SERIAL STORY

The Chronicles Addington Peace

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MR CORAN'S ELECTION

Ten o'clock! Big Ben left no doubt about it; for the giant clock in the tower of the house of parliament is a Bolsy neighbor. The last stroke thundered out as I climbed the stairs that hed to the modest lodging of Inspector Addington Peace, and silence had fallen as I knocked at his door. I was sione that night and in the mood when a man escapes from himself to seek a friend.

I found the little detective at his open window, staring across the tum-bled roofs to where the abbey towers rose under the summer moon. The evening breeze that came creeping up with the tide blew gratefully after the heat of the July day. He gianced at me over his shoulder with a short pod of welcome.

"Even the police grow sentimental on such a night," I suggested.

"Or philosophic. "The reflections of Diogenes the detective, or the Aristotle of Scotland Yard," I laughed. "May I inquire as to the cause of such profound thought?"

He held out a slip of paper, which I took and carried to the central lamp. It was an old newspaper clipping. stained and blurred, relating in six lines how James Coran, described as a student, had been charged at the Bow street police court with drunkenness, followed by an aggravated assault on the constable who arrested bim. He was fined three pounds or seven days. That was all.

"Not a subject of earth-shaking importance," I said.

"No: but it has proved a sufficient excuse for blackmail."

"Then the victim is a fool," I answered hotly. "Why, from the look of the paper the affair must have taken place a dozen years ago." "Thirty-two years this month."

James Coran has gone down the hill. the past can't hurt him now: if he has led a respectable life, surely he can afford to neglect the scamp who threatens to rake up so mild a scandal. Blackmail for a spree back in the seventies-it's ridiculous, inspec-

The little man stood with his hands behind him and his head on one side, watching me with benevolent amuse ment. When he spoke it was in the ponderous manner which he sometimes assumed, a manner that always reminded me of a university professor explaining their deplorable errors to his class.

"Mr. James Coran is a respectable middle-class widower who lives with his sister Rebecca and two daughters in the little town of Brendon, twentyfour miles from London. He arrives at the 'Fashionable Clothing company' -his London establishment in Oxford street-at ten o'clock in the morning, leaving for home by the 5:18. In his spare time he performs a variety of public duties at Brendon. He is a recognized authority on drains, and has produced a pamphlet on dust carts. As a temperance orator his local reputation is great, and his labors in the cause of various benevolent associations have been suitably commemorated by a presentation clock, three inkstands, and a sliver tankard. His Interests are limited to Brendon and Oxford street; of world movements he thinks no more than the caterpillar on a leaf considers the general weifare of the cabbage patch. Please remember the facts, Mr. Phillips, in consideration of his case.

"Six months ago an envelope arrived at his house with two inclosures. One was the newspaper clipping you hold; the other a letter denouncing him as a hypocrite, and warning him that unless the sum of twenty pounds was placed in the locker of a little summer house at the end of his garden the writer would expose him to all Brendon in his true character as

a convicted drunkard. "Coran was in despair. He had imagined his unfortunate spree long forgotten. Not even his own relatives were aware of it. He was trying for a seat on the county council; the election was due in a month, and he re-Hed for his success on the support of the temperance party. As an election weapon the old scandal could be used with striking effect. So he paid-as many a better man has been fool enough to do under like circumstan-

To three days-on Saturday, that is the election takes place. This to the first, save that the demand was | ered the scandal to which I need not GEESE MONEY MAKERS SAW NO HARM IN KISSING for a hundred pounds. He had just sense enough to see that if he allowed himself to be blackmailed again it would merely encourage further attempt at extortion. So when he arrived in town, he took a cab to Scotland Yard. I heard his story, and caught the next train down to Brendon. I did not call at the house, but gathered a few details concerning him and his family. In all particulars he seems to have spoken the truth." "Must the hundred pounds be placed

in the summer house tonight?" "No. The blackmatler gave him a day to collect the money. It must be in the locker tomorrow night by eleven o'clock."

"Which means that you will watch the place and pull out the fish as he takes the batt. It seems simple enough, anyhow."

"Oh, yes," he said. "But it is the faulty sense of proportion in Coran which provides the interest in the case. Even at the time the scandal was no very serious matter. What must be his frame of mind that it should terrorize him after all these

When I left him half an hour later it was with the promise that I should have first news of the comedy's conclusion-for a tragedy it certainly was not, save for the blackmailer, if Peace should catch him.

The following afternoon I was sitting in my studio with the cigarettethat comes so pleasantly after tea and buttered toast-between my lips, when my servant, Jacob Hendry, thrust in his head to announce visitors. They came hard upon his heels-a long. gray-whiskered man in the lead, and the inspector trotting behind. As they cleared the door the little detective twisted round his companion and waved an introductory hand.

"This is Mr. James Coran," he said. "We want your assistance, Mr. Phil-

The long man stood staring at me and screwing his hands together in evident agitation. He had a hollow, melancholy face, a weak mouth, and eyes of an indecisive gray. From his square-toed shoes to the bald patch on the top of his head he was extremely, almost flagrantly, respectable.

"I am taking a great liberty, sir," he said humbly, "but you are, as it were, a straw to one who is sinking beneath the waters of affliction. Do you, by chance, know the town of Brendon?"

"I have never been so fortunate as to visit it," I told him.

"I understand from the police officer here that you have traveled abroad. Accustomed, therefore, to the corruption that taints the municipal life of other cities, you can scarcely comprehend the whole-souled enthusiasm with which we of Brendon approach the duties, may I say the sacred trust, of administering to the sanitary and moral welfare of our county. Those whom we select must be of unstained reputation. From a place on the sports committee of the flower show I myself have risen through successive grades until even the houses of parliament seemed within the limit of legitimate ambition. But now, sir, now it seems that, "Which means that the riotous stu- through a boyish indiscretion when a student at the Regent's street polytechnic, I may be denounced in my advancing years as a roysterer, a tippler, almost a convicted criminal. They would not hesitate. Mark my words, sir, if Horledge and Panton-my opponent's chief supporters in Saturday's election-are informed of these facts, they will mention them on platforms,

they may even display them on hoardings. He paused, sighed deeply, and wiped his face with a large silk pocket handkerchief. The situation was ridiculous enough, yet not without a certain pathos underlying the humor.

for the man was sincerely in earnest. "If I can help you, Mr. Coran, I and at your disposal," I told him.

"It is a matter of considerable delicacy," he said. "My younger daughter, Emily, has formed an attachment which is most disagreeable to me." "Indeed," I murmured.

"The young man, Thomas Appleton by name, is of more than doubtful character. Miss Rebecca, my sister, has seen him boating on the Thames in the company of ladies whose appearance was-er-distinctly theatri

"You surprise me." "He has been known to visit music halls."

"Did Miss Rebecca see him there,

"Certainly not, sir; but she has it from a sure source. It was obviously my duty to forbid him the house. I performed that duty, and extorted a promise from my daughter that she would cease to communicate with him. vivisection she was especially urgent. In my belief, it is he who has discov-

again refer, and, in revenge, is levying this blackmail. The law shall strike him, if there is justice left in England.

"And where do I come in?" I asked. for he had paused in a flurry of indig nation.

"Perhaps I had better explain," Peace interposed. "Owing to this unfortunate love affair, it is plain that no member of Mr. Coran's family must learn that this young man is suspected or that steps are being taken for his arrest. It would not be unreasonable to fear that he might be warned I am staying with Mr. Coran tonight, but I do not want to go alone. I might take an assistant from the Yard, but it is hard to pick a man who has not 'criminal investigation department' stamped upon him. You look innocent enough, Mr. Phillips. Will you come with us, and lend me a

I agreed at once. It could not fall to be an amusing adventure. After some discussion, it was arranged that Peace and I should be introduced as had asked us down to Brendon on a much less bother than chickens. I alsudden invitation. A telegram was sent off to that effect.

For the first fifteen minutes of the good results. train we shared a crowded compartment. Gradually however, our companions dropped away until we were very cushions might overhear him. "I have mentioned my sister Re-

remarkable character." "Indeed," I murmured, for he chose to address me more directly.

points of-er-local interest. It is soon cause bowel trouble and death. very important that she should not Neither do geese require running dant. learn the cause of my appeal to the police. Anything that aroused her suspicions might lead to consequences very disagreeable to myself."

"I will be discreet." "My daughters will-er-benefit largely under her will. She would cut them out of it without hesitation if she learnt that their father had been connected with so-er-disgraceful a scandal. You understand the situation?"

"Perfectly. It must render your position additionally unpleasant."

He sighed and relapsed into a melancholy silence, in which the train drew up at Brendon station. A cab was in waiting, into which we climbed. A couple of turns, a short descent, and we drew up at a gate in a long wall of flaming brick.

As we walked up the drive I looked carefully about me. The house was also of red brick and of mixed architecture. I believe the architect had intended it for the Tudor period, with variations suggested by modern santtary requirements. The garden before the windows was of considerable size, with laurels and quick-growing shrubs lining the edge of a lawn and several winding walks. At the farther end a Toulouse geese, as they are larger, thatched roof, rising amongst the more hardy and reach maturity in young trees, showed the position of a less time. At two months of age the summer house which played so they are nearly grown and full promptly adopted important a part in the story we had

It was striking six as we entered the hall. Our host led us straight to picked, and if they were hatched any other cow on the place. The docour rooms on the first floor. We had been told not to bring dress clothes, so that ten minutes later we were ready to descend to the drawing

room. Mr. Coran's daughters, a pair of pretty, bright-faced girls, were seated in those careless attitudes which denote the expected appearance of strangers. Miss Rebecca, a tall, spectacled female, whose sixty years had changed curves for acute angles, reposed in the window, reading a ume of majestic size. She laid it down with a thump, removed her glasses and received us with great modesty and decorum. The inspector and a fox terrier, that set up a barking as we entered, were the only members of the party that seemed natural and at ease

I found the dinner pass pleasantly enough, despite the gloom that radi-

ated from the brother and sister. Emily, the victim of the "unfortunate attachment," quite captured my fancy, though I am not a ladies' man. Twice we dared to laugh, though the reproving eyes of the elders were constantly upon us. In the intervals of my talk with her I obtained the keenest enjoyment from listening to the conversation of Peace and Miss Rebecca. The lady cross-examined him very much as if he were a prisoner accused of various grave and monstrous offenses. Upon the question of anti-(CHRONICLES TO BE CONTINUED.)



Norwegian Women, With Official Post tion, Are Given Appropriate Duties to Perform.

The appointment of another police women at Christiania now brings the feminine police force in Norway up to seven, three of whom are in Chris tiania, two at Bergen, one in Stavanger, and one in Christiansand.

The special duty of the chief policewoman in Christiania, Sergeant Osen, is to keep under surveillance girls and women suspected of living immoral lives and female beggars, while her two colleagues interrogate women tramps, and, if deserving, render them sening he received a letter similar help, look after the children and see

FORCE OF FEMININE POLICE | that they are kept off the street as

vendors and beggars. The policewomen all perform occasional night duty and patrol some of the worst quarters of the city. With the exception of the policewomen at Christiansand, who wear a complete official uniform, the women are dressed in plain clothes, only wearing green capes bearing a small medallion stamped with the crown and iton of Norway, to distinguish them from

ordinary citizens. No Doubt. Visitor-"What lovely furniture!" Little Tommy-"Yes; I think the man we bought it from is sorry now

he sold it; anyway, he's always call-

Many Farmers Devote All Their Attention to Hen.

Excellent Opportunity Offered to Secure Profitable Results-Losses Uneually Caused by Ignorance of Keeper.

More and more our farmers are becoming interested in the poultry business, and the hen now reigns supreme on many farms. Nearly all seem to devote their attention to the chickens exclusively, thus making the opportunity for obtaining good returns from geese all the better.

I believe that many will find it profitable to give this line of work a trial, writes an Ohio farmer in the Farm Progress. Many seem to have gained the impression that geese are hard to raise, but I do not think so, as business friends of Mr. Coran, who experience has shown them to be ways use hens for hatching, giving burst into the house with a party of each one six eggs, and I usually get

When hatched, the goslings are taken from the hen, and placed in a warm box for a couple of days. After left to ourselves. Mr. Coran was in that they are taken out to a spot evident hesitation of mind. He shifted where there is plenty of tender grass about, screwing his hands together and given a shallow pan filled with with a most doleful countenance, water. Do this for a few days, and When he commenced to speak he they will learn where their quarters leant forward as if afraid that the are, and they may then be allowed to run where they please.

Losses are usually caused by ignobecca," he said. "She is a woman of rance on the part of the keeper. Gos- things from a broad-minded point of two other mountains in the Appalach lings are unlike chicks, for they review. quire little feed. Tender grasses and similar greens is all they require, "We have differed lately on several and the feeding of other stuff will



Flock of Toulouse Geese.

water or large ponds, as many believe. Just enough water for drinking purposes is sufficient.

I prefer the White Emboden or large feathered except the wings. As soon ages to get about comfortably, alas the feathers are free from blood though not very rapidly, and is as from injuries to so vital a part.-Tatin the quills the geese may be fat and in every way as valuable as ler. early they may be picked four times tor believes that many valuable anibefore cold weather,

pay the cost of raising the geese limbs.-Exchange. and as their keep is a very small item, thereafter the feathers are nearly all profit. During the past few years geese have come to be very popular at the holiday season and bring prices that mean a big profit.

KEEP POULTRY HOUSE CLEAN

Good Results In Matter of Laying Cannot Be Obtained If Pullets' Quarters Are Dirty.

No use to expect the best results in the matter of laying if you allow your pullets to stay in dirty quarters, says Coleman's Rural. Get busy with the whitewash brush and the kerosene spraay and clean, clean, clean. Not only inside the house, but the premises all around it.

If you have fifty pullets for your laying bunch it will take about two that his ashes cannot be violated hours to dust them, and time cannot again." be better spent. Let one person hold the pullets by the legs while the other fires insect powder into the feathers with a powder gun. Get it under the and lice love to cuddle and feast.

Referring to the use of kerosene ments of seclusion.

Rape for Pasture. Rape makes a good pasture crop

for hogs. If you have no special pasture for your hogs this year sow a little rape; sow different patches at intervals of two weeks or such a matter. In this way you will have plenty fond of rape.

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should produce 30 to 35 gallons of milk daily testing from 3.6 to 4 per OWNE

Make Great Egg Strains. Proper selection and breeding are what make the great egg strains, and not the breed.

Wife Considered Her Reception of Promiscuous Osculations "Broadminded."

The propriety of promiscuous kissng by a wife came before Supreme Court Justice Gavegan in a recent suit for divorce brought by David Lockwood, a civil engineer, against Mary A. Lockwood. Mrs. Lockwood admitted on the witness stand that she had kissed the co-respondent the first night she met him and a good many times afterward, but she didn't see any harm in it.

The testimony of Mrs. Lockwood. her sister, Miss Maud Plumstead, and Mrs. Evelyn Maybee, indicated that the co-respondent, Morton S. Arvis, showed no favoritism in his kissing. but treated all three women with equal generosity. Mrs. Lockwood's story of the events on the night when her husband contended she had been guilty of conduct which entitled him to a divorce was that Arvis really called to see Miss Plumstead, and that she was just entertaining him until her sister returned, when Lockwood friends.

What explanation have you married women to make for kissing a man on the first night you meet him?" asked the court.

"Only that I did not see any harm in it," replied Mrs. Lockwood. "Mr. Arvis was sociable and kissed us all." "Do you think it proper for married women to kiss strange men this way?" "Well, it's not improper. You see, Mr. Lockwood often kissed other wom- United States Geological Survey is en, and we came to look upon such 6,711 feet above sea level. There are

"Don't you think you were exceedingly broad-minded that night, Mrs. Lockwood?" asked the court. "Yes, I do now," replied the defen-

The court said he would sign a decree awarding the custody of the young child of the couple to Lock wood .- New York Sun.

COW HAS ARTIFICIAL LEG

Illinois Veterinarian by Skillful Work Preserved Usefulness of Valuable Animal.

Near Galena, Ill., a veterinary surgeon owns a cow with a wooden leg. Dwing to an accident her leg had to entirely false. True, we had a few of be amputated just below the knea When the wound healed the doctor entirely without any invitation whatfixed up a leg with a hoof on a hinge ever, and when they came they were and attached it to the animal and she given to understand that they were



mals that sustain injuries of this kind The feathers obtained will soon re might be saved by the use of artificial

Disturbing Edward I.

turbed as that of Edward I. of Eng. with the beautiful leather equipments. land. Every other year his tomb in Westminster abbey was opened, and nected with his dying charge to it will be noticeable on the paper. his son that his flesh should be boiled, his bones carried at the head of the English army until Scotland was subdued, and his heart sent to the Holy Land. With the fall of Richard II, and the dynasty, these hopes vanished, and the tomb was not disturbed again Fine Remedy until toward the end of the eighteenth century, when the Society of Antiquaries did it. Having viewed the as Horace Walpole says, "boast now of having inclosed him so effectually

wings, around the head, neck and ev. and in fraternal charity it must be exaround the nests and roofing with it, and brain than in book learning.

There is no in the most severe forms of weeping invented Townsville."

There is no in the most severe forms of weeping eczema.

The simple is influence in the tissues where the the fowls all the time, but the mites historical fact is that the original pioneer settler was a certain Captain the worn out blood to the veins is quite Towns, and that the place was named after him.

Break Step!

Keep step! I have had many letsedan chairs. What you must do is in the ters correcting that phase about the to "break step," and the stretcher bearers who follow the wounded are taught of green feed until frost. Hogs are it. If you carry a stretcher, two of you, and walk in step, you will find is made. it swinging and throwing out the patient. If you walk in step with a regiment across a bridge you may break it down with the swing. That is why the band always ceases when the regiment crosses the bridge.-London Chronicle.

> Not That Kind. She-Grace spends an awful lot of money. He Not a saving grace, then



Where She Was Wobbly.

Edith is very timid, but she tries to do her duty, and not long since recited a "piece" before some school visitors with great credit and apparent calmness. Her mother later complimented and praised her, especially for not seeming at all nervous. "Oh, but I was scared, really, mamma," she child explained ingenuously. "I held my hands still, but you should have seen my knees."

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I see by your paper that you have published in the Duncan news department what you called a dance at my house and the statements made are our neighbors to spend the evening not wanted .- Thornbury (Ont.) Herald Reflector.

Ambitious Age.

We are ambitious, be it said, although the cost of living's high. We want to earn, besides our bread, our daily pickles and our ple.

Red Cross Ball Blue gives double value for your toney, goes twice as far as any other. Ask your

Quite So.

In reporting another motor bus ac cident in which a workman was the victim a daily paper says: "The wheels passed over his dinner-can and for a w minutes he was stunned wonder that he was not killed outright

Covers for Books.

Old brocades and tapestries make beautiful covers for books-temporary covers, and are suited to the annoying telephone book, the dictionary and the These bits of interesting stuffs also make fittings for the work table, Few bodies have so often been dis- cushions and needle books and vie

A tea test is to reduce a few leaves the wax of the king's cere-cloth re to a powder on a sheet of white panewed. Probably this was con- per, and if there is artificial coloring

> A good-for-nothing-The churchgoer who doesn't contribute.-Judge.

For Eczema

body, they poured pitch upon it, and, Also for Salt Rheum, Tetter, Psoriasis, Lupus, and All Skin Afflictions.

All skin troubles should be attacked There are pitfalls in place names. tion a good daily bath. This is accom-The Observer has tumbled into one, plished with S. S. S., the best known and from within by giving the blood circula most highly recommended blood purific ery place where the feathers are soft tricated. It alludes to the "obvious lts vegetable nature is such that it natand fine, for there is where the mites redundancy" in Townsville, the name urally goes right into the blood, saturates of the chief center of Northern Queens-land, and asks us "not to be hard on the chief center of Northern Queens-with an influence that enables the sisues to heal quickly. The action of S. S. S. is spray, fill the roosts and all the cracks the plucky pioneers, stronger in brawn that of an antidote, and this fact has around the nests and roofing with it, and brain than in book learning, who been demonstrated time and time again

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