

THE LOWELL LEDGER.

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WHOLE NO. 421.

The Sturdy Oak

Has its beginning with the implanted acorn. Likewise, the Tree of Fortune takes root with the opening of a savings account with us. **One Dollar** is sufficient to start an account—smaller or larger sums may follow.

THE CITY BANK,
HILL, WATTS & CO



Closing

We have a few bicycles left which we will close out for less than cost

Ladies' Crescent Bicycle \$27.00
" Hudson " 19.00
Men's Wheels from \$15 up to \$30

Yours truly,

R. B. BOYLAN.

Made With a Brownie

You can do it, so can anyone with our Kodaks and Supplies for we have the best line obtainable and at prices that will make your pocket-book smile.



Come in and look them over and see sample picture

We also have the best selected stock of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry that can be purchased.



The People's Store,
The White Front.

A. D. Oliver

Ladies' Tan Shoes

At Easy Prices

Only a Few Pairs left so we make them a special.

MARVIN SHOE CO.'S MAKE.

No. of pairs 2 - 1 Regular price 3.00 at **2.00**
Sizes 3 1/2 - 4

J. KELLY MAKE.

No. of pairs 2 - 2 - 1 Reg. price 3.00 at **1.98**
Sizes 3 - 4 1/2 - 5

J. KELLEY'S SUPERLE.

No Pairs 1 - 2 - 1 - 1 Reg. price 3.50 at **2.50**
Sizes 3 - 3 1/2 - 4 - 5

PINGREE & SMITH'S MAKE.

No. pairs 2 - 1 - 1 - 3 - 2 Reg. price 3.00 at **2.25**
Sizes 2 - 3 1/2 - 4 - 4 1/2 - 5

Tan Oxfords, Regular Price 2.00 at 1.50
" " " " 1.75 at 1.25

E. V. Abell Co..

THE LECTURE COURSE IN HER LAST SLEEP

EPWORTH LEAGUERS OFFER FINE ATTRACTIONS.

Season of 1901-2 Consists of Four Concerts and Two Lectures.

The committee having in charge the entertainment course have decided to give only six numbers this year and to give a little better quality. The course has been contracted for and will consist of four concerts and two lectures. The concerts will be given by the Hungarian Court orchestra of twelve people; the Carberry-Linde Co., four people, the Lyric Ladies Quartette and Slayton Jubilee singers, eight people. The Hungarian orchestra appeared only in three cities, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, last season and were the star attraction at the Albion Festival this spring. You all remember Fredrick Carberry, who with Miss Durno so successfully closed the last year's course here. The balance of the troupe are equally good. The Lyric

MRS. SOLOMON LEE PASSED PEACEFULLY AWAY.

Nearly 80 and Lived in Vergennes Since 1843.

Mrs. Solomon Lee was found dead in bed, at her home in this village, Friday morning, July 12. She had seemed in her usual health the day before and had spent the day in visiting among her children and grandchildren, though she had not been real well since having the grippe last winter.

Harriet Swartwout was born in Rockland county, N. Y., August 7, 1821. In 1843 she came to Michigan and had lived in the township of Vergennes until about a year ago, when she bought a place and moved to this village. Her husband died in 1881.

She was the mother of eight children, four of whom survive her. They are: J. E. and Eugene Lee of this village, L. J. of Vergennes and Charles of Grand Rapids. Besides



Scenes From the Flood at Sarawac.

Looking South from Corner of Mill and Bridge Streets Friday Morning. The barn standing on the sidewalk is one that was taken across the street by the water, in which two horses and a cow took a sail.

Ladies although never before here are an established organization and are favorably known as accomplished artists. Slayton's Jubilee Singers are a double quartette of colored people, they are artists and score an enthusiastic success everywhere. Greenville and Belding both had them last year and have contracted for them this year.

The system of reserve seats will be continued the coming season and all seats not sold before the opening of the doors are free to first comers. The committee hopes for the enthusiastic support of all lovers of high class entertainment as the attractions offered could be obtained in no other way. Committee.

Get your wedding invitations at THE LEDGER office.

these she left a number of grandchildren.

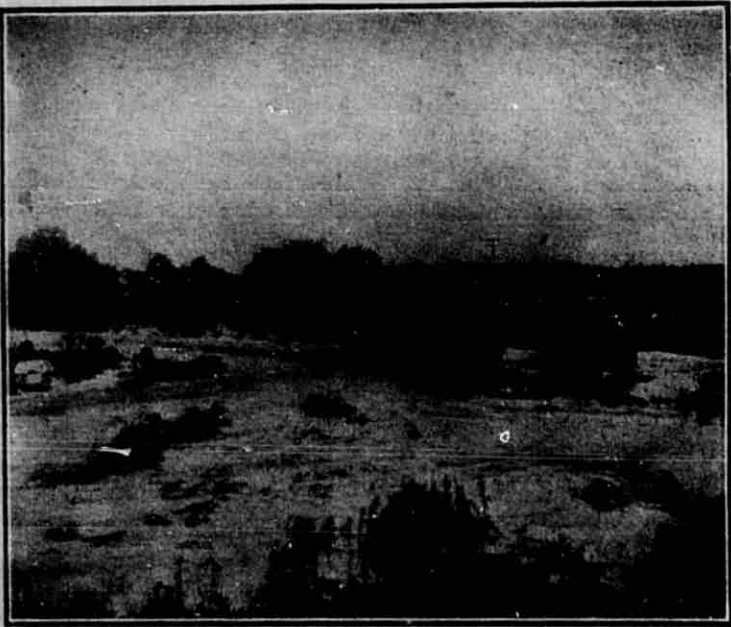
Funeral services were held at the residence on Sunday, conducted by Rev. S. T. Morris, pastor of Congregational church, and the remains were interred in the Vergennes cemetery.

Mrs. Harriet Klose of Three Rivers, Fred Lee and Misses Ada and Fannie Peglar of Grand Rapids, all grandchildren of Mrs. Lee, attended the funeral services.

MAY GET 20 PER CENT.

Action of the Church Bank Creditors Monday Afternoon.

At the meeting of the Church bank creditors, Monday afternoon, as per call in the last issue of this



Looking North from Hub's hay scales before the water went down.

When the postoffice inspector was around last he found quite a number of boxes that had not been paid for in advance, as required by law, and gave Postmaster Quick a lecture on the subject. The latter will be required to declare all boxes vacant that are not paid for by the tenth of the month or furnish the money himself. The law is rigid and gives the postmaster no leeway in the matter and it cost the Hillsdale man \$100 recently for neglecting to collect box rent when due. So, patrons of the Lowell office must take Mr. Quick's notice to "cash up" good naturedly, "he can't help it, you know."

paper, a proposition was made by the attorney of C. J. Church to pay 10 per cent of the indebtedness of C. J. Church & Son on condition that he be released from further responsibility. As the Michigan Trust company has about \$2,900 available for distribution among the creditors of the bank, a counter proposition was made by the creditors present that Mr. Church pay an amount that added to the sum in possession of the Trust company would make 20 per cent. An agreement to accept this proposition awaits the signature of depositors at D. G. Look's store.

Come in and see our new...

Imported White Ware

just received, made in Germany... We still have a few

Blue Flame Oil Stoves

left, also some good Steel Ranges.

We have some good bargains in Screen Doors and Window Screens.

Spraker & Cambell.

Closing Out Sale

OF BICYCLES

Beginning Sat. June 15th

I will offer my entire line of High Grade Wheels at greatly reduced prices. Remember, that no more will be offered at these prices after those in stock are sold. Tires and sundries also going cheap. Remember the place and date.

R. D. STOCKING.

P. S.—Inquire what I am going to do with those fine Rambler Chainless Wheels.

Our Boys All Wool Cheviot and Cassimere Suits at \$3.75

Sizes 12 to 19 years—Coat, Vest and Pants—is the best value of all values—Suits that we have been selling at \$5.00, 6.00 and 7.00. They must all go. Nothing must be left to tell the tale.

If you find prices below us you'll find quality below also.

W. W. Pullen.

The Clothier.

YOU

WE HAVE SOME NEW CRASH SKIRTS FOR HOT WEATHER.

will find a fine line of

SUMMER GOODS

both white and colored, at our store to make your selections from. These goods must be sold and cleaned up within the next few weeks. You will find assortments good and prices low. Don't fail to look over our line before purchasing. You will feel well paid for your trouble.

NICHOLSON

We understand that this proposed release of C. J. Church will have no effect upon the obligation of the Michigan Trust company as receiver for the Lowell Water and Light company to settle with the Church bank creditors. That liability remains as before.

A Poor Millionaire

Lately starved in London because he could not digest his food. Early use of Dr. King's New Life Pills would have saved him. They strengthen the stomach, aid digestion, promote assimilation, improve appetite. Price 25c. Money back if not satisfied. Sold by L. Hunt & Co., druggist.

THE LOWELL MARKET REPORT.

Wheat	60	65
Potatoes	30	40
New potatoes	75	90
Beans	1 25	1 75
Pork	6 00@	6 50
Corn	50	40
Oats	30	30
Bye	20	40
Butter	20	12
Eggs	10	10
Wool washed	13 @	20
Wool unwashed	10	15
Beef	5 00 @	6 50
Veal	6 00 @	6 50
Flour per cwt	20	2 00
Bran per ton	10	16 00
Middlings per ton	10	16 00
Corn meal per ton	20	20 00
Corn and oats per ton	20	20 00
Clover Seed	5 00	5 50

GOING LIKE HOT CAKES

Those Elegant Summer Dress Goods at Weekes'

We don't propose to carry them over and are making prices that will clear our shelves and make room for our Fall Stock. Our line is very choice and complete—goods and prices talk for themselves. We challenge comparison. The hottest weather is still to come. You need the goods and we need the money. Let's trade. We'll give you the big end of the bargain. **Look at Our Fine Line of Shirt Waists, Prices from 50c to \$3.00.**

A. W. WEEKES

Lowell State Bank

Transacts a General Banking Business.

Buys and Sells

Government and High Grade Municipal Bonds.

Domestic Drafts

Available in all parts of the United States and Canada.

Foreign Drafts

Available in all Commercial Cities of the World.

Loans Money

On Real Estate, Mortgages, Approved Notes and Collaterals.

Extends to All

Fair and courteous treatment and every accommodation consistent with Sound Banking.

HOME NEWS.

Misses Elizabeth and Kate McMahon left to-day for a visit in Howell.

Base ball on the home grounds between Lowell and Hastings this afternoon.

Paul Gramer of Ambersberg, Ontario is visiting his mother, Mrs. John Randall.

J. B. Yeiter went to Chicago last week to attend a course of lectures on embalming.

Miss Mattie Griffith of Washington, D. C., visited Miss Lizzie Terwilliger Wednesday.

R. D. Bancroft and wife of Sparta were in town Sunday. They will move to Muir this week.

Repairs are being made on Mrs. E. R. Craw's barn which was recently struck by lightning.

Mrs. L. H. Taft returned from a visit in Detroit last week on account of the illness of her baby.

A picnic was given by the children of the Catholic church at Murray's Lake last Thursday.

Misses Bessie Trice and Marguerite Southard are spending a few weeks in Milwaukee and Chicago.

E. S. Burdick left for Baldwinsville, New York, Sunday, where he expects to stay most of the summer building for his sister.

Miss Susie Ausorge of 164 Shawmut Avenue, Grand Rapids, has returned to her home after a visit with Lowell friends.

Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Ingals will entertain Band No. 1 of the Baptist church at the home of the former, Friday.

Bert Weiser had his trial before Justice Hicks Saturday. He was fined \$20 and costs, or \$28 in all. He has appealed.

At 3:35 p. m., yesterday, we sent a letter to the Saranac Advertiser. At 5:10 we received a reply. Pretty quick work that.

Miss Fern Edmonds who has been visiting in New York state since the latter part of May, will remain at Norwich for a number of weeks.

Ladies clean your kid gloves with LaBelle glove cleaner. It is not a liquid, leaves no odor and can be used while the glove is on the hand. For sale only by W. S. Winegar, Druggist, may 9-13

Mrs. Elmer Reed has returned to her home in Grand Rapids accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. C. Richmond, who will spend several weeks visiting relatives and friends in the city.

Mrs. Fred Eggleston went to Grand Rapids Monday to meet John Eggleston of Laramie. He visited old friends here Tuesday and started for the Pan American with his daughter Mina yesterday.

Beginning with this issue, the price of single copies of THE LEDGER will be five cents. Those who have been in the habit of buying copies week by week will find it to their advantage to become regular subscribers. Three months subscriptions will be taken at 25c as usual.

Will Morse's baby is quite sick. Dr. and Mrs. McDannell were in Saranac Sunday.

Misses Mable and Mary Scott are visiting in Grand Rapids.

John Clark was in Grattan Center on business Wednesday.

Miss Carrie Davidson is visiting in Bellevue and Charlotte.

Grove & Mosher took eight orders for stone tanks Tuesday.

Miss Francis Drew is the guest of Mrs. J. Kridler of Grand Rapids.

The Ed. Taylor place on Monroe street has been put in good repair.

Orion White of Grand Rapids spent Sunday at A. M. Barnes'.

M. M. Perry was transacting legal business at the county seat Monday.

Miss Addie Finch, who went to Ann Arbor for treatment is improving.

Chas. Quirk and Harvey Coons were in Greenville on business Monday.

Charles McCarty of Lowell has been granted a pension of \$8 per month.

Mrs. E. B. Hunter and daughters, Carrie and Ona, will soon remove to Three Rivers.

See THE LEDGER'S beautiful new wedding script before getting your invitations and announcements.

A child of A. E. Culver was bitten by Will Denick's dog and Mr. D. sent the canine to the happy hunting ground.

L. F. Severy of Detroit returns to his home to-day after a visit of several days with his daughter, Mrs. A. A. Husted.

THE LEDGER is under obligations to Brother Johnson of the Saranac Advertiser for the pictures of the flood at that place.

Lost—account book containing names of my Chicago American subscribers. Finder leave at Godfrey's. Ernest Weekes.

Mrs. Nathan Morse left last evening for an extended visit with friends in Buffalo and Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and will visit the exposition while in Buffalo.

Friends of THE LEDGER having business at the Probate court will confer a favor upon the publisher by requesting the Judge to send the advertising to this paper.

The remains of Fred W. Eggleston, who died out west three years ago, were brought here Monday for interment. His brother John accompanied them and his widow, Mrs. Lois Eggleston went to Grand Rapids to meet them.

The Lowell ball tossers are singing rather low since last Friday when they went to Greenville and were "done up" to the tune of 13 to 0. The boys were out classed at every point. Harold Force umpired the game satisfactorily to all.

Prof. W. A. Lugwig, formerly superintendent of the Lowell schools and now holding similar position at Union City was in town on business last Friday and improved the opportunity to shake hands with old friends. He is looking well.

Witt's Witch Hazel Salve should be promptly applied to cuts, burns and scalds. It soothes and quickly heals the injured part. There are worthless counterfeits, beware to get Witt's. L. H. Taft & Co.

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Preacher Advised 'em to Buy Alarm Clocks

Not a thousand miles from Lowell one Sunday morning less than 100 years ago, the greater part of the members of the What You May Call It church were nearly half an hour late. Before beginning his sermon, the minister spoke at some length on the bad habit of tardiness and advised the members of his flock to "buy alarm clocks."

Are you always on time at your church. If not, provide yourself with one of our Guaranteed Alarm Clocks at \$1.00 and please the minister and yourself.



J. B. Tells a Fish Story.

J. B. Nicholson and family have been enjoying an outing in Lapeer county and THE LEDGER is in receipt of a letter from J. B. in the course of which he says:

"Went fishing in Lapeer county last week and have a pretty big fish story to tell. Six lb. pickerel, two 4 lb. bass, a 3 1/2 lb. pickerel, etc., etc. Great sport connected therewith."

It will be noticed that Mr. N. does not say he caught the big fish. From what he writes, we do not know whether he saw them swimming by the boat or lying in a fish wagon, or how much he paid for them, or what kind of bait he used, wet or dry. May be the "etc., etc." stands for the bait, or perhaps for the little fish that were not worth weighing.

Anyway, we have been fishing ourselves, and we are inclined to take these fresh fish stories with a pinch of salt. At any rate, we will give the gentleman all the space he wants in our next issue to explain himself—at regular advertising rates.

When you want a modern, up-to-date physic, try Chamberlin Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price 25c. Samples free at D. G. Look's drug store.

HIGHWAY ALLIANCE.

New Organization Whose Object is Road Improvement.

The expressed objects and intentions of the Highway Alliance, a new good roads organization just incorporated in New York with its headquarters in New York city, should leave no doubt as to the usefulness, both local and national, of such an organization. Here are some of the more important objects for which the alliance exists:

1. Public agitation for highway improvement.
2. Obtaining and publishing information relating to highways.
3. Proposal of laws and ordinances for highway opening, construction, maintenance and traffic.
4. Opposing proposed laws and ordinances tending to diminish the usefulness of highways.
5. Urging the public authorities to improve the highways, and keep them in repair.
6. Assisting in the vindication of the highway rights of the public and also aiding any person whose rights have been infringed while using the highways or as a consequence of such use whenever the board of directors of this corporation, in their discretion, consider that the usefulness of highways will be advanced.

The Highway Alliance will introduce a new feature so far as concerns its membership. In order that it shall not be obligatory upon all who join the alliance to give to it their support financially, two grades of membership will be in force, persons belonging to one grade to be known as active or contributing members and those belonging to the other as general or sympathetic members. Any one in the latter grade may change his status whenever he likes upon payment of the dues of a contributing member for one year.

Roads of Mississippi. Dr. J. A. Rowan, a prominent physician, has the following to say about the roads of the state:

"From my experience as a country physician in traveling over the roads I am convinced that the present system of working roads in Mississippi is a farce. The inexperience and apathy on the part of overseers and the indifference on the part of hands should convince any ordinarily intelligent person that new methods will have to be adopted. The contract system, with improved implements, is the remedy. In my opinion broad tired wagons would do much toward keeping roads in good repair, and our legislature should enact a law requiring the narrow tire to be replaced by the broad after three or four years or one allowing parties using them a credit on their road tax. I often go double the distance over our best roads rather than go half as far over the average, saving time and comfort thereby. The people will have to be educated along the lines of better roads, and new methods will have to be forced upon them."

What Good Roads Mean.

Good roads mean to us both profit and pleasure. They will enable us to own better vehicles and take pride in them. They will help the churches and schools in every locality. Good roads mean a saving of time, the value of which, as a whole, can hardly be estimated. They

will increase the average life of our vehicles probably a third and the saving of wear and tear on our teams probably more, to say nothing of the increased loads that can be hauled with the same teams.

Good roads will be a benefit to everybody except the wagon shops and carriage makers. — Cor. New Orleans Times-Democrat.

If young ladies think sores, pimples and red noses look well with a bridal veil and orange blossoms, it's all right. Yet Rocky Mountain Tea would drive them away. 35c. Ask your druggist. D. G. Look.

Malta Vita food. John Giles & Co.

Get Your Printing Done at The Ledger Office and it will be right

ALL EYES TURNED TOWARD GODFREY'S Clothing Store

3 Pairs of Flyer Socks for 10c. Three pairs to each customer. 55 dozen to be sold at this price. 3 pairs for 10c.

Boys' Fancy Shirts, good values at 50c, to sell at 35c. When you see them you will wonder why we sell them so cheap.

Men's Working Shirts, 35c each, 3 for \$1.00. The best that ever happened.

Men's striped, double collars, plenty of them at 3c each.

Harvest gloves only 15c per pair

Men's cottonade pants, good ones, 5 pockets—2 front, 2 hip and watch pocket, warranted not to rip. Placed on this sale at 75c per pair.

Sale on fine Pants. Price from \$1.50 to \$5.00. New goods, new patterns, trade winners everytime. This sale is not made up of goods that ought to have been sold FIVE years ago.

Just arrived, 87 dozen Men's Fine Suspenders, fine goods, new patterns, at these prices, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 55c.

Bargains on Straw Hats. Not one kept over from last year, neither will I keep any over this year, they must all be sold by August 15, at some price. Come early and get the best that's going.

Best assortment of Men's Fine Light Underwear. Prices 25c, 35c, 45c and 50c.

Just arrived, 25 dozen Men's Fancy Shirts. Prices 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Fancy Shirts in patterns rare. You cannot find them everywhere.

Trunks, Telescopes and Suit Cases. Best assortment, lowest prices.

Talk about getting a fit in a pair of pants, we give it. If the legs are too long my tailor will cut them off. Fit guaranteed.

Boys Crash Pants, age 4 to 15 years. Prices 25c, 30c and 50c.

Boys Cottonade Pants, age 4 to 10 years. Price 20c.

New Goods. Low Prices.

Think About Buying a Suit

I have sold lots of them, because I am selling new ones and selling them cheap. I wish to sell every suit in my stock before it is time to load up with heavy goods. Come in and get my prices. Now is the time to buy cheap and to buy cheap with me means—new goods, up-to-date stylish goods and low prices. Men's Suits, Youths' Suits, Boys' and Children's Suits at prices so low you will wonder how I can sell them so cheap.

We show the prices in the store. We haven't room nor time to have them all out doors.

Yours for quick sales and small profits.

W. S. Godfrey.

Lowell's Leading Clothier.



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SYNOPSIS.

Chapter I—Maj. Goddard makes unfortunate investments and loses almost entire fortune. His wife's actions at this time lead him to believe she married for money. She had been a poor milliner with whom he had become infatuated. She never allowed him to learn certain things connected with past life.

Chapter II—Arriving home from business Goddard learns his wife has left for city. Missing considerable sum of money from safe of which she knew leads him to conclude she means desertion. Telegram comes asking him to see her at Palace hotel in New York.

Chapter III—Mrs. Goddard formulates plan by which she and Goddard can come into fortune of his ward Blanche. She will go abroad, while abroad report will come back of her death, he will marry Blanche who loves him but who has fatal heart trouble and will not live two years; on Blanche's death she will prove false report of her own death. To this plan the major is brought to reluctantly consent.

Chapter IV—Mrs. Goddard returns to Lyndhurst, but before doing so secures a Mrs. Nolan to go abroad with her as maid and play important part in disappearance act.

Chapter V—Mrs. Nolan, according to arrangement, comes to Lyndhurst to apply for position of maid with Mrs. Goddard, and of course is accepted.

Chapter VI—Blanche is innocently drawn into plot by Mrs. Goddard who tells of foreboding that she will die abroad. Blanche is told that Goddard had loved her before meeting Mrs. Goddard, and Mrs. Goddard knowing of Blanche's affection asks her to marry him should she never return.

Chapter VII—Mrs. Goddard gives her husband London address where she can get letters (addressed to Mrs. Nolan), and gives him key to private box where he can get letters from her.

Chapter VIII—Major goes to boat with his wife, and learns of arrangements she has made for her own comfort en route. She will have the chief stateroom which is somewhat separated from the other rooms. She points out closet both keys to which she has secured. She says if later there is anything he cannot understand to "think of this closet and its two keys and the puzzle will be solved."

Chapter IX—The third day out Mrs. Goddard attracts attention of boat captain and appears deranged in mind. She says she is always seeing dead bodies floating by in the water.

Chapter X—On evening of eighth day a bad storm arises. At worst of the storm Mrs. Nolan is heard to scream at top of her voice. She points to the water indicating her mistress has plunged overboard. Mrs. Goddard is locked in the closet of her stateroom.

Chapter XI—On reaching Liverpool Mrs. Goddard emerges from closet and is landed in the hurry with the second-class passengers without arousing suspicion.

"But where shall I meet you?" asked Mrs. Nolan, frightened by the precariousness of the undertaking.

"I shall go to the Hamilton hotel, and wait for you there. You'd better go to another, and when you feel that you are not observed go out for a walk and join me. I shall register as Mrs. Charles

Gray, of Toronto, Canada. When we meet there we shall go on to London together. You know you will have to look after the passing of my luggage through the custom house officers. Tell them you are going straight back to America and will deliver the things to Mr. Goddard. That explanation ought to be sufficient."

The next morning at the hour mentioned Mrs. Goddard was ready for her bold dash for what she called "liberty." She wore a simple black dress and a rather long black veil. Mrs. Nolan had bravely reconnoitered for her; she had gone down at the first bump of the tender against the side of the ship and found the upper decks clear and the lower one a chaos of struggling second-class passengers anxious to get ashore. Mrs. Nolan returned with an air of great relief.

"You'll have no trouble I honestly believe," she declared. "The place is badly lighted and they will drive the people on the tender like sheep. Go right on, take the first flight of stairs to the right and you will be swallowed up in the gang in a minute."

This opinion was well grounded. Mrs. Goddard crossed the deck, descended the steps in question and found herself in a throng of passengers with eyes only for the little boat ahead of them. Our adventuress was soon on the tender, and took the most remote seat she could find in the stern of the boat. It soon began to move.

The lights of Liverpool lay along the shore half a mile distant. The black hull of the Cleopatra loomed overhead like a threatening cloud. Mrs. Goddard held her satchel tightly in her lap. It seemed such a short distance and yet the little boat seemed only to creep. She drew the foggy air deep into her lungs. It seemed so sweet after her close confinement. She would feel that she had earned the right to her freedom when she got it. After awhile, through the gray light of coming dawn, she began to discern the buildings of the city.

A little later the tender was scraping against the piles of the wharf. As she went ashore, Mrs. Goddard saw that two or three sleepy custom officers were hurriedly passing the hand-luggage without examination. It was evident that only the trunks would have to bear close scrutiny. One of the officers caught her arm and turned her round, but when he saw how small her bag was, he gruffly begged her pardon and she passed on out of the throng into the cold, deserted streets of the sleeping city.

"The dead is alive," she muttered, "and very much alive!"

Without much trouble she found the Hamilton house, and "Mrs. Charles

Gray" was soon in a big comfortable room.

"Now, if Lucy only passes the custom officers safely there will not be one



"WHAT COULD HAVE DELAYED THE WOMAN?"

single thing to bother me," she said. "And what is to hinder her?"

But as the morning passed and her companion did not appear, her elation changed to anxiety. What could have delayed the woman? Surely something had arisen, even at this late hour, to rouse suspicion. Mrs. Goddard walked the floor like a caged beast. Noon came and passed, and the afternoon dragged itself along at a snail's pace. She was afraid to go out in the street. For aught she knew the police, having arrested her accomplice, was now turning Liverpool upside down to find trace of her. The first shadows of nightfall were like palpable substances which rasped a brain now inflamed with fears and direful imaginings.

"Exposure!" seemed to be written in letters of fire on the unlighted walls of her chamber. "Suicide!" was the next word she saw, but she brushed it aside. She would not even think of such a step. Even after this game was played, and had entertained the victims of the nine-day sensation habit, there would yet be other fields for the exercise of her fruitful brain. The world had always seemed so large to her—so full of resources.

At ten o'clock she heard some one coming up the stairs. She weighed the tread, wondering if it was a policeman's. No, it was too light for that. It was a woman's. Opening the door, she

saw Mrs. Nolan standing before her in the ill-lighted corridor. She drew her in, her fears completely dominating her speech.

"I know you are angry, but I could not help it?" began Mrs. Nolan in a harsh undertone.

"What was it?" demanded Mrs. Goddard; "don't keep me waiting."

"It was a lot of things. I did my best, but the custom officers would not let me have your trunks."

"Is that all?"

"No, they held me there for several hours asking all manner of questions about you and making me swear to statements. I swore enough lies to draw a pension from the kingdom of Hell for the rest of my life. It was all about the ownership of the contents of the trunks and which were your things and which mine."

"Then they did not suspect us of—?"

"No, it was only about the things. Then after I had managed to get possession of my trunks, by showing my name on them, I slipped away and got a cab that took me to the Portland house. I thought I would be free, but the police officers kept calling to make other inquiries and get me to make other affidavits about the color of your hair, your age, your residence, the name of your husband, and what not. Then they had no sooner given me a breathing spell than the reporters and foreign correspondents began to troop in."

"Reporters?" Mrs. Goddard pronounced the word as if she were learning to speak English.

"Yes, you don't mean to say you haven't seen the afternoon papers!" Mrs. Nolan drew three damp ones from her cloak pocket. "I can't imagine what you have been doing all day. They have been yelling your name all over Liverpool."

"I thought it would get into print, of course," said Mrs. Goddard. She had calmed down considerably and now set herself to the task before her.

"Of course, I can't go without clothes," she murmured, reflectively, "and let those stupid limbs of the law ship every rag I have back to the major. It would upset him awfully! Now, let me think."

The product of her meditation was worthy of her ingenuity. She laid aside the newspapers, of which she had only read a few big headlines, and sat down at a table where there was a pen, paper and ink, and began to write as follows:

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"What does all this mean?" questioned Mrs. Nolan, when she had read it twice, each time with contracted brows and a doubtful shake of the head.

"You must go and inquire the address of the most reliable lawyer in Liverpool. Pay him his fee in advance, give him this paper and tell him that you want him to get my luggage turned over to you. You must explain that I have always been—that I always was a hard individual to get money out of, and that as I already owed you a thousand dollars you refused to go abroad with me without some sort of security. Tell him that you intend to take the things right back to America, believing that Major Goddard will settle your claims as soon as you do. Are you willing to do this?"

"Oh, I don't mind at all," said Mrs. Nolan, smiling. "I have just begun to get my hand in and rather like the excitement. The English are so polite. I think I can tell a tale straight enough."

The two plotters did not meet till the following afternoon. About four o'clock Mrs. Nolan entered, her face radiant with good news.

"I had very little trouble," she announced. "I secured the services of the best barrister in Liverpool. He charged \$50; but he said he would stand as my security in case of any legal complication. I tell you I felt good when I saw the trunks unloaded at my hotel."

"Then we shall go on to London to-night," exclaimed Mrs. Goddard. "The train leaves at eight o'clock. Meet me at the station. When we get to London we shall rent a furnished villa in the suburbs somewhere and be dead to the world for a while at least. We'll have a lot of fun, Lucy."

CHAPTER XII.

It was about 12 o'clock on the tenth day after the sailing of the Cleopatra. Maj. Goddard, Mr. Talley and Blanche were in the dining-room about to sit down to luncheon, Miss Dean having sent down word that she would be detained in her room.

The door bell had rung, but none of the trio had heard it. Just at this juncture James came in bearing a telegram on a tray. He handed it to the major, who opened it slowly.

"I wonder what this is?" he murmured.

"Mrs. Goddard has arrived safe," suggested Talley; "this is the tenth day, you know."

"No, it is not a cablegram," answered Goddard, whose eye was well schooled in such matters; "it is from the city."

The others watched his face as he unfolded the sheet of paper. They saw him start, and his eyes open wide.

"Surely, she could not—" he began, and there paused.

"May I see it?" asked Talley, his thoughts on falling stocks, bank failures and possible financial crashes. The young man engaged in speculation now and then.

The major gave him the telegram and turned away. He was deathly pale and tripped on a rug as he walked towards the door. Blanche looked over Talley's shoulder. The message was from the agents of the Cleopatra's company on Broadway, and ran as follows:

"We regret to inform you that your wife, in a temporary fit of insanity, during a severe storm two days before the Cleopatra arrived at Liverpool, threw herself overboard and was not rescued. Our information comes direct from the captain of the Cleopatra, who adds that full particulars are being sent to the New York papers."

"Isn't it awful—poor old man!" said Talley, looking at Blanche, but she seemed to have lost the power of speech. She turned white to the roots of her hair. Going into the little reception-room adjacent, she found her guardian standing at a window. She laid her hand on his arm.

"Oh, I am so—sorry!" she said, tenderly.

But he only laid an unsteady hand over hers, pressed it a little, and said:

"Thank you, dear little girl; leave me alone now, please."

And as she moved away she saw him sink into a big armchair and cover his face with his hands.

That afternoon the papers came bearing a long account of the tragedy. The major was in his room and sent one of the maids down for them, so no one saw his face while he was reading the details, which shocked him as if every word of the account had been true.

"Did you ever imagine that Mrs. Goddard was not quite right mentally?" asked Talley when he was able to catch Blanche alone that after-

noon. "Yes," she answered. "I suspected—or rather she confessed to a tendency in that direction the night before she sailed. She said she hoped the voyage would cure her."

"Ah, that sort of thing never entered my head," said the private secretary. "I thought she had the clearest head of any woman alive, but bright people do lose their balance."

They saw little of the major that day. He remained in his room. Friends called to offer condolences and letters and telegrams of sympathy piled up on his desk in his study, but he saw no one nor opened any communication. The next day he went to the city, and there in a small hotel where he was unknown to any of the inmates he took up his abode.

He was as nearly insane as a man of sound mind can become. His existence became a routine of mental torture. He spent each day in walking through streets where he was not known. At night he would lie awake till his physical nature would refuse longer to bear the burden his wife had put upon him, and then his strong frame sank under the blessing of sleep.

He realized fully what she was expecting of him, and he hardly knew if he would be equal to carrying out her plans. At the expiration of the first week after the reception of the news a letter arrived in his private letter box on Sixth avenue. He was almost afraid to open it. It seemed like a communication from the dead—or worse, a command from hell. And when he had finally devoured it, and found that Jeanne and Mrs. Nolan were comfortably domiciled in a little furnished villa near Kensington Gardens and really enjoying life in perfect security from detection—even then, I say, he had no more hopeful horizon.

It was the sin of it all that ground his finer nature down into despair, and he was wise enough to know it. However, there was even in Jeanne's letter much of the potent charm which had been since his marriage his directing influence, and he read and re-read the graphic account of her adventures till the awful picture was stamped on his brain. She wrote often, and her epistles were always replete with good humor, her old vivacity and endearing expressions.

In that way a month passed. He scarcely spent an hour out of each day at Lyndhurst. Often he went out on an afternoon train and took the next back to New York. The man who had charge of the private letter

boxes stared at him curiously every time he came in and with quivering fingers unlocked his box.

The major began to disregard his dress; often his neckties were not carefully tied, nor his boots polished, nor his silk hat ironed. He no longer frequented the armory of his old regiment, nor his club. He had no desire to meet men he knew.

It was after he had received a letter from Jeanne urging him not to delay any longer in the matter of making Blanche his wife, owing to the great likelihood of the girl's dying suddenly, that he bethought himself that he had neglected his ward very much, considering her solicitude in his behalf. He knew the girl was thinking of him, for every time he entered his room at Lyndhurst he saw evidence of her thoughtfulness in fresh flowers cut in the conservatory by her own hands.

On this day, when he arrived at Lyndhurst, he went into the library. His father, who had been in his lifetime a distinguished surgeon, had left a good collection of valuable medical works. It was Jeanne's allusion to Blanche's critical condition that caused him to look up a description of her malady. "Aortic aneurism," he murmured, as he ran through the index of a big book. But the finding of the article on the subject, and the colored illustrations of the delicate organs on the point of bursting from the pressure of blood, sickened him.

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