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The Midnight Guest

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The words had slipped unconsciously from Maria Delahay's lips before she had time to think what she was saying. It was only when she noted the startled look in Vera's eyes that she realized the full extent of her imprudent speech.

"Did you know my father?" Vera cried. "What am I saying?" Mrs. Delahay exclaimed. "My head is so dizzy and I am so tired that I don't know what I am talking about. Just for a moment I was filled with a foolish idea that you were Lord Ravenspur's daughter. It would be strange if you bore a likeness to him, seeing that he is only your guardian."

"Vera was silent for a moment. Mrs. Delahay's impetuous speech had filled her with misgivings. She did not know, she could not feel sure that, after all, Lord Ravenspur might stand in closer relationship to her than that of a guardian. But she had other things to occupy her attention. And after all said and done, the poor creature by her side was in deeper grief and anxiety than herself.

"I think I will go up and tell my guardian you are here," she said. "I know he will be glad to see you."

Vera was spared the trouble, for at that moment Ravenspur came into the room with a bundle of papers in his hand. He started as he caught sight of Mrs. Delahay.

"You here at this hour!" he exclaimed. "I hope—"

"No; there is nothing particularly wrong," the woman said. "I should like a few words with you if I am not intruding."

Vera discreetly left the room, and walked towards the library. There was a stern expression on Ravenspur's face as he looked at his visitor. He waited for her to speak.

"I daresay you will think this is rather singular of me," she faltered, "but I came here tonight because your life is in danger. I believe that the man called Luigi Silva is under your roof at the present moment. You know who I mean?"

"I know perfectly well," Ravenspur replied. "It would be absurd to pretend to misunderstand you. And so it turns out after all that you are the sister of my poor friend Flavio's wife. Did Delahay know your identity before he married her?"

"He knew all there was that was worth knowing," the woman said, a little indignantly. "He knew the story of my miserable youth, for instance. I don't want you to misunderstand me. I don't wish to pretend that I had any ardent passion for my husband. But my affection was deep and sincere, and my loss is almost more than I can bear. Oh, I know what you are going to say. You are going to ask what I know about that wretched Flavio affair. I repeat in all sincerity that I knew nothing till the other day. I did not even know that my sister was alive, not until I visited her to-night at her house in Isleworth road. I was not aware that she had married Boris Flavio. I did not know that she had a child."

"Do you know who the child is?" Ravenspur asked swiftly.

"Yes; I know now," was the significant reply. "I have just been talking to her. What a beautiful girl she is! How sweet and natural! How open and candid is her face! It seems almost incredible to me that my sister could have forgotten her child all these years. I could not have done so."

"No; nor any other woman worthy of the name," Ravenspur said grimly. "But though you lived with your sister till early womanhood, you had no real conception of her character. I never met her myself, for which I am devoutly thankful. But I learnt enough, and more than enough, of her character from Flavio's letters to me. If ever a man was cursed with a fiend incarnate in the shape of a wife, Flavio was that man. Oh, I don't wish to give you pain, for you have suffered enough of late. But I know what I am talking about. The mere fact that you alluded to just now is proof positive

STAMPS RUIN HER VOICE

Norfolk, Conn.—The case of Miss Myra Silvernale, assistant to the postmaster of Norfolk, is interesting the physicians of St. Luke's Hospital. When she attempts to stamp letters, her tongue and lips swell, her throat becomes ulcerated, and she loses her voice. Specialists say it is a case of poisoning.

Many people unconsciously poison themselves. The bowels, kidneys, and skin should rid the system of waste matter. If one of these organs is weak, this waste stays in the body, poisons the blood, and is the chief cause of headaches. "I was a sufferer from frightful headache for over two years. Sometimes I was unable to work for days at a time," says Mr. Bert Cornell, of Taylorville, Ont. "A short time ago I was advised to try 'Fruit-a-lives.' Immediately, the headaches were easier and in a week they left me for good."

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would present no difficulties to the flying man. Therefore, Walter braced himself for the effort which would be required of him presently.

He had no much doubt as to the issue. From the point of physical strength he was a match and more than a match for the Italian. There was just the chance that the latter might make use of his knife, but that had to be risked. A quarter of an hour passed slowly, and Walter was beginning to get impatient. What he most feared now was that Lord Ravenspur might return and demand to know why the studio was in darkness. This would probably have the effect of scaring Valdo away, and Walter would have all his trouble for his pains.

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GOVERNMENT PAID HEAVILY FOR THEM

Enormous Profits in Submarine Signals Sold to Government.

Ottawa, June 15.—An interesting sidelight thrown on the profits made upon materials supplied to the government was the chief outcome of today's enquiry by Judge Cassels into the affairs of the marine department.

T. L. Wilson of Ottawa admitted, under examination, that the profits on calcium carbide for the manufacture of acetylene gas was between thirty and forty per cent.

F. S. Mearns, secretary treasurer of the Canadian Fog Signal Company, Toronto, the concern which supplies diaphanous to the department, said they cost the company to manufacture about \$400 to \$500 each. They are sold to the department at from \$3,000 to \$6,000 each with equipment. He claims, however, that the company was losing money, although he declined to divulge its business affairs, lest the information should benefit rival concerns.

PRIZE WINNERS AT WINDSOR N. S. SCHOOL

Windsor, N. S., June 15.—Beautiful weather dawned this evening, and permitted the gymnastic display to give on the tennis court at the Collegiate School. Each year's prizes, medals and pyramids are introduced by the instructor, Sergt. Cunningham, and the sight is always a pretty one.

At the completion of the prizes were presented by Rev. G. R. Martell, rector of Christ church.

Alumni prizes: 40, senior boy, H. W. Jones, Halifax; 30, junior boy, G. H. Morrison, Amherst; 25, French, H. W. Jones; 25, mathematics, A. G. Young, Kentville; 25, work, W. Jones; class one, English, H. W. Jones; H. W. Windsor; class two, Scripture, G. Morrison; class three, Latin, M. McLean; mathematics, Eric C. Lovitt, Montreal; English, G. H. Morrison; French, G. P. Morrison; class three, Scripture, J. R. McLean; Morse, Arizona; Latin, E. Oxley, Halifax; mathematics, E. Walworth, Halifax; E. C. Lavoie, Windsor; English, R. McLean; French, R. Morris; class four, A. Scripture; C. Lavoie; Windsor; English, R. McLean; mathematics, F. H. Wright, Halifax; English, L. Oxley; class five, Scripture, H. Dunlavy, Bridgetown; Latin, A. M. Parsons, London; derry; mathematics, H. Dunlavy; English, H. Dunlavy.

Gymnasium prizes—Class one, best all-round, K. Campbell; class work, A. C. Morris; progress, H. B. B. Young; best all-round, M. Young; class two, best all-round, J. R. McLean; progress, Eric Houghton; class three, best all-round, F. H. Wright; class work, V. Brown; class four, best all-round, A. C. Morris; bowling, H. R. Jones; little boys class, Andrew Curry, Windsor; progress, the W. progress; class five, best all-round, G. A. Lawson; a challenge cup presented by C. Breville, Haslem, on the best all-round work by K. Campbell, Weymouth.

The prizes were all handsomely bound books and the generous donations of the following friends of the school, W. L. Whitehead, Montreal; Marshall Black, Wolfville; J. S. Henshaw, Amherst; Chas. S. Hesley, Yellow Grass, Savannah; J. P. Edwards, St. John; H. W. Jones, Halifax; B. Treman, Dr. O. E. Willett, Mrs. Handsomebody, Windsor.

The matriculation at Kings College are: G. Harrison, of Halifax, and the following from the Collegiate School: H. W. Jones, V. G. Windsor, K. Forsyth, A. G. Lawson, A. C. Morris.

The attendance of the school numbered sixty-five, with fifteen day boys. This has been a very successful year in the school work. F. T. Handsomebody, the head master, is very popular with both parents and students, and is steadily increasing the popularity of this school for the training and education of young boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Handsomebody entertained many of the visitors at luncheon at the close of the presentation of prizes.

If one feels dull and spiritless, in the spring or early summer, they never "Spring Fever." But there is no fever usually. It is the after effect of our winter habits. The nerves are mostly at fault. Tired, worn-out nerves leave us languid, lifeless, and without spirit or ambition. A few doses of Dr. Shoop's Restorative will absolutely and quickly change all of these depressing symptoms. The Restorative of course won't bring you back to full health in a day or two, but it will do enough in 48 hours to satisfy you that the remedy is reaching that "tired spot." Druggists everywhere are advising its use as a splendid and prompt general tonic. It gives more vim and more spirit to the spoonful than any other known nerve or constitutional tonic. It sharpens a failing appetite, aids digestion, frees the bowels, and kidneys, and brings new life, strength and ambition. Test it a few days and be convinced. Sold by all druggists.

DO NOT EXPECT BEEF PRICES TO BE HIGHER

According to some despatches in the papers recently there is a shortage of beef cattle in the west and prices have advanced in England. Kane & McGrath, the wholesale meat dealers here, said in reference to the matter that there is little likelihood of prices advancing in St. John. They do not think that the shortage in the west can continue long because grass fed stock will soon be on the market.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



MOHAIR JUMPER FROCKS FOR WARM DAYS.

Because mohair is light of weight, sheds the dust and is practically non-crushable, many women prefer it to pongee or linen as a fabric for a warm weather costume. Some of the mohair jumper frocks are exceedingly simple of design and owe much of their effectiveness to the daintiness of their finishing. Few of them are in one tone, as usually a touch of contrasting color is afforded by the girdle, the neck and sleeve trimmings and the gussets. All-over embroidered, lace and fancy nets are employed for the blouses to be worn beneath jumpers, for their material matters little if they are fresh and spotless.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

MARY EMERSON SCORES BIG HIT

First Performance of His Majesty and the Maid at the Opera House a Decided Success.

Those whose privilege it was to attend the opening performance of Mary Emerson and her able company at the Opera House last night, were not a whit disappointed—they expected a good performance and the loud and continued applause at the act climaxed and in the course of the performance, showed that they were more than satisfied.

The bill for the evening, "His Majesty and the Maid," a romantic comedy drama in four acts, by Samuel Lewis, is certainly marvellous from a literary point of view. The central figure is Alicia, the Maid, and daughter of King Charles, whose adventures and final triumph—cleverly portrayed in the action of the play—held the attention of the audience throughout the performance.

Miss Emerson is the possessor of a clear, strong, musical voice (along with a capable actress could have handled so successfully. Not only along general lines, but in minute detail, her work was perfectly natural, touching as it did, all the little lights and shades of character so essential to a perfect portrayal.

That Miss Emerson is an accomplished swordswoman, was amply evidenced in the duel scene with George Sylvester in the third act, when she was accorded a tremendous ovation.

Otto Hauptmann, a young officer, and Alicia's lover, was cleverly handled by George Sylvester, whose work in some respects is rather out of the ordinary and does not follow closely along conventional lines in parts of this kind.

Edward Barrett made a splendid Count Norberg; he had a difficult role, one requiring genius and ability, and it is enough to say that he showed both to a very marked degree.

The character is that of an ambitious statesman who will stop at nothing to gain his point, and his portrayal left little or no room for improvement. The Colonel Chantry of Louis Bressen was at once acceptable indeed. Mr. Bressen is already known to St. John theatre goers with whom he has made an enviable reputation. Mr. Bressen, it will be remembered, played here with W. S. Harkins' Company.

CLOSING EVENTS AT ROTHESAY COLLEGE

Sports and the Inspection of Cadets Yesterday.

The preliminary sports and inspection of the cadets were on the programme at Rothesay College yesterday afternoon. This afternoon the senior sports will be complete and will be followed by presentation of prizes.

Wallace Alward is the winner of the college gold medal and Lawrence Wilkinson wins the silver medal. The prize winners in each form are:

Form V—Wallace Alward, 1st; Edgar Willich, 2nd; Coulthard Otty, 3rd; Charles Whitman 4th.

Form IV—Lawrence Wilkinson, 1st; John Carrite, 2nd; Joseph MacKay, 3rd; Norman Lee, 4th.

Form III—R. Mackay, 1st; Cecil West, 2nd; Herbert West, 3rd; Wallace Turnbull, 4th.

Form II—Bayard Coster, 1st; D. Rankin, 2nd; H. McLeod, 3rd; Percy Hunter, 4th.

The Artillery Band will play at the sports this afternoon. Tea will be served

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