

# THE TORIES.

During the American Revolution Captain George Vallance fell in the battle of Long Island, but his grave could not be found. He left a daughter and a stepson, the child of a widow whom he had married. The widow was seated in her home on the Hudson river when the clock struck 10. A young man in the uniform of a British officer cautiously entered.

"You have brought your troop?" "More than enough to capture ten rebels," said Captain Rudolph, for whom his mother's influence had procured a British commission. "You are sure Horace Sinclair is in the summer house?"

"Twice have I heard his signal to Cora. The letter I wrote him he has deemed his Cora's, imploring him to hazard even life itself to meet her this night in the lovely summer house. Have you the chaplain with you?"

"He is below in the dining hall. But, mother, can you force Cora to become my wife?"

"You shall see," was the cold and firm response. "Go, capture Horace Sinclair. Bring him hither, bound. When you return, let the chaplain be with you." Cora shall meet you ere you part shall be your wife."

Her reckless son left her, and she rang a small bell as he departed. "Tell Miss Vallance," said she to the prompt servant who answered to her call, "that I desire her here immediately."

The servant hurried to obey. She soon returned, bearing a lamp and followed by the lovely orphan. Cora Vallance silently bowed her head as she entered.

"Wait!" was all that the widow said, and as she spoke loud shouts, pistol shots and the clash of steel reached her ear.

Cora glanced uneasily toward the door and then to her stepmother's face. Ere long Rudolph threw open the door and was followed by two British dragoons, who escorted a young man clad in the uniform of a Continental major of cavalry.

A short, ill looking man in black brought up the rear. "Horace, and a prisoner!" exclaimed Cora.

"The same," said Rudolph, fierce with a bloody gash that stained his cheek. "The rascal has slain two of my best men. But he shall die the death of a spy."

"My uniform proves that I am no spy," said Horace Sinclair. "I have fallen into a snare and am a prisoner of war—no spy. Cora, did you write me a summons to die?"

"Never, Horace," said Cora in astonishment. "This some trick of this?"

"Of mine!" said Mrs. Vallance sharply. "Come, we have no time to lose. Cora, you see that gentleman in black? He is the Rev. Charles Fairweather. He is here to make you the wife of my son."

"The wife of your son's meanest trooper shall I be sooner than his!" exclaimed Cora.

"Consent," said Mrs. Vallance, "or see Horace Sinclair hanged upon the tree where he and you have so often met."

"They dare not hang me, Cora," said the calm voice of the bound officer. "I am taken in my uniform and no spy. Do not be imposed upon."

"Do not sling so boldly," said Mrs. Vallance. "The hanging of a rebel, unaided by the army, is a pleasure to our loyal English general."

"Cora Vallance, you see that dial. It is now 20 minutes after 10. If when the minute hand shades the figure 6 your lips have not made you my son's wife, Horace Sinclair swears."

"Oh, Horace, what shall I do?" cried Cora in the intensest terror.

"Let me die a thousand times rather than behold you the wife of that renegade, who slew his mother's husband," said Sinclair.

"Oh, Horace! And, weeping bitterly, she flung herself upon her lover's bosom, and ere the furious son and feckless mother could tear them asunder Cora's quick hand, armed with a dagger, had severed the cords that bound the American's arms.

Sinclair snatched a saber from the hand of the nearest trooper and sprang upon the other, who went down, cloven to the chin.

Wielding fiercely, the saber clashed with that of Rudolph and, sweeping back from the shock, came down with a mighty slash that sheered the ruffian's right arm from the shoulder.

Shouts and the sharp tumult of sudden strife without smote Rudolph's ears as he fell, and the next moment the room was filled with American dragoons, led by one whom he deemed long dead—George Vallance!

"Just in time, my boy," said Vallance, who had escaped from the slaughter of Long Island and for purposes of his own bore another name in the American army.

"I intrusted this when I found the deuce letter written by that tigreess. Returning to camp, I found the letter in your tent, and, collecting a score of your dragoons, hastened to save you."

An hour after, as British soldiers filed the house so timely vacated by the Americans, they found Major Vallance lying upon the body of her son and as dead as he. The sudden shock had slain her.

When the war was over, years after, Colonel Horace Sinclair and his bride, Cora, with Major Vallance, returned to the scene. But it was to see the mansion a heap of charred ruins.

**The Poet at the Druggist's.**  
Poet—How much for this prescription?  
Apothecary—Two dollars, please.  
Poet (soliloquizing as he pays)—And the publishers tell me that poetry is a drug in the market. Oh, that it were!—Boston Transcript.

**JEWELRY JOTTINGS.**  
Very narrow bracelets of plain and gem set gold are again in vogue.

# DRAINAGE OF ROADS.

THREE SYSTEMS NECESSARY FOR A PERFECT HIGHWAY.

Object of Underdrainage Generally Misunderstood—Foundation Must Be Kept Firm—Getting Rid of Surface Water—Value of Tiling.

In a bulletin issued by the Illinois experiment station Professor Ira O. Baker treats of earth roads and their drainage. "By earth roads," says Professor Baker, "is meant roads built of loam and clay."

Drainage is the most important matter to be considered in the construction of earth roads. No road, whether earth or stone, can long remain good without drainage. Drainage alone will often change a bad road to a good one, and the best road may be destroyed by the absence of proper drainage. Water is the only agent that destroys earth roads. Water and dirt make mud, and mud makes bad going. The dirt is always in the road, and the water comes



SAMPLE OF AMERICAN ROAD.

at unpropitious times, as rain or snow. The water softens the earth, the horses' feet and wagon wheels mix it, and it soon becomes impassable mud. Finally the frost freezes it, and the second state of the road is worse than the first, for a time at least. Further, if the water is allowed to course down the middle of the road it will wash away the surface that must be laboriously filled up by the traffic of the road. No road, however well made otherwise, can endure if the water collects or remains on it. Prompt and thorough drainage is a vital essential in all road construction.

A perfectly drained road will have three systems of drainage, each of which must receive special attention if the best results are to be obtained. This is true whether the trackway be iron, broken stone, gravel or earth, and it is emphatically true of earth. These three systems are underdrainage, side ditches and surface drainage.

Many if not most country highways could be considerably improved by thorough underdrainage. Most roads need underdrainage even though water does not stand in the side ditches.

The most important object of underdrainage is to lower the water level in the soil. The action of the sun and the breeze will finally dry the surface of the road, but if the foundation is soft and spongy the wheels wear ruts and horses' feet make depressions between the ruts. The first shower fills these depressions with water, and the road is soon a mass of mud. A good road cannot be maintained without a good foundation, and an undrained soil is poor almost any day. A friend of the writer, an intelligent man and a close observer, claims that even in a dry time the easiest digging on or around a farm is just under the surface of a road having no underdrainage. His theory is that except in the road vegetation is continually pumping the water up from the subsoil and giving it out into the air, while in the road the compact surface prevents evaporation of the water in the subsoil. Therefore the road needs underdrainage more than the field.

A second object of underdrainage is to dry the ground quickly after a freeze. When the frost comes out of the ground in the spring, it thaws quite as much from the bottom as from the top. If the land is undrained, the water when released by thawing from below will be immediately carried away. This is particularly important in road drainage, since the foundation of the road will then remain solid, and the road itself will not be cut up like untiled roads.

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important object of suocrainage is to remove what may be called the underflow. In some places where the ground is comparatively dry when it freezes in the fall it will be very wet in the spring when the frost comes out, surprisingly so considering the dryness before freezing. The explanation is that after the ground freezes water rises slowly in the soil by hydrostatic pressure of the water in higher places, and if it is not drawn off by underdrainage it saturates the subsoil and rises as the frost goes out, so that ground which was comparatively dry when it froze is practically saturated when it thaws.

The underdrainage of a road not only removes the water, but prevents or greatly reduces the destructive effect of frost. Frost is destructive only where there is moisture. The upheaving action of frost is due to presence of water. Water expands on freezing and loosens the soil. When thawing takes place, the ground is left spongy and wet, and the roads break up. If the roads are kept dry, they will not break up. Underdrainage helps to keep them dry.

It is the universal observation that roads in low places which are tiled dry out sooner than the untiled roads on the high land. The tiled roads never get so bad as those not tiled. There is no way in which road taxes can be spent to better advantage than in tiling the roads.

CROWN POINTS.

Queen Alexandra has a great friendship for Russia. She used to go fishing with the czar, Alexander III, who, the way, against all her pleading, persisted in the use of live bait.

The sultan of Sulu is a little man, with a no more striking personality than is given him by his costume. When standing, he hardly comes above the elbow of the average American.

Prince Christian, oldest son of the crown prince of Denmark, intends to visit the United States on his yacht in the spring of 1902. Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark also contemplate a trip to America in 1902.

The Duke of York will be the nineteenth English prince of Wales if that title be finally conferred upon him. It is of course impossible that he can break his father's record as heir to the crown. The present King, Edward VII, was heir apparent for ten weeks over 50 years.

PERT PERSONALS.

Jules Verne has started in to write his ninety-ninth story. If he doesn't tell too big a whopper in his construction, he may be spared a century run—Los Angeles Times.

Tolstol seems to have a bad case of the photograph habit, but it would be more endurable if he would quit sitting for his picture in gunny sacks and Mother Hubbards—Louisville Courier-Journal.

King Edward's title is to be so expanded as to display his sovereignty over the entire empire. It is an effort doubtless to make him appear as big a man as Pierp. Morgan—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Delicious Coffee Cake.

The secret of a delicious coffee cake is in the preparation of the filling. The layers may be made of any simple cup or white cake recipe, but the housekeeper who tries Mrs. Lincoln's Mocha cream filling will be apt to repeat the experiment. The two large tablespoons of finely ground coffee in a piece of cheesecloth, put in the pot, pour over it three-quarters of a cup of boiling water and simmer for ten minutes. Set away from the fire to settle. Reserve one large tablespoonful of this strong coffee for frosting; put the remainder in a cup and add three-quarters of a cup of sugar, pinch of salt and pour over one well beaten egg. For frosting stir confectioner's sugar into the tablespoonful of coffee until of proper consistency.

THE GLASS OF FASHION.

Nearly all the colored dresses show some touch of black.

One of the coolest greens worn this summer is of pale green linen trimmed with white.

A pretty combination of colors is in a long evening wrap of pale blue tulle, which is embroidered in oriental colors and design.

Evening coats are still out of the Empire, caught up with a wonderful band of gold embroidery and finished with a large falling collar of lace.

The woman who indulges in sailor suits may have the insignia worked not only on the dickey to the blouse, but on the upper part of the sleeves.

Long chemise, when worn, are knotted at the waist, crossed and carried around the waist to fasten at the back, with long ends hanging the length of the skirt.

Of Special Value.

A group of pretty flowering plants that deserve greater attention than they receive are the double flowered lily leaved geraniums. Few plants compare with them for balconies or window boxes or to hang down from statuettes in the conservatory or from baskets. The foliage alone is handsome, while the flowers which are produced so freely right through the summer are both bright and lasting. They look magnificent when trained along trellis work in sunny positions.

Chocolate and Tapioca.

Chocolate imparts a desirable flavor to tapioca pudding if prepared in this way: Soak three tablespoonfuls of tapioca in a cup of cold water for half an hour; add three pints of hot milk, one cupful of sugar, yolks of two eggs and three tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate. Cook in a double boiler until the tapioca is tender. Serve with a measure made from the whites of two eggs and powdered sugar or whipped cream.

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**Danger Ahead.**  
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"Thinking he could not hear or did not understand the magistrate's decision, the lawyer who had been defending him told him he was at liberty to go about his business if he had any. The man, however, shook his head slightly, but did not move.

"You are discharged. Why don't you go?" asked the lawyer.  
By this time the court was nearly empty, and the accused, leaning forward, whispered to his defender: "I can't leave till all the witnesses against me are gone."

"Why?" asked the man of law.  
"Because of the trousers," answered the other. "Don't you understand?"

"Most certainly I do not," said the solicitor. "What about the trousers?"  
"Only this, sir—I've got them on!"

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