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He stood upright and gazed before 1 him into the darkness of the wood, and voice. "Yes, please go now. I have tried to realize all that this meant been trying to thank you-but I canto him, to ease the throbbing of his not find any words. And yet I think heart; and he tried to speak calmly. you must know that I am grateful for and repress the joy that consumed

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"I understand—not your reason for asking; I do not want that!-but what you want me to do. You want she added, almost to herself. to marry me"-he laughed but checked himself—"as soon as possible. Right! If I could marry you to-morrow! But I am afraid it couldn't be done. I don't know, but I will see. Is that all?" He laughed again; but ; the laugh did not jar upon her, for she understood it.

"You are very good to me," she said. "When you have gone I will writeand explain; will ask for your forgiveness."

'Gone" he repeated dully. She looked up at him with faint sur-

"Yes. You will go after-after we are married. You knew that I should ask you that? You did not think that f meant to be a burden to you."

He gazed at her as if he were hypnotized. Her eyes met his solemnly and unabashed in her innocence and purity, and he felt as a man would feel if he had surrendered his reason, his very senses, under some subtle influence too powerful to be resisted.

"I understand," he said, the solemnity of his tone answering the solemnity in her eyes. "When I am gone you will write and explain. "Yes"he drew a long breath-"I understand. And I give you my promise. You will explain: I will wait."

There was silence for a moment or two. The soft tones of the Sonata of Schubert's floated out to them. The hem: he felt as if he were in a trance, and yet he knew that the moment was real; that he was to marry Clytie for some mysterious yet sufficient reason. He did not regret, did not resent, this last exaction of hers; he might do so later, when he was away from the glamour of her presence, the all-compelling influence of her voice; but he knew that though he should feel regret and resentment, he would not refuse his consent. He was, as he had said, just her slave. He tried to pull himself together, to form some plans, to consider the details of the speedy marriag.

"See now." he haid, "I will come to- | Mollie!" morrow and tell you what I have done, what I have arranged. I understand that the-the marriage must be a secret one?"

She made a slight gesture of assent. and he nodded.

arrange everything. To-morrow I will silly, that I haven't seen what has tell you; and you will be ready." He been going on under my very nose? looked at her wistfully. "I will go Why, he has never looked at you withnow. You look-all this has tired out looking love with all his eyes, you. You look ill, and that makes never spoken to you without virtually me unhappy. I am anxious-

SIR WILLIAM'S

"I am better." she said, in a low your consideration. When I have explained all, when you know all. why I have asked you to do-this, you will forgive me. Yes, I am sure of that,"

"There won't be any need for forgiveness," he said. "I shall keep my promise, and I ask no questions. will wait, Clytie. I love you well enough to trust you, to be sure that your reason is a sufficient one."

She held out her hand to him, and he took it and would have drawn her to his breast; but she shrank back with something like fear in her eyes. and he released her hand and turned swiftly away.

Clytie sank into the chair again and listened to his retreating footsteps; she still felt faint and weak, and her eyes closed. There is always a reaction after such a strain as she had endured; she had been impelled to do what she had dong, to speak as she had spoken, by the dread that if she postponed her action fate might swoop down upon her; but she was already beginning to realize that she had done that which by no possibility could she, a few omnths ago have thought it possible to do; even the most advanced of "new women" would shrink from offering themselves in marriage to a man. And yet she had done this! Mollie came out singing.

"I refuse to turn the organ any longer. I have ordered soda and whiskey-Why, where is Mr. Doug-

"He has gone," said Clytie, in a low voice. "Come and sit down here, Mollaid her hand on Mollie's arm imploringly. prised, dear," she said. "I am going her in the darkness. to marry him."

arms round Clytie and hugged her, laughing half-hysterically.

scarcely believe my senses. You are ligs. a dear, good, sensible girl, and I'm "You must not ask me that, Mollie proud of you. When did he prodear," she said almost inaudibly. pose? Just now?"

Clytie's face grew crimson; but it was dark under the ceranda, and Mo!- time." lie could not see the budning blush.

Mollie knelt beside her and gripped

her tightly. "There won't be any difficulty. I can Do you think I'm blind as well as calling out 'I love you!' Why did he She rose, resting her hand lightly on loot ask you? He has been simply

he actually told me the night before last-I found him wandering arou he was your social inferior that he did not speak?"

Clytie drew a long breath; Mollie's words were sweet to her.

"Be prepared for a surprise now, dear," she said. "Mr. Douglas is Sir Wilfred Carton." The surprise was for her, for Mollie laughed still more hysterically.

"You silly little goose!" she exclaimed breathlessly. "Do you think I didn't know that? Why, I knew it efore you did. I detected him the light he arrived. I saw him prawling about the churchyard; he had been to his father's grave. He gave himself away fifty, a hundred times. Did ever any fisherman, laborer, working man, look like that? Why, even Percy, thought he did not guess the truth, realized that 'Jack Douglas' was a gentleman, and treated him as one. When did you discover it?"

"On the day of the storm, in the boat," said Clytie, in a low voice. "And you cared for him before then," declared Mollie. "I saw how it was with you, dear: And now it is going to be all right!" she went on joyfully. "He has owend up, told you he leves you; you are going to be married, he will come to his 'own,' and you and he will reign at dear old Bramley as Sir Wilfred and Lady Carton! Clytie, do you think the servants will be very much alarmed if I scream? Because.

if I don't, I'm afraid I shall explode!" "Hush, Mollie," murmured Clytie soothingly, and stifling a sigh; for the picture Mollie had drawn was but the mockery of her happiness. "He does not know that I have discovered that he is Sir Wilfred. He must not know."

"Why?" demanded Mollie, with rea-

Clytie drew her hand across her brow with a gesture of weariness and doubt. 'Don't you see, dear?" she said. 'If he knew, he he would not marry me. Mr. Granger told me in his letter, reminding me of the date, that Sir Wilfred had already refused to marry me. Mr. Granger told me this unwillingly, but he was obliged to do so. He wrote vaguely about a paper Sir Wilfred had drawn up, but which Mr. Granger had not in his possession; he said that Sir Wilfred might change his mind; but that I could not rely on that, and that the time had come when he, Mr. Granger, was compelled to tell me how matters stood. You see, Mollie, that Sir Wilfred had renounced the proposed marriage; and I know he would not change his mind. He is too proud to gain Bramley by-by consenting to his father's plan."

"I see." said Mollie slowly and thoughtfully. "And you had to humor him, to-to speak. Clytie dear, I know how you feel about it; but I honor you for doing what you have done. Only a brave woman could have done it. And now tell me everything, dear. The marriage-I suppose it must take place soon?" She laughed joyfully. delightful it all is! When I try to realize it my head swims!"

"Yes; the marriage must take place perfumed air of the woods stole over lie, I have something to tell you." She soon, before the twenty-third. And "You will be startled, sur- She felt Mollie draw back and gaze ae

"A secret one!" repeated Mollie, Mollie sprang up, then threw her with amazement. "But why, Clytie?" There was silence for a moment, and Mollie could not see the pallor of the "You are!" she exclaimed. "I can face above her, the quivering of the

> "There—there are reasons. He is satisfied. And you shall know after-in

"Very well," said Mollie, after a mo-"No, he did not-I asked him. Oh, ment or two of thought. "Then I must be content to wait. The whole affair is so romantic, so mysterious, that it would be a pity to spoil it by "You-Clytie! Why did you do an ordinary wedding. Satisfied! I that? What need was there for it? should think he was! If I know him, Why, he loves the very ground he's half-mad with delight at getting you walk on, the very air you breathe. | you on any terms. I never saw, or read of, any man half as much in love as he is. And no wonder. But go on, Clytie; my soul is thirsting for 'the minutest details. How you can sit there as calm as a boiled egg and as cool as a cucumber, while I'm all of a tremble with excitement!" "There is no more to tell, Mollie

dear," said Clytie. "He is coming to-

morrow-"To arrange about the wedding? Oh, Clytie, isn't it delicious! My fondest, wildest hopes are going to be realized. And they were happy ever afterward.' And I'm not forgetting myself. I've shuddered every time I though of that ridiculously heroic and quixotic idea of yours of surrendering Bramley and the money ,and going back to Camden town and genteel indigence. And now you are going to be the real mistrees of Bramley! Lady Carton. How nice it sounds! And, Ciytie, what a splendid fellow he is. Such an absolute dear. Really, I think, if you had refused him, I should have proposed

to him myself!' Clytic winced; all unwittingly Mollie had laid her hand upon the recent wound of Clytie's maiden modesty and pride. They talked, more quietly now, for some time; but at last went upstairs. In the light Mollie noticed Clytie's pallor and weakness, but attributed them to excitement, the em-

otion, she had passed through. "You are looking fagged out, dear; and no wonder. But you will be all right now. Thank goodness, there will be a great strong man to look after you, and your long-suffering eister will be relieved of her burdensome

It was some time before she left Clytie; and when she had gone Clytie sank on her knees beside the bed, her face hidden on her outstretched arms. (To be continued.)

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We quote from the different reports as for

The cut of lumber during the pa season was not as large as usual.

Practically all stocks have been sold and shipped out. Prices were high. Labor conditions show imp and a larger cut is looked for this The demand for pulpwood from

the United States was uneven, but stocks have been well disp high prices are expected to be maintained. The paper mills of the Province

continue to working to capacity, demand for newsprint and bet supply. Manufacturing in nearly all lines has been generally satisfactory, al-

hough production is still limited by scarcity of skilled labor and raw materials. Hay and cereal crops

Root crops were large, but age was good, and dairy products will show an increase.

With the exception of asbestos, there is little mining done in the Province. Asbestos prices are good and shipments are well maintained.

The fur business has been good, and boot and shoe manufacturers find and boot and shoe manufac difficulty in supplying the demand. Shipbuilding continues active, a number of large steel vessels hav-

ing been launched from different yards during the year. The wholesale and retail trade was most satisfactory; collections were good and failures show a decrease.

There have been no excentional expenditures during the year by the Dominion or Provincial Governm and municipalities have limited disbursements to necessary works. Practically no railroad construction was

There is very little speculation in real estate; values and rentals are both high.

General conditions, both in cities and rural districts, are good, with trades.

no apparent slackening in trade There since the termination of the war. sion in hydro-electric power during The housing problem is everywhere the past year, and works at Nipigon endent on a fixed income are seriously affected by the places less important, will within abnormal cost of all necessaries. ONTARIO.

limited only by shortage of supplies and disturbances in labor. Government credits for goods sold to Europe have stimulated manufacturing. and domestic demands have been insistent. New industries have been started, and a number of successful manufacturing concerns in the United States have been making enquiries with the intention of locating in On-

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Larger expenditures were generally made by municipalities this year in an effort to overtake works postponed during the war.

Population shows a general increase with a tendency to drift to urban and manufacturing centres.

Values in real estate are steadily increasing. So little building took place during the war that there is now a general shortage, particularly in dwelling houses, and in consequence there is much activity in real estate and an improvement in the building

There has been a continued extenand Chir the next two years add very largely to the available power for manufac-Manufacturing in Ontario has been turing and other purposes throughout Ontario.

Generally speaking, the year has been one of great activity throughout the Province.



sians, holy. The people, who inhabit the region of Lake Baikal firmly believe that both the lake and its surroundings are endowed with superna-tural powers and inhabited by un-earthly beings. All manner of woird tales mingle with their explanations of feature of the lake.

feature of the lake.

Even so simple an object as a great rock lying in the middle of a river just, where it flows from Lake Baikal takes on a mysterious significance. If this stone were to slip from place, they say, the whole of Lake Baikal would pour out of its basin and flood would pour out of its basin and floud the river and probably the continent.

Yet, even without native interpretation, many things are strange about the great Russian lake. One of Raikal's phenomena is a species of fish that inhabits the deepest part. These fish have been seen by few persons, for as soon as they are lifted out of their accustomed atmosphere of high

for as soon as they are lifted out of their accustomed atmosphere of high pressure they explode.

Lake Raikal has played an important part in Russian affairs. It lies directly in the way across the continent, and before the railway was built around the southern end of the lake it had to be crossed by Siberian travellors going either east or west.

In summers teamers carried freight and passengers, but in winter, when the lake was ten-bound, traffic dependent on the play work of an icebreaker

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a steel ship that could cut ice four
feet thick and when the ice became ck for the breaker siedges made erty-mile trip over the ice.

ing the Russo-Japanese troons had to be rushed from end of the empire to the other, aBikal was a great obstacle to until engineers laid tracks the ice sheet and ran trains it.—Arkansas Gazette.

Worth Knowing

Perhaps no vegetable is more than the homely but partice wholesome outon. The oil and flavor which are ob amount of after salting can re

Beets are juicer and of the process, the result warra beets for cooking, care should be take en that the little rootlets are not cu off, or the juices will escape and be color and wholesomeness he sacrif

All concentrated vegetable foods require thorough and prolonged cooking. This class includes dried beans, peasand lentils, and the various grain foods. All of which, and for the same reasons, should like tubers, be put un to cook in boiling unsalted water.

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The food value of the putato depends almost entirely upon how it is cooked. From a dictis standpoint, it should always be cooked in its jacket, for the most nutritions portion together with one of its valuable saits lies just be neath the skin of the potato. When desirable to serve in some other way, peel very thin, using a sharp knife. Soak old potatoes at least one hour in cold water before cooking. Prepare new potatoes just in time to put over the fire. In either case, the water must be boiling at the moment the potatoes are dropped into it, otherwise, instead of the cellulose becoming softened, the filter will be toughened and water soaked. Roasted potatoes are more nutritious and more easily digested than boiled ones.

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