

The Secret of the Old Chateau

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Synopsis of Later Chapters.

Leaving Baxenter bound in the cellar of Aderbury Towers, Dartin and Haverton make their escape. Two days later Baxenter starts for Paris with a detective, Silas Berwick. They track Haverton to the Hotel d'Elclair.

CHAPTER XXI. Haverton at Bay.

At their knock a voice on the other side of the door suddenly ceased, then was resumed in an excited whisper. There was a delay of a few minutes, and the door was cautiously unlatched and Brieux's man looked out.

At sight of Robert and Berwick he drew the door wide open, and they stepped into the dimly lighted cafe. Madame Renier, the picture of anticipation, nodded brightly as the police officer shut the door.

"Ah, messieurs, you have come at the good hour—he is but newly arrived and has gone to bed. Only one, messieurs, the other is not—, and madame made an expressive gesture.

"We know, madame, we have watched for his light to go out. We may go up?" queried Robert.

"But certainly, messieurs; M. Elouard and I will accompany you." Berwick thought for a moment, and said a few words to Robert in English. Then he turned to the woman.

"If you will permit us, we would prefer to go alone. It is not a case of an arrest, and, looking toward M. Elouard, 'it is not an official affair.' They received the pass-key from Madame Renier, and softly ascended the stairs. On the second-floor landing they stopped and listened at Haverton's door. From behind it came the unmistakable sounds of a sleeper.

Either Mr. Eddie Haverton was remarkably conscience free or remarkably tired.

Berwick turned the key softly in the lock, and the men entered without disturbing the slumbers of the man on the bed, and it was not until a match was struck and the candle spluttered into light that he started up—to find the steady hand of the man he had left in the cellars at Aderbury Towers holding a revolver a few inches from his head.

"Good evening, Mr. Haverton. Less than a week since we parted—heavens! it seems a year—keep those hands away from your pillow—there—on the coverlet where I can see them—so!" Then, as Robert drew a Derringer from beneath the pillow: "I don't think you would do much with this—you haven't the pluck; but it might go off—they do sometimes."

The man on the bed made no answer, but watched with sullen eyes while Berwick cut the cord from the window-blind and tied the hands on the coverlet deftly together.

This done, Robert put up his revolver, and together the two men began to examine the luggage. Their request for the keys raised no fight in Haverton; he nodded in the direction of his trousers, and in the pockets they found them.

At first sight the bags contained nothing but wearing apparel, but beneath this the searchers unearthed a quantity of jewelry and a considerable amount of gold coin. Between the garments, too, reposed a small fortune in notes. It was hardly to be wondered at that they wished to avoid the inquisitiveness of the Customs officers as much as possible. Robert noticed that the majority of the jewelry was engraved with the arms of the De Dartigny family.

"And what are you going to do with me?"

The voice from the bed was tremulous, and it seemed as if Haverton's lips had formed a question the answer to which he dreaded to hear.

Robert turned on his examination of the treasure and seated himself on the edge of the bed.

"That, my dear Haverton, depends a great deal on the attitude you take up—what you tell us."

"As to that, Mr. Baxenter, I'll tell you what you like. Can't you see I'm knocked?"

"Well—where's the other one?"

"The other?"

"Yes—Vivian—Baptiste, whichever you like to call him."

For a moment a look of terror passed over Eddie's face and the bound hands trembled on the coverlet.

"I believe he's dead—he must be dead—I waited—before God! I waited—it was terrible listening there—oh! he's dead all right—I—"

Baxenter turned on him sharply.

"Don't drive like that, man. What is it that's happened? Where have you been the last two days?"

"Chauville—he made me go—he said I could help him—I did wait—I sweat I waited—"

Haverton had during the day maintained his sullen manner of the night before. He spoke but rarely, and, indeed, as he thought of the information—the king's evidence, as it were—that he had given to his captors, he felt a dull resentment at his treatment. It seemed to him that he was doomed to come off very badly in the affair altogether.

Of the mystery that evidently surrounded the Chateau Chauville and its chapel he knew nothing, and cared less; in the killing of Hubert Baxenter he had had no hand; why, then, was he tramping dusty roads with two men who practically held him prisoner?

He wished with all his soul that when he had located Vivian Renton at Aderbury Towers he had let the sleeping dog lie. He should have taken warning by his last association with that gentleman. It seemed to him very unfair that he should be eternally called upon to pay the piper to Vivian's darning. In fact, Mr. Eddie Haverton was filled with a very real pity for himself.

He sat with his head leaning back on the old cracked plaster of the wall, smoking a cigar and gazing out through the open doorway moodily, seeing nothing of the beauties of the sun-kissed countryside. His thoughts were of a cozy flat overlooking Hyde Park, and of all the niceties and luxuries which he told himself were no more to him.

One by one the villagers, satisfied with news, departed to convey their knowledge to, and shine with a reflected glory among, their waiting families. As old Henri, his occupation gone, prepared to follow them, Berwick touched him on the shoulder.

"A moment, monsieur. I have been listening to your graphic description. I think I would like to hear a little more. A bottle of wine, now. I am a journalist from Paris; your story would read well, I think, and would be well paid for."

Nothing loth, the old man settled again into his chair. It was not the monetary aspect which influenced him so much as the thought of seeing his story, and perchance his name, in print. A few of the Parisian journals filtered through, from time to time, to Massey, to be read and re-read by the inhabitants, and Henri, in imagination, already saw the personal glory of the Haring headlines.

The wine was brought and, under its mellow influence, the old man opened out; if the story was to appear in print then it should be a good one and lack no gruesome detail.

(To be continued.)

The Latest Inventions.

For cooking small amounts of food a coal stove has been invented that is just large enough to stand in a hole of a regular stove.

Hawaiian planters have found that sugar cane tops, formerly regarded as waste material, make good stock food when properly dried.

Improvements in the United States navy's radio station at Cavite enable the transmission of messages to San Francisco without relay.

Of European invention are glass beads so formed that they fit closely together to insulate wire no matter in what form it may be bent.

For household use colored glass covers have been invented that can be placed over electric lamps to change the lighting effects of rooms.

An electric street car in Halifax, England, has been fitted up as a travelling kitchen, selling meals to persons who live along its route.

After years of experimenting a Frenchman has invented a carding machine with which kapok fibres can be prepared for weaving into textiles.

The blade of a new safety razor is a circular disk which is revolved by a spring inside the handle, controlled by a thumb piece on one side.

Porcelain ware is being made in Saxony for Guatemala, which plans to experiment with it in place of the hard rubber currency now in use there.

Electric heat drawn from a light socket presses trousers after they are clamped in a new device.

A new beater of the crank-operated type can beat a single egg in a cup or whip cream in the bottle in which it is sold.

Experiments with motor snow plows have been so successful in Norway that several municipalities expect to use them to keep the roads open next winter.

Its inventor has patented a combination engagement and wedding ring, the latter part being added at the proper time to form a single piece of jewelry.

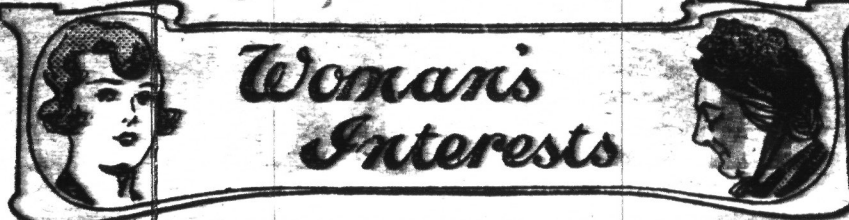
The Brazilian Government is erecting an experiment station for combustibles and mine products and will extensively test coal produced in that country.

Rapid Tree Growth in Southern Ontario.

At the meeting of the Council of Norfolk County, Ontario, at which it was decided to purchase a block of 500 acres for reforestation, one of the councillors gave an instance of a 25-acre lot in North Walsingham township owned by a man who lives five miles away. Seven years ago it was a sand plain, decorated only with the dry stumps of a primeval pine forest. To-day it is entirely reforested in growths ranging from fourteen feet downward. It was first fenced and each year a portion was planted to pine. The planting was done by plowing a furrow straight as might be and planting the seedlings along the furrow. The entire plot is thriving, and the first year's planting is now beginning to undergo thinning out.

Winnipeg's Liniment used by Physicians.

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Woman's Interests

Caring for the Complexion.

Said a girl to me once, "How I wish I could be just as beautiful in the sunlight, as I can in a softly lighted room at night."

We all wish we could! And we know we could! For our complexions which the ruthless sun shows up most cruelly. Some of us just cannot have the marvelous, fresh, pink-and-white skin which we can keep our complexions free from blemishes; we can keep them as clear as Nature and right living will let us; and as for freckles and healthy tan, well, we must reconcile ourselves to that by thinking of the favors Nature has bestowed upon us.

To have a clear skin, we must begin at the very root of things, namely, proper living and diet. The girl who stuffs herself with candy and rich, greasy foods, who is lazy and inert, cannot hope for the clear, healthy skin of the girl who eats fruit, vegetables, drinks lots of water, sleeps with her windows open every night, bathes often and gets in plenty of vigorous exercise. And as we need not lack for the wholesome exercise, let us concentrate on diet.

In their seasons there is nothing better to eat than lettuce, spinach, carrots, tomatoes, radishes, beets, turnips, asparagus, greens. Prunes every morning for breakfast and bran bread instead of white, will help the sluggish bowels which cause dull and sallow complexions.

Are there any harmless artificial aids for the complexion? Yes, there are. I have a little list of things I think we could keep with profit on our private shelf in the medicine cabinet and the next time you go to town, you might buy these things if you do not possess them. The cost is trifling.

1/2 ounce medicated alcohol, 1 comedone extractor, 1 roll absorbent cotton, 1/2 ounce pure almond oil, 1/2 ounce tincture benzoin, 1 jar of good make cold cream.

First about washing our faces. If one is not engaged in work that leaves much genuine dirt on the face, one thoroughly scrubbing a day will do, preferably at night. First, rub the cold cream in thoroughly; wipe off with soft cloth; then with a pure, bland soap and soft water, wash the face. Close the pores with cold water and rub over with a piece of ice if possible. A few drops of benzoin tincture on the cold water will improve the complexion brushes are necessary.

Blackheads trouble many of us. To banish them we have purchased the comedone extractor ("comedone" is another name for blackhead), the almond oil, alcohol and benzoin. They cannot be removed all at once; it may take weeks but if we persist faithfully, we will be rewarded. Wash the nose and parts of face affected, then rub in some of the almond oil with a piece of absorbent cotton. It is better to do this three days at least before beginning the extracting process, to soften the skin. Then when you can devote plenty of time to the process, washing your hands so they are immaculately clean, take a mirror and sit in a good light. With the comedone extractor (a small inexpensive instrument which every drug store keeps) press the black head with the end with the small hole, the larger one being for pimples. A whitish, worm-like substance will emerge. Do only two or three at a time or your face will have a bruised appearance. Rub over with almond oil again; then rub on a little of the medicated alcohol to close the pores. Witch hazel is just as effective, and is even better as an astringent. Never touch or pick at these spots with your fingers, before or after treatment.

Freckles are a problem but we must remember that once we remove them or even bleach them, we are forever after a slave to this process, for they will recur with every season, nor can we ever finally get rid of them. Here are some simple preventive measures: always cold-cream your face after coming in from exposure to the hot sun, before washing it; before going out in the sun, rub on a little cold cream and dust over lightly with powder to take the oily look away. And if we must try to bleach out the freckles, try fresh buttermilk every night. It is wonderfully softening and bleaching.

Heart Disease in Children.

Rheumatism is the most frequent cause of heart disease in children, principally because rheumatism in children is often so disguised or is so mild a form that the heart is damaged before the parent knows that the child is ill.

The first symptom of heart disease in a child is likely to be shortness of breath and when rheumatism is the cause is likely to be noticeable in the early stages of the disease. In that respect the child differs from the adult, who is more likely to have trouble in breathing only in the later stages of the disease. The reason is that in children rheumatism usually damages the heart muscle as well as the lining, whereas in adults it mainly affects the lining. So long as the muscle itself is not damaged breathing remains easy.

If the membrane lining the heart is affected, either the mitral or the aortic valve or both are crippled. The mitral is the valve between the two cavities on the left side, and the aortic is the valve that guards the opening into the aorta, the large artery that leads from the heart. The mitral is crippled more often than the aortic. Aortic valvular disease is usually more serious than mitral.

In children valvular disease of the heart is usually not serious until the child begins vigorous growth; then the parent must take great care to keep the child from being too active. The chief danger is that the heart will not be able to stand the added strain of ordinary fevers. The gravest form of heart disease in a child is that in which the heart muscle is diseased; that seriously interferences with the child's nutrition, and he wastes away.

The child in the acute stage of heart disease must rest in bed; after that stage is past he must have judicious exercise. He must never take part in such vigorous sports as football or baseball, surf bathing, swimming, running or rowing races. He should be warmly clad and kept in the house on cold and especially on windy days. He must avoid all indigestible food.

The Pleasantest Room in the House. "I must have a large, sunny kitchen," said a woman. "I do my own housework and spend most of my time there."

She spent most of her days washing dishes, cooking, preserving fruit, or washing and ironing. Her meals were the boast of the family.

But the children were in the way, even in the large kitchen. "Don't disturb mother when she's cooking," was a frequent injunction. When the children had gone to bed, the father and the mother sat in the "den," cosy enough in the evening with its drawn curtains and lighted fire.

"I must have a sewing room that is large and sunny," said another woman, "because I do all my own sewing, and I spend most of my time there. The children can play in the corner."

Her children were well dressed, and the mending was promptly done. If the sewing room was the centre of the household, no one offered complaint or criticism.

"We have a living room that is the largest, sunniest room in the house," said still another woman, "so we all love to be there. It is the place where we live. I want the pictures and books and flowers to be the background that the children will remember. That room is the heart of the home."

It was. The kitchen, the sewing room, the husband's den, all were accessories and contributed in a measure to the health and happiness of the household, but they were not ends in themselves.

"We shall be sure to gather in the pleasantest room," the mother reasoned, "and the home that keeps the best balance lays only enough stress on the kitchen to provide wholesome food, only enough on the bathroom to attain cleanliness, only enough on the sewing room to furnish the things that must be made at home. But the living room, with its fireplace, its books, its lights, and its easy-chairs, holds the best of the home life."

Make the Most of Ourselves. Children are prone to forget the little daily household duties assigned to them. A good reminder would be a slate hung in the kitchen for each child. On these slates can be written the tasks each is expected to perform. As each task is finished it is wiped from the slate, and when the slate is clean it is understood that playtime has arrived.

The secret of success and happiness lies in learning to like what we have if we can not get what we like; in accepting things and turning them to our good, instead of fretting because they are not to our liking. Most people would have happier lives if, when they were children, they had been taught to make the best of themselves; if they had not good looks they could at least have good manners and make themselves agreeable, interesting and obliging. Parents can help the future of their children by making the home an inviting place for their young friends. They owe it to the children to attract suitable companions for their future life, and to arrange that they shall meet such friends in a natural way and under the wise guidance of their elders.

Lighted tobaccos and matches are especially destructive in the forests. Live forests mean employment; dead forests employ nobody. Do not be responsible for a dead forest.

300 MILE BREAKKEY

The used car dealer who shows you how they run instead of talking about what they are like.

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Mention this paper.

Battles of the Eye's Rays.

When you look straight at someone else's eyes and then find it necessary to blink or turn away you are being attacked, according to Dr. Charles Russ, by a force or ray that emerges from the human eye.

He claims to have shown by experiments that this force is actually capable of setting an instrument in motion.

"The fact," he explains in the "Lancet," "that the direct gaze or vision of one person soon becomes intolerable to another person suggested to me that there might be a ray issuing from the human eye."

"If there is such a ray it may produce an uncomfortable effect on the other person's retina or by collision with the other person's ray."

In order to give his theory the support of some experimental evidence, he decided to try to evolve some instrument which should be set in motion by nothing more than the impact of human vision.

"Within a metal box," he writes, "I suspended a delicate solenoid (that is, magnetized wire), made of fine copper wire. His solenoid was wound upon a cylinder of celluloid and suspended by a silk fibre (unspun silk) 14 in. long.

"The box was 3 ft. by 8 1/2 in. by 11 in., and lined with sheet aluminium. The far end of the box was closed by a sheet of window glass; and the near or observer's end was furnished with a thin glass or celluloid window which was screened by a sheet of aluminium with a slot 3 in. long and 1 in. wide.

"A conducting wire connected the silk fibre with the aluminium of the box, which was earthed. The solenoid was held steady by the magnet which naturally came to rest in the magnetic meridian."

The human eye was then brought to bear through the slot in the observing window on the suspended solenoid, and it was found that if a steady gaze were maintained on one end of the solenoid it was seen to start into motion, usually away from the observing eye. When the gaze was transferred to the true centre of the solenoid it stopped, and when the vision was applied to the opposite end of the solenoid it moved in a reverse direction.

Hedges and Gardens on the Prairies.

Because I have seen on the prairies, and especially around Winnipeg, and at such places as Indian Head, some of the finest gardens that could possibly be seen anywhere in Canada, I say the time will come when these prairies will be hedged and dotted with gardens of blooming flowers, of ripening fruits, and of delicious vegetables. They exist to-day. I may mention, especially the Dominion Forestry Branch Nursery Station at Indian Head, because that does not come under my own department, nothing could be more exquisite, more perfect than is that magnificent garden. But before the prairies can have gardens they must have hedges for their windbreaks. Set your hedge and you may look for your garden. The hedges are coming. The Dominion Experimental Farms have far more than paid for themselves by the wide distribution which has been given to the caragana hedge which the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, introduced from Russia.—Prof. W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, Ottawa.

Fish Aid Forest Protection.

The policy of restricting methods of fishing on Dominion Forest Reserves to those of angling and trolling is producing results in the improved fishing to be found in the lakes in the vicinity of the summer resorts. There is no doubt that good fishing doubles the attractions of any summer resort, and the fact that the development of recreational use of the forest reserves is a means of securing public sympathy and support for forest protection is not overlooked in the administration of these resorts.—Annual Report, Director of Forestry, Ottawa.

Odd and Interesting.

Whist, played as long ago as 1590, was originally called "Triumph."

Running upstairs instead of walking will increase the work of the heart by one-fourth.

The official robes worn by an English Judge, including a full-dress St. gown of ermine, cost him upwards of \$3,500.

