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The Doctor's Dilemma

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CHAPTER XXVIII.—(Continued.)

"My daughter," he said, "I bade you leave even your duty in my keeping. Now I summon you to fulfill it. Your duty lies yonder, by your husband's side in his agony of death."

great ceremony. They entered the house and came directly to the salon. I was making my escape by another door, when Monsieur Lauretie called to me.

"Behold a friend for you, madame," he said, "a friend from England. Monsieur, this is my beloved English child."

"Where is Olivia?" he muttered, in a hoarse and labored voice. "I am here, Richard," I answered, falling on my knees where Tardif had been kneeling, and putting my hand in his; "look at me. I am Olivia."



"I CAME UPON A GRAVE."

A strange, spasmodic smile flitted across his ghastly face, a look of triumph and success. His fingers tightened over my hand, and I left it passively in their clasp.

"Mine!" he murmured. "Olivia," he said, after a long pause, and in a stronger voice, "you always spoke the truth to me. This priest, whose follower he has been trying to frighten me into repentance, as if I were an old woman. They say I am near dying. Tell me, is it true?"

"Richard," I said, "it is true." His lips closed after he said, and he seemed as if he would never open again. He shut his eyes wearily. Freely and fitfully came his gasps for breath, and he moaned at times. But still his fingers held me fast, though the slightest effort of mine would have set me free. I left my hand in his cold grasp, and spoke to him whenever he moaned.

CHAPTER XXIX. The unbroken monotony of Ville-en-bois closed over me again. A week has killed by—a full week. I am seated at the window of the salon, gazing in a breath of fresh air. The little cool breeze comes as blows over the summer sea to the cliffs of Sark. Monsieur Lauretie, under the shelter of a huge red umbrella, is choosing the ripest cluster of grapes for our supper this evening. All the street is as still as at midnight. Suddenly there breaks upon us the hoarse, metallic clang of well-shod horse hoofs upon the stony roadway—the cracking of a postillion's whip—the clatter of an approaching carriage.

into my new sphere. It would have been difficult to resist the cordiality with which I was adopted into the household. Dr. Senior treated me as his daughter; Dr. John was as much at home with me as if I had been his sister. Minima, too, became perfectly reconciled to her new position.

"What can I do?" I said. "Go to him," he urged; "he is alone. I saw him a moment ago, looking out at us from the drawing room window. God bless him! Olivia, my dear girl, go to him."

"I believe I should have run away, but I hear Minima's voice behind me calling shrilly to Dr. John, and I could not bear to face him again. Taking my courage in both hands, I stepped quickly across the floor, for if I had hesitated longer my heart would have failed me. Scarcely a moment had passed since Jack left me, and Martin had not turned his head, yet it seemed an age.

"We were married as soon as the season was over, when Martin's fashionable patients were all going away from town. Ours was a very quiet wedding, for I had no friends on my side, and Martin's cousin Julia could not come, for she had a baby very young, and Captain Carey could not leave them. Johanna Carey and Minima were my bridesmaids, and Jack was Martin's groomsmen.

"It was like a day from heaven. We wandered about the cliffs, visiting every spot which was most memorable to either of us, and Tardif rowed us in his boat past the entrance to the Grotto Caves. He was very quiet, but he listened to our free talk together, for I could not think of good old Tardif as any stranger; and he seemed to watch us both, with a far-off, faithful, quiet look upon his face.

"I am quite happy, Mrs. Martin Dobree," said Tardif to me, when we were parting from him in Switzerland. "I did not know I could ever be so happy," I answered.

"God be with you, my friends. Adieu, manzeller!" (The end.)

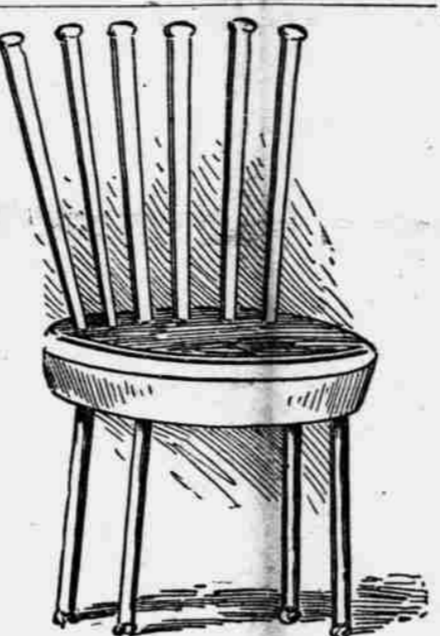
Consumption Can Be Cured. Reading aloud is recommended by physicians as a benefit to persons affected with any chest complaint.

Regarded as an Evil in Austria. As a result of a report submitted to the Austrian council of agriculture, setting forth that suits cannot be brought to recover losses in transactions for the future delivery of grain, the council has unanimously declared itself in favor of prohibiting altogether transactions in grain for future delivery.

Chances Increased. A boy baby a month old can expect but 42 years of life. If, however, he lives to 5 years his chances of living have increased to 51 years and 6 months.

Children's Corner

How to Make a Doll's Chair. Very pretty and strong little chairs for dolls may be made inexpensively at home in the following manner:



A DOLL'S CHAIR—FIG. 1.

top of the one leg, just under the seat, and wind round and round it tightly and smoothly. On arriving at the end, turn back and wind over again to the top. Now carry the wool over to the opposite leg and proceed in the same manner until all four are completely covered.



A DOLL'S CHAIR—FIG. 2.

This makes a well padded seat, the same on top and underneath. To pad the back, the wool is woven in and out over the nails, back and forth, until the whole is well covered when the end is secured and cut neatly off. The result is all that can be desired, neat, strong and pretty. Care must be exercised in driving the nails into the spool ends. If too hard or too thick they may split the wood.

A Dilemma. Sir Lionel Stuyvesant Peter von Toots Had one hundred and ten pairs of beautiful boots; Bluchers and Wellingtons, Hessians and Jacks, Round-toes and pointed toes, russets and blacks, High-lows and buskins, of each a full store.

Edison, Boy Editor. Thomas Edison, the "wizard," has been so long associated with his wonderful inventions in electricity that a good many forget that he was ever a telegraph operator for a living, and still fewer know that he ever was an editor.

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printed his Grand Trunk Herald. He had no assistants but the baggage men and brakemen, and his news was naturally only railway gossip, but nevertheless his little 3-cent publication became very popular and was noticed by the London Times.

Edison by this time had three boys working for him as assistants and many a boy would have been satisfied with this. Not so Edison. He left it all and started out on the career which has made him the master inventor of the nineteenth century.

Nettie Missed the Point. "I always have my lessons better than any of the girls in my class, mamma," said 6-year-old Nettie.

Why Send Missionaries? Bobbie (trying to quiet his baby sister)—Say, mamma, is it really true that babies in China never cry?

What It Showed. Mamma—Tommie, I'm glad to observe that you have given your little sister the largest piece of cake. It shows you are charitable.

Meaning of "M. D." "Mamma," queried little Ethel, "what does M. D. mean after a doctor's name?"

POWER OF A PINT OF WATER. Under Certain Conditions It Will Burst the Strongest Cask.

A single pint of water will burst a stungly but iron-bound oak cask as quickly as though a dozen pounds of gunpowder were exploded within it. It is a well-known law of physics that the pressure exerted by liquids increasing in proportion to their depth. Suppose, therefore, that we have a strong cask filled with water and standing on end. The staves of this cask may be made to burst apart by adding a very small quantity of water to what is already in the cask.

As the cask is already full some way of adding the water must be devised. To do this a hole is bored in the end or head of the cask and a long tube of small diameter is inserted upright. At the upper end of the tube is a small funnel, into which water is poured until the tube becomes full, and when that point is reached the cask will burst.

This seems almost incredible, but it is only a demonstration of the law that has been cited. When the water is poured into the tube it unites with the water in the cask and the depth of the water is several times as great as it was in the cask alone. The fact that there is only a small quantity of water in the tube makes no difference, for it is now all one body, and its depth is gauged from the top of the tube to the bottom of the cask.

The Trial of Genius. "John, dear," she said, in her sweet, affectionate voice, which she only used on rare occasions, "are you well up with your Christmas work?"

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FARMS AND FARMERS

greedily if they are cut and shredded so that they may be readily chewed. With the above ration, plenty of pure water, and a warm, sunny and well ventilated stable the average cow will fare well, and the farmer who suffered from the drought will have a comparatively small feed bill at the close of winter.

Convenience in Swine-Keeping. For a door which may be attached to any hog house whose inmates are in the habit of breaking down the usual barriers, nail heavy planking to cleats placed on the inside and use strong strap hinges. For ordinary fastening, strong iron hooks at top and bottom will answer, although, if necessary, added security may be had by placing a strip of heavy planking across the door resting in strap iron slots. A small house has been found useful and comfortable where numbers of young pigs are raised, and it is desirable to let them have all the exercise they wish.

Feeding Sugar Beets. In sections where sugar beets can be grown at comparatively small expense they should form one of the crops for stock feed even if not grown for factory use. In many localities sugar beets will form a fair part of the ration this winter when grain is scarce and high in price.

Old Principles in Farming. While it is undoubtedly true that farmers have learned much about farming during late years that has materially helped them in making the farm pay better returns, it is also true, in many cases, that they are getting away from some of the fundamental principles of correct farming. The tendency to sell as much as possible from the farm is too strong and too far-reaching. Time was when sales from the farm were made only after provision had been made for the living and comfort of the occupants, human and animal. Then, the soil was considered, and if it needed anything produced on the farm it was furnished. These things well provided for, the surplus, if any, was sold. As a result the stock was well fed and the manure went to improve the soil. True, there was not so much ready cash handled as now, but there were fewer things for which cash was needed, for everything needed that could be produced on the farm was so produced. It is admitted that in this age, when things are deemed necessities, more ready cash is needed, but, at least, we can so arrange things in farming that the cash is not obtained at the expense of the animals or the vitality of the farm.

Using Abandoned Pastures. In many sections of the country, but perhaps more largely in the East, one will find on the farms fields which had been used for pasture until they were no longer profitable for that purpose and not thought worth breaking up and re-seeding. Eight out of every ten of such pastures could be turned into fertile fields by proper handling. One excellent plan for doing this is to break up this pasture, manuring it as heavily as one can afford, and plant to corn. Cultivate the corn several times during the growing period and sow, in August or September, to some cover crop. The following spring plant to potatoes. Future crops should be according to fertilizing and what one wishes to grow. The main point in this item is to call attention to the value of these abandoned pastures for the first crop of corn. Enough corn may be grown to carry a herd of pigs to a profitable market and at an expense that will hardly be felt.—Exchange.

An Economical Ration. Where there is a fair stock of clover hay on hand, and an abundance of corn stover, cows may be fed very economically on a ration of ten pounds of clover hay, fifteen pounds of corn stover, cut or shredded—if the latter, the clover ration may be reduced one-quarter—four pounds of wheat bran, four pounds of corn meal and one pound of oil meal a day. This is not a heavy ration, and probably would not do for a large animal, or one whose milk flow was heavy, but it will answer very well for the average farm cow, keep her in good milk and bring her out in the spring in good shape. If it is possible to have the corn stover shredded by all means do it, whatever stock is fed with it, for the butts are very rich, and all animals will eat them.

Swine-Keeping Contrivance. At convenient places and covered, on the windy side, with corn stalks, waste straw or other handy material to make them more comfortable. A good arrangement is to construct a rough fence so that the straw covering placed on the sides and top will be inside the fence and the opening of the house into the yard. Ten or a dozen small pigs can occupy one of these small houses with comfort and will thrive.—Indianapolis News.

AN ASSORTING TABLE. The cut shows an assorting table for fruit or roots, which is about 3 by 12 feet and nearly 3 feet high. The four inch rim all around so as to hold about six bushels of apples or potatoes and bring them right up so that the men can stand up straight in sorting. Speaking of assorting potatoes in the cellar, a correspondent says in reference to this table: With a wire scoop shovel we scoop them up from the cement bottomed cellar, leaving all dirt and dust on the floor to be swept up and taken out. The table stands in a good light, and the sorting is far more rapid, easy and accurate than when you kneel down and sort from the big pile. The legs should be well braced both lengthwise and crosswise. We have two of these tables, and they are a great help and a great saving of backache and kneecache in assorting several thousand bushels of apples and potatoes in the course of a year.—Ohio Farmer.

Treatment of Old Orchards. Many an old and apparently worthless orchard might be made of value by encouraging the growth of the young shoots. One orchard of the kind described was supposed to be too old to be worth anything. The large branches were cut back freely and where a young shoot with a good vigor was found the cut was made so that this shoot was not injured nor the flow of sap in the main branch retarded. Grafting was done in some of the smaller branches and the trees bore several good crops of fruit; more than enough to pay for the work and the after care of the soil. True, it was taking a chance, but the labor was not great and the trees were valueless unless treated in some such manner.

Feeding Value of Apples. The experience of careful farmers indicates that apples are worth more for feeding than the usual cider mill price. A Massachusetts dairyman who had a lot of low grade apples began on a large, old cow, which was nearly dry, feeding her in connection with her summer pasture exclusively two quarts of hard Greenings and Baldwins at night and the same quantity in the morning, gradually increasing until at the end of a week she was eating about one bushel per day. Her milk increased from four to six quarts per day. Where there are short pastures and the necessity of giving cows some extra food inferior grade apples may be turned to profitable account.—Farm and Home.

About Cream. It is claimed that the cream of two skimmings mixed will not yield the butter as well as one.