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Continued.

Her hand was on her sister's arm, she looked in her face.

"Yet he loved me, Father Juan, I know it; we women—the veriest girl in years is not deceived—can read a man's heart as never can priest in confessional. Woe, Heaven knows, 'tis to us women alone, that men's hearts are laid bare."

"Methinks, child, he set a less value upon thee than on that which is thine," rejoined the man. "The heritage of the von Rohns is broad, then there is old Karl's treasure that has ever drawn suitors to the valley, that tale of priceless riches savouring rather of fable than of fact, but in which the Count most surely believes."

"Then he believes an idle tale," interposed the lady with a curl of her lip, "methought our cousin had a better wit."

"His was a poor love, a selfish love, a love that must have run dry and failed. And thou, Elsa mine, should some day give thy heart to one like to him who has wooed thy sister."

"Aye, and Leon has won her," said the Countess softly, and then with her face smile-wreathed in the half light: "But I have no wish for so long a wooing, neither does my love run in that same rock-set stream as does my sister's."

I was now more than half awake and turned on my side with a sigh. The two looked round and paused.

"Watch by him till I return," whispered the priest, slipping noiselessly from the room, "it is past sunset, and I must visit the wounded. Should he wake, give him the draught that stands prepared upon the table."

So the good man went to his sick and the door closing, my eyes slowly opened as the lady drew close to the bed.

"So thou art awake, Captain Lesly," said she. "Thou shouldst drink this draught that Father Johann has mixed."

Had that evil-tasting liquor been a wizard's potion, gladly would I have drunk it at her hand.

"Would 'twere wine," said I, giving her the cup again, "that I might drink a health to Her Majesty, to the hussars of Szegedin, to Rohn and to thee."

"A string of healths, sir," she rejoined with a toss of her head, "'mid so many, I would fain have thee spare thyself the trouble of pledging me; nor but for Rohn, do I like my company."

"Then if I were to drink but to the Queen and to thee?" I asked, seeking to catch a glimpse of her features in the twilight.

"We thank thee, Captain Lesly, Leon and thee," said Inez von Rohn, "and would have thy forgiveness, and for thy sake pray heaven to hold Rohn in its keeping and in thine."

There was no doubting the Countess as she stood waiting my pardon. Truth looked out from those blue eyes; though she had lied to me in the matter of von Wegen's treachery, it had wrung her heart, I knew, in spite of the higher claim of her cousin's and Bavarian interests that a casuist might have defended.

And freely I gave her pardon for all I had borne at her hands, for the jest she had played upon me on my coming, for her opposition to my rule, for her flight from the castle with her sister, and lastly, for having striven to keep me from exacting parole from the Spaniard.

"Thou are witness, Father Juan," cried Elsa von Rohn, smiling, "Captain Lesly forgives us, since we make full confession."

"Aye, my daughter," rejoined the old man, turning from the window, "I am a witness and a willing."

CHAPTER XV

A Better Understanding.

Later that day, Knecht brought me news that went far in lightening the weight upon my mind. The attack, he told me, was slackening and as each assault was repulsed, the foe appeared more apprehensive of the appearance of reinforcements for our garrison. The losses had fallen almost entirely upon the enemy, only two of our troopers had been killed and but five wounded since the morning. The spirits of the men, he further reported, were excellent, and as for the insurgent peasants, they had aided the soldiers but little in that second day's work.

But for a heavy fusillade about five in the afternoon, the Bavarians contented themselves with firing random shots at any that showed themselves above the battlement, and it was evidently their leader's wish to rest his men and hazard all upon the success of an attack upon the morrow.

Little by little all sound of musketry died, and as the shadows grew long in that chamber I fell asleep to dream of my home in far-off Ayr and the green swell breaking foam-flecked and ragged at the foot of Ailsa craig.

It was dark when I opened my eyes and in the window stood the Countess Elsa and Father Johann. They were talking softly and as I lay 'twixt sleeping and waking, I was but half-conscious of what they said. Through drowsy half-closed eyes I watched them; little by little I was beginning to catch the drift of their whispers. Otto von Wegen was the subject of their speech.

"I should still find cause for quarrel, sir. Wouldst thou have me light the candles?"

And whilst she bent above the silver sconces with the tinder box in her hands, I answered—

"Then the first glass I raise to my lips shall be to thee, and thee only. Have I thy permission, Mistress Elsa?"

Lightly she laughed as the flame from the match caught the wick.

"Unto each day its evil as thou shouldst know, sir," she replied—though lips and eyes were merry, her cheeks were deepest crimson. And placing the candlesticks upon the table beside the bed, she seated herself in a high-backed chair 'twixt them and the open window and fell to toying with the lace at her wrists.

Never in my life, in my Scots home, o'er seas, in the length and breadth of the Empire, had I set eyes on the like of that maiden deep sunk in that velvet-cushioned chair. Soft on each feature fell the candlelight, on her light brown hair and deep lashes, on her lips half wreathed in smiles yet inclined to pout, on her gown of ivory satin. And watching her my weakness and the castle's strait were forgotten. Thralled by her beauty, I could but thank fortune that had laid me on my bed to be waited on by this daughter of Rohn.

And seated at my bedside she told me more of the necklet and of the Spaniard who had sought it for her sister's sake.

"And this Leon de Portugais, my prisoner and my good friend to boot," said I smiling, "it seems, has a mighty influence with the Countess Inez."

Lightly laughed Elsa von Rohn, and then the brown head bent as she answered—

"He is a friend to our house, a friend tried and proven—aye, and more to my sister."

I had guessed as much and then and there plunged into the story of that unlucky adventure at the Kitzlach smithy, while doubt and fear gave place to wonder on the lady's face.

"Leon scarce spoke of this," said she when the tale of my folly was done.

One niggard of words and reserved was this Spaniard, a generous gentleman who for himself sought no excuse in failure, were it never so bitter.

(Too be continued.)

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FIRST SIGNS IN THE BACK

Says Most People Neglect Nature's Danger Signals Until too Late---Also Gives a Simple Recipe to Mix at Home.

Take care of backache. A great many cases of kidney complaint are reported about here, also bladder trouble and rheumatism.

An authority once stated that pain in the back, loins or region of the kidneys is the danger signal nature hangs out to notify the sufferer that there is something wrong with the kidneys, which should receive immediate attention. Only vegetable treatment should be administered and absolutely no strongly alcoholic patent medicines, which are harmful to the kidneys and bladder.

The following prescription, while simple, harmless and inexpensive, is known and recognized as a sovereign remedy for kidney complaint. The ingredients can be obtained at any good prescription pharmacy and anyone can mix them: Compound Kargon, one ounce; Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime.

This preparation is said to restore the natural function of the kidneys, so they will sift and strain the poisonous waste matter, uric acid, etc., from the blood, purifying it and relieving rheumatism. Backache will be relieved, the urine will be neutralized and cleared and no longer a cause of irritation, thereby overcoming such symptoms as weak bladder, painful, frequent and other urinary difficulties.

This is worth trying and may prove just what many people here need.

MAKE THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS SAFE

Trustees Will Leave It to Committee to Get at the Cost of Necessary Changes.

The board of school trustees last evening held a special meeting as the buildings committee. The report of the common council's committee on the condition of the public schools was discussed and as a result the document was referred to a small committee to employ an architect and get an estimate of the cost of the proposed changes. This report, after having been considered by the buildings committee of the board, will be handed to the common council with a request to provide ways and means to do the work.

A discussion also took place over the state of the sinking fund. This was precipitated by a published statement that the board has used $19,000 of the fund. Mr. Coll explained that while it is true the board has drawn out that amount of money they have on hand sufficient collateral in the shape of 4 per cent. bonds to more than cover it. These, he said, were not new debentures, but were authorized in regular form by the Liberal government in council some years ago for the purpose of wiping out an over expenditure on buildings then erected.

The market at the time of their issue, he said, was not favorable for the sale of the bonds, so the money was taken out of the sinking fund and these bonds were deposited with the bank as collateral. In doing as they had done, Mr. Coll said, the finance committee of the board had really saved the taxpayers money as they had thus been enabled to borrow money at a lower rate of interest.

OF COURSE.

Guest—Waiter, this meat is like leather. Waiter—Yes, sir; it's a saddle of mutton, sir.

TRYING IT ONCE

"Just before Easter last year," said the grocer, as a disconsolate look swept over his face, "I boiled and colored 20 dozen eggs and put them in the window for sale. They had hardly grown cold when along came an old tramp, and after looking at them for awhile he asked:

"'Mister, did the hens lay 'em that way?'

"'No; they are colored, of course.'

"'What's the object?'

"'Don't you know that they are Easter eggs?'

"'Noap. Never saw any before. What's Easter?'

"I turned away from him in disgust," said the grocer, "but he wasn't going to give it up that way. Presently he asked:

"'Do they eat those eggs?'

"'Yes.'

"'Well, I've a notion to try Easter and see how she goes, but I can't pay no 35 cents a dozen. How much for as many as I can eat?'

"He had me there," said the owner of the eggs. "I had never heard or read how many hard-boiled eggs a lusty old tramp could stow away. I mentally figured that half a dozen would choke him up, and then replied that he might eat his fill for 20 cents. He produced the cash in advance, and I passed out six eggs and he sat down on the curbstone and began operations. He had neither pepper nor salt, and I found out later that he had just had breakfast up the street. He sat there and made just two bites of an egg. Twelve bites and the six eggs were gone."

"And then what?" was asked.

"Then he called for six more, and again and again, and then I gave him a pound of cheese and a pound of crackers and his 20 cents back to quit and pass on. I've seen some very enthusiastic Easterites in my time, but none to compare with that old tramp who had never heard of the day and wanted to try it once to see how the old thing worked. Thirty-five cents straight this year, sir, and no side issues.'"

JOE KERR.

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

Objects of the Organization---Mrs. L. J. Tweedie an Honorary Member.

A meeting of the executive of the Women's Canadian Club was held on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of the president, Lady Tilley. Committees were formed and important business transacted. The proposal of the ladies to acquire permanent quarters in which to hold meetings was received with satisfaction. Honorary membership was conferred upon Mrs. L. J. Tweedie, wife of the lieutenant-governor of the province.

As the list will remain open only for a short time those ladies who wish to become charter members are asked to send in their names to one of the ladies of the executive committee as soon as possible. Later on membership may be secured in the same manner.

The constitution reads as follows:—

1. The club shall be called the Women's Canadian Club of St. John (N. B.).

2. The purposes of this club is to foster patriotism and to encourage a deeper and more serious interest amongst women in the institutions, history and resources of Canada, as well as to bring before them leading questions of the day, both at home and abroad, and to endeavor to unite Canadian women in such work as may be within their powers for the welfare and progress of the dominion.

3. A further object is to give women opportunities of hearing orators and men and women of eminence speak on these various subjects. It has, therefore, been resolved to invite speakers who will bring inspiration and instruction to address the members of the club. Before each address there will be a simple and informal luncheon.

4. There shall be two classes of members, honorary and active.

5. There shall be an executive committee to consist of a president, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer and six others holding no specific office.

6. Any woman, at least eighteen years of age, who is a British subject by birth or naturalization, who is in sympathy with the objects of the club, shall be eligible for membership.

7. Application for membership must be made in writing to the committee, endorsed by two members of the club and voted upon at a meeting of the executive.

8. The annual fee to be $1, payable in advance to the treasurer, who will on receipt of this sum forward the membership ticket.

9. Separate luncheon tickets will be issued for each meeting at forty cents per ticket, and to be applied for not later than two days before the luncheon is to take place.

10. Members wishing to obtain luncheon tickets for non-resident visitors must apply for same in writing, giving name and address of the visitor, to the secretary, who shall notify the applicant if it will be possible to accede to the request. Such notifications can only be given one day before the meeting.

11. Tickets are only transferable between mother and daughter, or between sisters having a common residence. Violation of this rule will entail forfeiture of annual membership ticket.

12. The committee shall have power to invite guests, not exceeding ten in number, for each meeting.

13. The executive committee shall meet at the call of the president or secretary. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

14. The secretary shall notify the members by post card of each meeting. These post cards must be given in exchange for luncheon tickets.

15. Office-bearers shall hold office for one year, but may present themselves for re-election at the end of that term.

16. The conduct of the affairs of the club shall be vested in the executive committee.

17. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the club, which shall be held in October, and shall hold office until the next annual meeting.

18. Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee appointed at a special meeting of the executive, to be held at least one week previous to the annual meeting. Their report shall be received at the annual meeting.

19. An auditor shall be appointed by the executive committee, and her report shall be embodied in the treasurer's annual statement.

The officers are:—

Lady Tilley, president; Mrs. Robert Thomson, 1st vice-president; Mrs. E. A. Smith, 2nd vice-president; Miss Travers, treasurer; Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, secretary.

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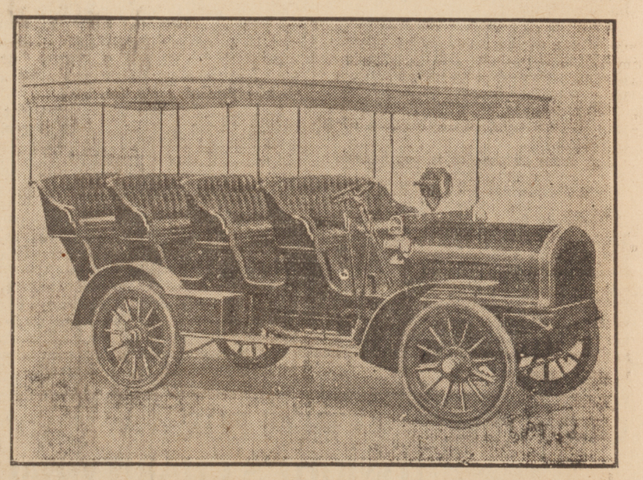

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