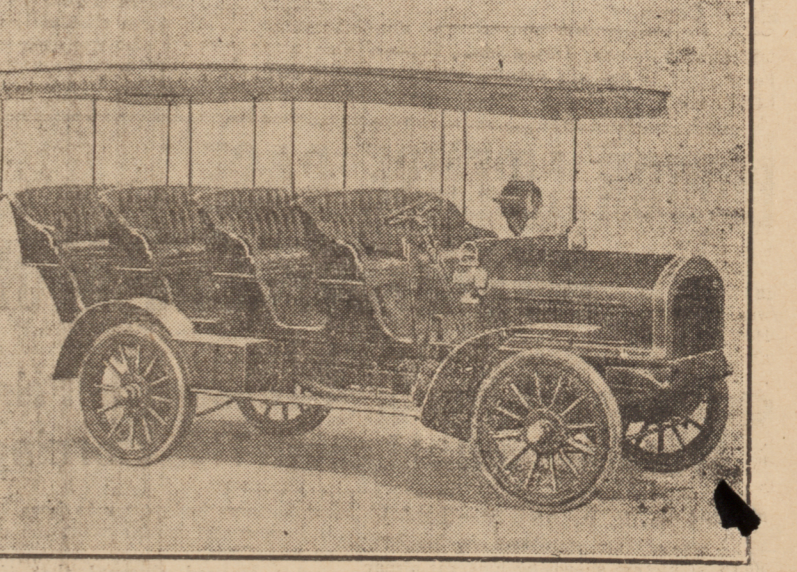
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