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A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

"Well, I suppose I may consider myself in the hands of counsel. Tell me what it is you want to know?" Mrs. Hillmer pointed, with the air of a child about to undergo a scolding.

"Are you acquainted with Mr. Corbett's present address?" he said.

"No. I have neither seen him nor heard from him since early in November."

"Can you be more precise about the period?"

"Yes, perhaps." She arose, took from a drawer in the sideboard a packet of bills—receipts, she observed—searched through them and found the document she sought.

"I purchased a few articles about that time," she explained, "the account for them is dated November 15. I had not seen my—"

"She blushed, became confused, laughed a little, and went on, 'I had not seen Mr. Corbett for at least a week before that date—say November 15, or 16.'"

Lady Doyle disappeared on the evening of the 16th.

Bruce swallowed his astonishment at the odd coincidence of dates, for he said, with an encouraging laugh, "Out with it, Mrs. Hillmer. You were about to describe Mr. Corbett correctly when you recollected yourself."

Mrs. Hillmer, still coloring and becoming saucily cheerful, cried, "Why should I trouble myself when you of course, know all that I can tell you, and probably more? He is my brother, and a pretty tiresome sort of relation, too."

"I am obliged for your confidence. In return, I am free to state that your brother is now in the South of France."

"As you are here, Mr. Bruce," she said, "I may as well get some advice gratis. Can people write him in the South of France? Can they ask me to pay his debts?"

"Under ordinary circumstances they can do neither. Certainly not the latter."

"I hope not. But they sometimes come very near to it, as I know to my cost."

"Indeed? How?"

Mrs. Hillmer hesitated. Her smile was a little scornful and her color rose again as she answered, "People are not averse to taking advantage of circumstances. I have had some experience of this trait in debt-collectors already. But they must be careful. You, as a legal man, must know that demands urged on account of personal reasons may come very near to levying blackmail."

"Surely, Mrs. Hillmer, you do not suspect me of being a dun. Perish the thought! You could never be in debt to me."

"Very nice of you. Don't you represent those people on Leadenhall street, then?"

"What people?"

"Messrs. Dodge & Co."

"No; why do you ask?"

"Because my brother entered into what he called a 'deal' with them. He underwrote some shares in a South African mine, as a nominal affair, he told me, and now they were going to pay for them because the company is not supported by the public."

"No, I do not represent Dodge & Co."

"Is there something else then? Whom do you represent?"

"To be as precise as permissible, I may say that my inquiries in no sense affect financial matters."

"What then?"

"Well, there is a woman in the case."

Mrs. Hillmer was evidently both relieved and interested.

"No, you don't say," she said, "Tell me all about it. I never knew Bertie to be much taken up with the fair sex. I am all curiosity. Who is she?"

He did not take advantage of the mention of a name which in no way stood for Sydney. Besides, perhaps the initial stood for Herbert. He resolved to try another tack.

Glancing at his watch he said, "It is nearly seven o'clock. I have already detained you an unreasonable time. You were going out. Permit me to call again, and we can discuss matters at leisure."

He rose, and the lady sighed, "You were just beginning to be entertaining. I was only going to dine at a restaurant. I am quite tired of being alone."

Was it a hint? He would see. "Are you dining by yourself, then, Mrs. Hillmer?"

"I hardly know. I may bring my maid."

Claude now made up his mind. "May I venture," he said, "after such an informal introduction, to ask you to dine with me at the Prince's Restaurant, and after-

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PROFESSOR LEACOCK SPEAKS BEFORE THE CANADIAN CLUB

He Declares Canada Should Have a Definite External Policy and Should Share in Scheme of Imperial Defence—C. B. Allan is the New President.

Taking the External Relations of Canada as his subject, Prof. Stephen Leacock, of McGill University, gave an interesting and eloquent address before the Canadian Club last evening in Keith's Assembly Room. He contended that the time had come for Canada to have a definite external policy and to take a share in the scheme of imperial defence. In discussing the external relations of Canada, Leacock upheld the Ashburton treaty, claiming that Canada was not defrauded and received something for nothing. He ridiculed the idea that the Monroe doctrine would afford the dominion any protection in the event of Great Britain being engaged in an European war and spoke strongly in favor of Canada forming the nucleus of a navy. He was tired, he said, of general elections fought on dredging and timber limits and wanted Canada to have a more self-respecting policy.

There was a large gathering of members and the speaker's remarks were followed with the closest attention and frequently applauded. Dr. T. D. Walker presided. At the annual meeting of the club, which followed, C. B. Allan was elected president.

The president, before introducing Prof. Leacock, referred to his having redeemed the promise given a year ago to again address the club on his return from his tour of the world under the Rhodes trust.

Professor Leacock, who, on rising, received a most cordial reception, said he proposed to address them on the external relations of Canada. He would not use the expression foreign relations because that would imply a different status. What he intended to convey was Canada's relations with the outside world.

Proud of their patriotism as Canadians were, he said, they had too much stress on national development to the neglect of their external relations, yet no country today was geographically more central in its general and political structure than Canada. The isolation and remoteness of fifty years ago had given place to centralization.

With 3,000 miles of boundary between it and the United States and speaking the same language, Canada was more concerned with the question of future relations with the republic than any other country. If in the years to come, an Anglo-Saxon alliance was to become an accomplished fact or if war was to be defied by Anglo-Saxon relations, it would be through and by Canada that such results would come about.

From these facts it should be evident, he said, that it was time that Canada had a definite external policy. He would direct their attention to one or two threads connected with their external relations. First with regard to diplomatic relations: While they were now conducted by the British government, this condition of affairs would probably be altered in the future. There was, unfortunately, a tendency towards the idea that Canadian interests in the past had been mismanaged. He wished to disprove that myth. He liked best to talk on such a subject near the boundary line. New Brunswick, it had been claimed, had been cheated by Lord Ashburton, and should make it a congenial subject.

Professor Leacock went on to speak of the attempt of the United States in 1856 to secure the Oregon territory which stretched from west of the Rocky Mountains to the boundary with Russian America. It had been successful, he said, not an inch of British coast line would now exist on the Pacific.

He went on to quote extracts from the speech of Mr. Kennedy of Illinois, whose constant cry was, "We must have Oregon."

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NO FAITH IN THE DOCTORS

Hard Labor for "Peculiar People," British Judge Centuries Them Severely.

London, Feb. 1.—The "Peculiar People" case came on for trial at the Old Bailey, when George Horsnell, forty-seven, and his wife, Eliza, were charged with the manslaughter of their four-year-old daughter, Phyllis Bernice Horsnell.

The accused, said counsel, resided at 15 Fisher street, Plaistow, and were the parents of eleven children. The man and woman were members of the sect known as the "Peculiar People," who objected to calling in medical aid in case of illness.

The child Phyllis was attacked with measles, and when bronchitis set in, elders were summoned to pray over her. Then a special prayer meeting was held, but the child died, no medical aid having been sought.

Dr. Angus Kennedy, who made a post-mortem examination, said that death was due to pleural effusion following bronchitis. Had the child had early medical aid, she would certainly have lived longer.

Martha Worm, the wife of an elder of the sect, spoke of the assistance she rendered the child. Eventually she called in her husband at the request of the parents to pray over and anoint the girl.

Mr. Justice Grantham—Could you not have prayed over her?

Yes, I did, and God heard my prayer.

But the child died, and his children. My husband said he prayed over the child.

Mr. Justice Grantham—That did not seem to do much good. Why do you not call in doctors?

We act upon the words of St. James.

Mr. Justice Grantham—You say you did not tell your not to call in a doctor, and you appear to place more reliance on the words of the apostle than upon those of our Saviour.

The witness said she had not read in the Scriptures that Christ told them to call in a doctor.

Mr. Justice Grantham—Christ said "They that are whole need not a physician," which seems to imply that those who are not whole do. You would rather see the child die apparently than call in medical aid?

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CHECK SCOURGE OF CONSUMPTION

A Movement on National Lines is Being Organized in Britain After Lady Aberdeen's Idea.

London, Feb. 1.—Following on the lines of Lady Aberdeen's campaign in Ireland, a movement on national lines is now being organized in this country to check the scourge of consumption. It is to be inaugurated at an important conference on tuberculosis, to be held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on February 16, 17, 18, and 19, at which many experts, both lay and medical, will speak on various aspects of this question.

The conference is under distinguished patronage, including the Duchesses of Norfolk, the Duchess of Sutherland, Lord Carrington, the Bishop of London, the Lord Chief Justice, Viscount Cross, Lord Barnard, and Mr. B. Seaborn-Rowantree.

A large and influential number of medical specialists on consumption, drawn from all parts of the three kingdoms, are supporting the movement, and will take part in the discussion. An exhibition of models of sanatoria, nursing appliances, healthy and unhealthy rooms, compared foodstuffs, etc., will add to the value and interest of the gathering.

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TWO MEN HURT IN COAL MINE EVERY DAY CLUB IN THE WEST END

Peter Murphy and Charles Ackles Injured in Jubilee Mine Near Maccan.

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 2.—A very serious accident occurred today at Jubilee coal mines about three miles from Maccan station, when Peter Murphy, underground manager, and his coal cutter, Charles Ackles, were seriously crushed.

The two men were working at the foot of a new slope which has just recently been opened, when a car loaded with coal broke away from its chain and ran back crushing them beneath its weight.

Murphy received some bad cuts and his leg is badly fractured while Ackles was crushed about the hips and received internal injuries and cuts about the body.

They were brought to Amherst and placed in Highland View Hospital. Ackles is married and belongs to Londonderry. He is resting very easy tonight but the doctors have little hope of his recovery.

At a meeting held in the W. C. T. U. hall, in Carleton, last evening, after the regular meeting of the new lodge of Good Templars, a committee was appointed to complete arrangements for the organization of an Every Day Club on the west side. It is hoped that quarters can be secured in the city hall. The committee is composed of Rev. W. H. Robinson, Rev. J. Heaney, Rev. Dr. Heine, Ald. Boskin and C. W. Brown. Rev. H. R. Read was also in sympathy with the work.

A delegation, consisting of A. M. Belding, C. S. Humbert and J. W. McCosh, addressed the members of the lodge and others present, and went fully into the history of the organization, its inception, its experiments, its failures and successes, and the present method of conducting its affairs, a copy of its by-laws being also submitted. E. N. Stockford spoke in high praise of the club's work, with special reference to its labors in behalf of clean athletic sports.

Rev. Messrs. Heaney, Robinson and Heine expressed their full sympathy with such an organization, as an expression of practical religion, and doing work in which men of all denominations could meet, with a simple desire to help others, and especially to get into sympathetic touch with the man who is down. The delegates found this a difficult problem, and the Every Day Club, conducted on broad lines, did not take people away from the churches, but operated in its own field with power to do great good.

Rev. Mr. Robinson was an enthusiast, and declares that every town in the province should have such clubs. A vote of thanks was tendered the visitors.

On Sunday afternoon next a meeting for it will stand behind the new club will deliver an address. The date of opening the new club may then be announced.

The temperance lodge at its meeting last night initiated seven new members, and it will stand behind the new club. Mr. McLean, the chief temple, who is also a member of the Every Day Club, presided.

REPORT THAT BORDEN WILL OFFER TO RESIGN

Montreal, Feb. 2.—There is a story going the rounds here this evening to the effect that Mr. Borden will offer to resign tomorrow at Ottawa, the Conservative leader will again place his resignation in the hands of his party.

This report is guaranteed by people who are on the inside of the Conservative organization, but it is very surprising that the intentions of the Conservative leader were not made known sooner from the capital.

It is further said that Mr. Borden was impelled to offer his resignation because of the time for the reason that when the last caucus voted confidence in the chieftain more than thirty members remained in their seats when the chairman, C. J. Doherty, M. P. for St. Ann's, asked all those to rise who were in favor of accepting the leader's resignation.

It is further related that the members of the party in the house of commons are most anxious that Mr. Borden shall retain the direction of the party during the balance of the present session.

HON. W. FIELDING RECEIVED BY KING

Montreal, Feb. 2.—A special London cable says: Hon. W. S. Fielding was received in private audience by King Edward at Buckingham Palace today. The Canadian finance minister expects to sail on the Allan liner Tunisian on Friday.

DR. McALISTER, M. P., N. B. LIBERAL WHIP

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Dr. D. H. McAlister, M. P. for Kings-Albert, has been appointed the Liberal whip for New Brunswick.

Next to being loved, a girl wants most to be in love.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



Feb. 3.—Felix Mendelssohn was born one hundred years ago today. Find Apollo.

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE: Upside down, nose under pipe.

