

A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year to all
The CITY STATE BANK



See My Smile!

Just been looking at Oliver's Christmas display. You go and look and you will smile at the easy time you will have getting your gifts.

HE HAS

WATCHES	KODAKS
CHAINS	CLOCKS
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PREMO CAMERAS	NECK CHAINS
FANCY CHINA	CUT GLASS

Watches from the \$1.00 "bang about" to the real classy ones, if you want them.
Brownie Cameras from \$1.00 up.
You will be welcomed if you only look and you'll be right glad you did too.

A. D. Oliver Jeweler and Optometrist

We wish our patrons and all other friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

LOWELL STATE BANK

A Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year

is the wish we extend to all. We also wish to thank all for their generous patronage and to solicit a continuance of the same in the future.

Avery

The Photographer in your town.
One door east of Hawk's shoe store. Phone 287

IF YOU WERE LATE...

for Christmas shopping we have some very nice presents for New Year's that I am sure will please you. An endless variety of Christmas Post Cards, Letters, etc. Too busy to explain them—Come in and let me convince you. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain,

Very truly,

W. S. WINEGAR
Druggist and Stationer

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Newsy Notes About People You Know.

Irma and Wayne Ford are ill with the measles.
Emery Lally of McCords was in town Tuesday.

Miss Edith Munge spent Thursday in Grand Rapids.
The LEDGER office is headquarters for good printing.

Raymond Bergin of Grand Rapids spent Sunday here.

Mrs. W. Lang spent a few days last week with Clarksville friends.

Dr. W. O. Merrill and family spent yesterday in Grand Rapids.
Milo Hüllberger of Jackson is spending a few days with his parents here.

Tell THE LEDGER about your Christmas guests and goings and comings.

Miss Iva Hüllberger has been helping out at Collar's store the past week.

Clair Pottruff of Detroit is spending a few days at his home north of town.

Miss Ella Perrin is home from her school at Greenville for the holiday vacation.

Miss Ethel Yardley of Grand Haven is spending a few days with her father here.

The Lowell Ledger and Michigan Farmer both one year for \$1.30 at this office.

Neil Cameron and family are spending Christmas with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Master Emmett Delaney of Kalamazoo is spending the holidays with James Woodcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pottruff of Grand Rapids will spend Thursday at the home of Mrs. Wayne Pardee.

Mrs. Frank Carroll of Kalkaska is the Christmas guest of her mother, Mrs. Loyal Taylor and family.

"The Fruits of the Wine Cup," in charge of Mrs. Fred Lewis, was given in Berlin last Saturday evening.

Ada transfer: Seraphine L. Dimmick to Ellen McMurray, part of sec. 34, Ada township, \$1,200.

Mrs. C. B. Woodcock and daughter, Florence, of Grand Rapids are visiting her mother, Mrs. Lewis.

Perrin McQueen, Latelle Ecker, Max Vandegryn and Miss Florence Scott are home from Ann Arbor for the holidays.

Mrs. H. L. Painter is spending the holiday season with her daughters, Mesdames C. E. Donaker and G. H. Cheetham.

Mary E. Bresnahan of Grattan township has filed bond as administratrix of the estate of Patrick Bresnahan, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Winegar of Morrice are visiting the former's mother and sister, Mesdames C. C. Winegar and E. O. Wadsworth, here today.

Miss Nemra Freeman of South Boston is home from her studies at Big Rapids for a week's vacation. She spent Saturday night and Sunday with Bertha Winegar of Berlin.

Miss Julia Cheetham, who is taking a three years course in household arts at Ypsilanti, is spending her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cheetham.

N. V. Warner has bought the majestic moving picture theater at Belding and will conduct it in connection with his Lowell theater.

Mr. Warner has made a success of his Lowell venture and will give the Belding people a good service.

KRISS KRINGLE DAY

With Lowell Literary Club December 7.

The Lowell Literary club met with Mrs. M. N. Henry December 17, for their Kriss Kringle day.

After a short business session Mrs. Thomas M. Doyle announced the following program, most of which was juvenile work, Mrs. Herman Strong assisting as accompanist:

Solo, Bessie Nelson: Recitation, Myron Henry, who cheerfully responded to an encore.

Reading, "We would love each other better if we only understood," Fern Loomis, who also kindly responded to an encore.

Solo, "Christmas Lullaby," Letha Rogers;

Two recitations, Mable Buck; Recitation, Santa Claus' methods of travel," Bessie Nelson. All was very much appreciated. Adjourned to meet January 7, with Mrs. O. C. McDannell.

The gifts were placed in baskets by the committee and given to the local ministers for distribution.

KEENE NEWS

The Marble school will enjoy an indoor picnic Wednesday afternoon at the school house.

Miss Curry from the Marble school will return to her home for the holiday vacation.

Miss Florence Huntly will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Grand Rapids.

SANTA CLAUS' NARROW ESCAPE

FROM BURNING TO DEATH AT CASCADE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITY

C. Fase, Playing Santa Got Clothing Afire from Christmas Tree Candle, School District No. 2 Cascade.

From Our Ada Correspondent.

A real live Santa dropped from the skies, into the road, near the Stone school house at Cascade District No. 2, Friday. The children saw him land and all made a rush to meet him, fearing he would get away. They clung to him and led him to the school house, where he was gladly received and invited to remain for the program by the children and their teacher, Miss W. Withey.

After the gifts and nuts and candy were passed, the children begged Santa to remain a little longer. To satisfy them, he remained and entertained both young and old, when suddenly in the midst of their joy, the fur on Santa's coat came in contact with a candle on the Christmas tree. For a moment old Santa wondered why all the ladies presents began to pound him soundly he realized that he was afire.

He was stricken with fear of setting fire to the hair and clothing of the children and made his way to the door, intending to roll into a blanket. Naturally the gust of wind favored the fire and all in a flash nothing but one mass of fire could be seen. Beating with no avail and every one became terror stricken. M. C. King caught the burning Santa, as he was about to run out and tore the belt and burning clothing from him, saving his life.

Santa's hands were both terribly burned and his face slightly scorched, the false protection given.

Miss Withey is in no ways to blame for the accident, as she feared she was, Santa, the dear old man, who happened to be C. Fase, says he is ready to play the part at any time, in spite of his painful experience, but will keep at a safe distance from the Christmas tree, while the candles are lighted.

Mrs. J. C. Yates, being absent to rent the farm 4 miles southwest of Lowell, known as the "Old VanDusen place," will sell at public auction on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at one p. m., the farm horses, sow and pigs, implements, tools, etc. See bills printed at Ledger office, with which this notice is given free.

Auction Sale

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Annual Money-Saving Chances for Rural Routers.

The annual Ledger-Herald and Ledger-Press bargain days for rural route readers are here and will last until Christmas; but don't—please don't wait until the last minute and then try to phone your order.

HERALD BARGAIN NO. 1. Lowell Ledger Michigan Farm Herald Fruit Grower and Farm Herald Successful Poultry Journal Kimbals' Dairy Farmer Farmers' Review Home Life—All one year, only \$2.80.

HERALD BARGAIN NO. 2. Grand Rapids Herald Lowell Ledger Michigan Farm Herald Michigan Farmer—All one year, only \$2.80.

The Grand Rapids Herald publishers are responsible for these offers. We send in your subscription free, giving you our commission. Allow four weeks for the magazines to start. Then, if any fail to arrive drop a card direct to the Herald.

See display adv on supplement in this issue.

PRESS BARGAIN NO. 1. Grand Rapids Press Christmas package, 143 pieces, New Year and Christmas post cards, Santa Claus stickers, etc. Lowell Ledger—All for \$2.50.

PRESS BARGAIN NO. 2. Grand Rapids Press Christmas package same as in No. 1. Lowell Ledger Farm and Fireside Woman's World Poultry Success—Papers all one year, only \$2.70.

This offer good on rural routes only, until January 1, 1914. See display adv describing these offers on page 4 in Ledger of December 4.

The Grand Rapids Press is responsible for above two offers. The Ledger will forward your orders free gratis. Complaints if any must be made direct to the Press.

Save this announcement. Owing to advertising pressure it may not appear again. Bring or send all orders to The Ledger, Lowell, Mich.

WOOD FOR SALE—Dry Red and White oak at \$2.00. Phone 67. D. W. Rollins.

MARRIED IN WEST

Lowell Young People Wed in Tacoma, Wash.



HARRY J. FULLER

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lawrence announce the marriage of their daughter Lila May to Mr. Harry J. Fuller, December 20, in Tacoma.

The bride and groom are both well and favorably known in Lowell, where they spent their childhood and youthful days and attended the Lowell schools, graduating in the same class.

The former taught school in Belding and Lowell for several years and for the past two years has held a high salaried position in the Tacoma schools. Mr. Fuller went west soon after leaving school; but is still well remembered in his boyhood home.

The young people will be "at home" after January 15 at Bell's Court, Everett, Washington; and any Lowell people passing that way without looking in will be fined seventeen cents.

Harry and Lila: THE LEDGER wishes you health, wealth and happiness.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Lowell Churches Which Invite Your Attendance.

CATHOLIC CHURCH. Rev. Father Bolte will say high mass at 5 o'clock and low mass at 6 o'clock Christmas morning at St. Mary's church. Everyone cordially invited.

WHITNEYVILLE and SNOW CHURCHES. Regular services at Snow 10:30 a. m. Whitneyville, 2:30 p. m. Subject "Another Milestone." You are invited.

CONGREGATIONAL. "He is Coming Again," will be the subject of next Sunday morning's sermon.

"Setting the House in Order," will be the theme at night.

There will be no prayer meeting Thursday night this week.

Service at South Boston at 2 p. m., subject: "The Second Coming of Christ."

A. Murman, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH. C. A. Barry of New York City, son of the Pastor, will speak at the morning hour and bring a live message for the people of Lowell.

Bible school at 11:45. B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m., the Bible study will be resumed.

The evening service will be "Antiphonal." C. A. Barry will have charge of the music and act as artist to illustrate the sermonette by the Pastor.

Everybody invited.

METHODIST CHURCH. Service, Sunday morning at 10:30, subject, The Supreme Moment of History.

Sunday school at 12m., Brothers' and Sisters' Supt.

Junior League service at 3:30 Sister Merrill, Supt.

Epworth League service at 6, subject, "Things to be Forgotten and Things to be Remembered." Miss Elsie Stone, leader.

Evening service at 7, subject, The Son of Elizabeth, and The Son of Salome.

The Pastor will speak to the brethren of the Masonic Order at the evening hour.

You are cordially invited to all of these services.

Services at Vergennes at 2:30. Ira T. Weldon, Minister.

W. C. T. U. Regular. Regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. convened at home of Mrs. D. Q. Barry.

Devotionals, led by Mrs. I. T. Weldon, subject: "The Birth of Christ."

After a short business session, roll call was responded to by current events on the temperance work. Mrs. Barry then gave a most excellent report of the recent county convention at Kent City. A rising vote of thanks was extended her.

Mrs. James A. Scott then read a beautiful Christmas story entitled, "Heart Gifts for the King," which was delightfully given. Singing "Ring The Bells of Heaven," closed a most helpful meeting.

Adjourned to meet in one month with Mrs. I. T. Weldon. [Com.]

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Newsy Notes About People You Know

This office closed to day.
Mrs. F. Hosley spent Friday in Grand Rapids.

H. Nash was in Grand Rapids Friday on business.

Miss Ellen Harte of Rochester is visiting relatives here.

John Crawford is home from Ionia for Christmas week.

Chas. Parks was home from Grand Rapids over Sunday.

H. H. Reed was in Grand Rapids on legal business yesterday.

Miss Lena Murphy spent the first of the week in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ed. Walker spent Sunday with her daughter in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. F. R. Ecker and daughter Freda spent Monday in Grand Rapids.

Miss M. E. Dwight is spending her Christmas with Deatur friends.

Miss Freda Ecker of Burr Oak is spending the holidays with her parents here.

Mrs. Fred DeWort attended the funeral of a relative in Grand Rapids Monday.

Will Burdick, commercial traveler, is home to spend Christmas with his family.

Bertha Murdock, who is attending school at Kalamazoo, is visiting relatives here.

Sunday Mrs. E. D. Collar of Ionia entertained her four brothers and Roy A. Kyser.

Kathryn and Anna Latley of St. Johns are spending the holidays with Lowell relatives.

Installation of officers of Lowell Lodge No. 99, F. & A. M. Saturday evening this week.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Glass of Grand Rapids spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Ribble.

The sensation of the season—the Maxwell automobile. H. V. Getty, agent.

Vern A. Freeman of South Boston is home from the Agricultural college on a two weeks' vacation.

Mystic Workers: Regular meeting and election of officers Friday evening, Dec. 26. Turn out.

December 27 to January 3, 50c books 39c, 25c and 35c books 19c at Henry's book store. adv

1914 calendar, diaries, New Year Post Cards and booklets, Henry's Drug and Book Store and C. E. Getty, wife and child of Gettysburg, Sask., are here to spend the winter with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Getty.

F. A. O'Harrow and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Freeman spent Saturday in Grand Rapids. Mrs. O'Harrow returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Behler of Alto, Glen Behler of Traverse City and Miss Eva Clatterton of West Lowell spent Wednesday at the home of Adam Behler.

Marriage licenses were issued Tuesday to Edmund J. Ritenburg of Lowell and Lillie Ann Sullivan of Fletcher; and Peter Bos and Pauline Koetsier both of Cascade township.

Masons: Meet at the lodge rooms at 6:30 Sunday evening to attend service at Methodist church in observance of St. John's day. Sermon by Rev. I. T. Weldon.

On account of the New Year's day holiday, THE LEDGER will be published Wednesday next week. Correspondents, advertisers, contributors and the clergy will please get their copy in one day earlier than usual.

Ledger's Gift to Brides. The publisher will present a six months subscription to THE LOWELL LEDGER to any Lowell and vicinity bride who will send us her name and address, thus signifying her acceptance of the offer. This is intended for "newly-weds" and brides to be and the offer will be continued indefinitely. We would like to see THE LEDGER in every new home.

EDITOR LEDGER.
Subscribe now, \$1 per year.

The Rexall Store

Extends to all the people of Lowell and vicinity the compliments of the season, and may 1914 bring you health, happiness and prosperity

This store is one of a chain of over 7,000 drug stores in the United States, Canada and Great Britain, and will be in a better position to serve you during 1914 than ever before.

We thank you "ever so much" for the very liberal patronage you have given us during 1913.

D. G. LOOK
The Rexall Drug Store
Lowell and Alto

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbors and may they enjoy to the full the pleasures and blessings of the season, and may the New Year give you fulfillment of your fondest hopes.

We want to say that we offer special inducements to any who may have deferred or forgotten gifts to make. You should come and see us before buying such gifts.

R. D. STOCKING

Price Maker on Watches and Reliable Jewelry.

Victrolas and Edison Phonographs and the late Records for both.

Program for Keene Grange, Friday Evening, Dec. 26.

Regular meeting of Keene Grange Friday evening, December 26. Lecturer's program:

Song, The Model Grange. Monologue, Myrtle Pinkney. Reading, Addie Daniels. Recitation, Paul Cahoon. Solo, "Why Don't You Smile?" Lucy Cahoon.

Christmas pantomime, Sayles school. Song, Beautiful Golden Somewhere.

Reading, Evelyn Brock Cahoon. Things I Like about this Program, Eva Hunter.

Recitation, Maxine Cahoon. Song, Star of the East. Why I Like this Program? Geo. Pinkney.

Christmas March. Each member bring a gift, value not over 10c, wrapped and tied. Ladies, bring pop corn and apples for refreshments.

BUY YOUR TICKET HERE.

See the Ticket Agent. He is Waiting for You.

Every dollar paid in fares on the train deprives Lowell of just that credit for the passenger business it gives the railroad company and lessens its chances of recognition when occasion calls for improvement in railway accommodations.

Spend your money at the Lowell ticket office, where it will be recorded to the credit of Lowell and help give your home its proper standing as a railroad center.

Help boost Lowell and at the same time assist the conductor in getting his destination on time by purchasing your ticket before you board the train.

the six thousand people who read this paper can be reached by advertisers only through THE LOWELL LEDGER.

Newsdealers for snettes, etc., 25 for 5 cents, at The Ledger office.

Practical Xmas Gifts For Men

Be practical in your giving this Christmas—give "him" something that will be of constant usefulness—a Keen Kutter Tool Cabinet, Safety Razor or a Pocket Knife.

KEEN KUTTER

quality tools and cutlery have a nation-wide reputation for long service and satisfaction. Every article money back guaranteed or

EVERYTHING WE SEEL IS USEFUL

SCOTT HARDWARE CO.

From Our Point of View

Wilson, What's the Matter?

Word has come from Cleveland that a new law has been passed...

Our Country Cousins

SEELYE CORNERS

December 22—Rev. Carlisle G. Rapch occupied the pulpit here Sunday...

SOUTH BOSTON

December 22—J. J. and A. N. Hall and Mrs. E. Collier, all of London...

Scrap Book

God Bless My Mother

A little child with father's hair and mother's eyes...

BORE HIS HONORS WEEKLY

Likewise the substantial trimmings that went with them...

WANTS

FARM FOR SALE—Known as Beverly Hill's farm on 25, 1/2 acre...

HOMES

Many people have paid for their homes through The Lowell Building & Loan Association...

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Prof. and Mrs. A. F. Frazer are spending their holiday vacation with their people at Waterbury...

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HENRY'S Annual Clean-up, After Christmas Book Sale Starts Dec. 27, 1913 Ends January 3, 1914

HENRY'S Drug and Book Store HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS

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POSTMASTER GENERAL BURLESON intimates that penny letter postage will not come until rates on average...

New Subscriber wants to know if THE LEDGER always tells the truth...

BECAUSE the move for nationwide prohibition is rapidly gaining ground...

THE Press, Herald and Newsboys and girls, all give up a portion of their holidays...

ELMDALE December 22—Geo. Klahn had several sheep killed last Tuesday...

AD. ERIK and daughter, Coraean, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Mulder...

WEST CASCADE December 22—Mr. and Mrs. Will and Mrs. M. W. Van der Venter...

CASCADE December 20—Merry Christmas to THE LEDGER and its friends...

POOR DEFENSEMAN New York, Dec. 22—The trial of the man who shot and killed...

DISBURSEMENT Explained. One day an El Dorado man met up with the party...

SLAYER and Blepher. In the first number of the Atlantic Monthly...

MORSE LAKE Election of officers of the North Lowell Grange...

CONSTITUTION POISONS YOU. If you are constipated, your entire system will be affected...

WHITNEYVILLE [Too late for last week] December 17—Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanAmburg spent Sunday...

CRISP and Cowley Remedy. Crisp is a terrible remedy. It attacks children so suddenly...

COOL NIGHTS With the shortening of the day and the fall season...

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Kent...

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State and General News Section of Ledger

Compiled and Condensed for Readers of Lowell and Environs

COMMITTEE CUTS REPRESENTATION

Washington. The republican national committee has decided its labor reform in part procedure, and launched its campaign for a revision of the war contract act...

REPUBLICANS AGREE TO REFORM IN REGARD TO CONVENTION.

Washington. The republican national committee has decided its labor reform in part procedure, and launched its campaign for a revision of the war contract act...

SOUTHERN STATES ARE GIVEN FEWER DELEGATES.

Washington. The republican national committee has decided its labor reform in part procedure, and launched its campaign for a revision of the war contract act...

Action is Unanimous After Spirited Debate—Matter to Be Referred to State Organization for Approval.

Washington. The republican national committee has decided its labor reform in part procedure, and launched its campaign for a revision of the war contract act...

REAR ADMIRAL HOWARD MAJOR BURKHART SUCCEEDS IN PARLIAMENTS

Gov. Ferris chose him for post of secretary of board of health.

HAS SPLENDID RECORD AS ARMY SURGEON.

Big Rapids Doctor Served Several Years in the Philippine Islands and Also in the U. S.

POTATO YIELD IN STATE Report Relative to Crop Conditions.

Lansing, Mich.—According to the report of Secretary of State Martin...

ST. LOUIS TO ERECT MONUMENT.

St. Louis, Mich.—As the result of a patriotic club...

BERIN SUFFERS BIG FIRE LOSS.

St. Louis, Mich.—As the result of a patriotic club...

MICHIGAN NEWS IN BRIEF

The Lapeer County Farmers' institute is announcing...

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION IN ANNUAL REPORT.

Washington—Emphasizing the necessity for further action by the federal government to provide greater safety for travelers and employees on American railroads...

Simple Cure for Colds.

An incident cold can often be prevented by a simple cure...

Land Work—A new record price for New York city land is established in a transaction...

Without the law. The Detroit city council has passed an ordinance...

Strawberry From Chile.

A great many people are under the impression that strawberries are of European origin...

Gen. Wood to Command East.

Washington. Gen. Wood will command the eastern department with headquarters at New York...

Refuses Increase in Pay.

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The Scrap Book

They Couldn't Either. She was a charming English girl, but she could not see the point of a joke.

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"Maud," she said, "can you tell me the last way to meet a Maitese cross?" "No," replied Maud after due thought. "How do you make a Maitese cross?" "Pull it tall," said Clara promptly.

Gains For All Our Losses. There are gains for all our losses. There are gains for all our pains. But when youth, the dream, departs it takes something from our hearts.

We are stronger and are better Under manhood's sterner reign. Still we feel that something sweet Followed youth with flying feet.

Richard Henry Stoddard.

Insulted His Patron. Phil Morris, the eminent portrait painter, who died when his fame was at its zenith, had a very unpleasant experience while visiting a wealthy merchant who had commissioned him to paint his wife and baby for the sum of \$700.

"How dare you, sir? Do you wish to insult me?" half a mile to countermand my order!" roared the irate wealthy magnate. Poor Phil Morris couldn't think what harm he had done until a few days later he learned that his patron had made his money in "pork" and was known as the "bacon king."—London Tit-Bits.

Where It Did Most Good. There was cause for an eruption in a downtown office one morning that, instead of causing a flow of lava of Vesuvian quality, will no doubt produce a rather of Vesuvian quantity.

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By CLARISSA MACKIE

"It is a fine old place," said Donald Graham to Miss Lucretia Belmont as they stood in the long upper corridor of the old southern mansion.

Miss Lucretia folded her delicate hands and sighed. "It breaks my heart to let it go, Mr. Graham. I was born here, and I spent a very happy girlhood under this roof. Of course the war ruined my people, but I could continue to live here in comfort if my Cousin Charlotte's legacy had ever reached me."

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only find it, Mr. Graham—I am afraid that we would send you back to New York with an unhappy message for your Mr. Ritchie!" "My dear, my dear!" cried Aunt Lucretia, but Donald could see that her mind had gone back to the object of his visit—the purchase of her home by James Ritchie of New York.

"Suppose we wait another day before deciding about the sale of the place," he suddenly said to Miss Lucretia. "Why, yes, if you wish," she replied with a bewildered air.

"Aunt Lucretia, I do believe Mr. Graham thinks he may find the Belmont diamond before tomorrow, and then we can keep the home," cried Anne mischievously.

"Nonsense, Anne. Mr. Graham will think that we are two idle women building romances on that old legacy of my Cousin Charlotte," smiled Miss Lucretia. "Now, Mr. Graham," she added hospitably, "you must not think of taking the long drive back to Tompkins this evening. Will you not remain all night and let Peter drive you over in the morning?"

"Thank you, Miss Belmont; I shall be delighted, provided you let me occupy the guest room you showed me this afternoon."

"With pleasure. Perhaps you may dream about my beautiful cousin, and you may get a glimpse of the whereabouts of the diamond brooch."

"So Donald settled himself down to a delightful evening spent in the company of Miss Lucretia and her lovely niece. First there was a walk in the rose garden with Anne while Miss Lucretia attended to housewifely duties, and afterward there was music in the parlor.

As he stood before the dim old mirror in the spare bedroom he was reminded softly of a few bars of "Anne Laurie" while he removed his collar and tie. Presently he moved over to the portrait of Charlotte Belmont and looked up at the beautiful face that seemed alive with changing expressions as the candle flickered in the breeze from an open window.

"I wonder—I wonder what became of Miss Lucretia's inheritance! You look as though you knew, Cousin Charlotte!" He smiled whimsically as he blew out his candle and opened all of his windows wide to the sweet, dew drenched night.

As soon as his head touched the lavender scented pillow Donald fell asleep. Strange dreams came to him, born perhaps of the tales he had heard from Miss Lucretia. He moved through scenes of gay hospitality, surrounded by black servants and breathing the heavy scent of magnolias and the lighter fragrance of jasmine.

Then from the other dreams there emerged a more vivid one. This was of Charlotte Belmont—she wore the green velvet gown, and he was stepping through the measures of a stately quadrille, her white hand in his.

How cold was her hand and how brilliantly white shone the Belmont diamond pinned to the black velvet about her throat. The diamond looked like a piece of ice, and as he gazed at it, fascinated, it seemed to disappear entirely.

Charlotte's hand flew to her throat, and she gave a queer gasping cry. "It hurts—it hurts—take it away!" she shrieked at him, and when he would have touched the velvet band she turned and fled from him, crying exultantly over her shoulder. "It is hidden, Ronald Belmont—it is hidden!"

Donald awoke bathed in cold sweat to find the quiet room flooded with moonlight that brought into view the painted face of Charlotte Belmont with startling vividness.

Miss Lucretia nodded. "Charlotte had the name of being long headed," she admitted. "And Ronald Belmont was her cousin?"

"His brother," she corrected him, with an air of surprise. "A scapegrace he was too. I may as well confess that the heirs suspected Ronald of making way with the brooch. He was always hard up for money. Poor fellow, he has been dead and gone these many years!"

"Without more ado Donald related his dreams of the night before. "I was determined to find out how that diamond brooch disappeared so suddenly from the air near me of my partner," he said whimsically, "so I sat up half the night, and I discovered the secret."

"Charlotte Belmont wanted to conceal the diamond which she had promised you so securely that her scapegrace brother could not find it. She wanted to make sure that it would reach you safely. Miss Lucretia, have you ever had this portrait cleaned?"

"Never," said Miss Lucretia tensely. "It is a good thing that you have not. Permit me to show you how ingeniously your cousin concealed the diamond brooch." He stepped upon a chair and removed the heavy picture from the wall.

Whipping out a penknife, he opened a blade and poked it over the velvet bandol throat of Charlotte Belmont's portrait.

"You say the artist made a sorry job of painting the brooch," he said. "I dare say the fellow did well enough, but your cousin thought she could improve upon art. Perhaps overcome by fears for the safety of the diamond—maybe Ronald had badgered her more or less—she conceived a most unlikely hiding place for the jewel. Look!"

He scraped at the lumps of paint that represented the splendid jewel at Charlotte's throat. The bits of hardened paint flew off, and something caught a hazy gleam of sunlight and sent a fiery shaft of flame right into Miss Lucretia's astonished eyes.

"There—under the paint?" she gasped. "Yes; your cousin removed the back of the frame, cut out the painted brooch and pressed this one in place, the back of the frame holding it in place. Then Miss Lucretia must have painted it over more or less clumsily, concealing the brilliance from her stepbrother's avaricious eyes. Well, the portrait came to you—safely bearing the inheritance she had promised—there!"

"I'm sure the picture can be restored, Miss Lucretia," assured Douglas, "and we will be certain this time that the painter gives full value to the beauty of the brooch. But my mission here is ended. I must disappoint Mr. Ritchie, for now you may live in luxury in your

HE SLIPPED HIS KNIFE UNDER THE EDGE OF THE BROOCH. The Belmont diamond must be worth \$50,000 at the most conservative estimate.

Miss Lucretia laid her hand on Donald's. "Mr. Graham, you must let me show my gratitude in some way," she pleaded. "May I not give you the Shemton sideboard. I have two, you know—"

"Dear Miss Lucretia," he interrupted gently, "some day you may give me the sideboard as a wedding present if you will. In the meantime I warn you I shall bore you with my company, for I hope you will leave the latching out. Perhaps you may persuade her, Miss Anne," he added.

Anne lifted shy eyes to his, but Miss Lucretia spoke eagerly. "As if you could doubt your welcome here!" she cried warmly.

And Donald hugged Anne's smile to his heart and was quite content.

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FOR SALE BY M. N. HENRY. For the Ironing Board. Pad the ironing board with a thick quilt or old blanket, then lay the board on the table and cut a piece of heavy muslin so it will fit the board loosely. Steam it up, leaving the slip open at each end. Make two of these slips and change them frequently.

AVOID CATARRH. Why continue to suffer from droppings in the throat, that choked up feeling, the formation of crusts in the nose, raising of mucus, head colds, watery eyes or any catarrhal symptoms.

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