

The Doctor's Dilemma

By Hesba Stretton

CHAPTER XVIII.—(Continued.) "Why, Martin," she said, averting her face from me, "you know I should never consent to marry you with that ring on your finger, and I have no other ring...

cat, which he held fast, and entertained himself by teasing and tormenting it. He scrutinized me as keenly as I did him. "I believe we are in some sort connected, Dr. Martin Dobree," he said; "my half-sister, Kats Daltrey, is married to your father, Dr. Dobree..."

Mrs. Foster gave me a slip of paper, on which were written a few lines. The words looked faint, and grew fainter to my eyes as I read them. They were without doubt Olivia's writing.

There was no more to be said or done. Conviction had been brought home to me. I rose to take my leave, and Foster held out his hand to me, patting with a kindly intention. Olivia's ring was glittering on it, and I could not take it into mine.

"Well, well," he said, "I understand; I am sorry for you. Come again, Dr. Martin Dobree. If you know of any remedy for my case, you are not true man if you do not try..."

PACIFIC COAST NEWS AND COMMENT

REPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN OREGON, WASHINGTON, CALIFORNIA AND IDAHO.

Down on a Palouse Farm. To Cut Tall Timber.

A good idea of what can be done on a farm in the Palouse country of Washington may be had by reading the report of W. D. Mitchell, who had the 876 acre farm of the Mitchell estate, one mile east of Colfax, leased during the past year.

Articles incorporating a railroad company to operate in the timber in the western part of Polk county and Lincoln county, Oregon, have been filed with the county clerk in Multnomah county and with the secretary of state at Salem.

A recent incorporation is the Darlington Talc Company, that has been formed for the purpose of opening up and developing five full sized talc claims located in the White Horse mining district, about three miles from the town of Darlington, Wash.

Millions in Talc. The discovery of mercury in paying quantities in the Meadows district, east of Grant's Pass, Ore., has caused much activity in that section.

Portland Woolen Mills. Preparations are being made to celebrate the founding and starting of the Portland Woolen Mill. It is expected that the mill will be in operation some time in the month of December.

Ship Direct to New York. An innovation in Puget sound shipping is projected by the American Hawaiian Steamship Company, which, in December, will dispatch the big steamship American from Tacoma and other Puget sound ports with cargo for New York direct.

Big Mining Deal. A mining deal involving the sum of \$275,000 has been recently closed in the sale of the Belle and Crown properties at Silverton, Wash., in the Stillaguamish district, by Seattle parties to Eastern capitalists.

New Bank for Vancouver. Arrangements are being made for the organization of a National Bank in Vancouver, Wash., to take the place of the First National Bank, which suspended last April.

Street Cars for Walla Walla. The City Council of Walla Walla, Wash., has passed an ordinance granting a franchise to build and operate for 25 years an electric street car line in Walla Walla. The right to build in any and all streets is practically granted. Grantees may use single trolley or other electric system.

A Valuable Ditch. The dredger which is engaged in digging the Olympic Marsh drainage ditch west of Sedow-Woolley, Wash., has nearly completed its contract so far as the Olympic ditch is concerned. When completed the ditch will have a capacity of 250,000.

Spuds and Spuds. When it only takes 35 potatoes to fill a sack they are considered pretty good sized spuds, and the ground that yields potatoes of that size lies adjacent to Arlington, Wash. The yield per acre of potatoes is over 600 bushels.

Oranges for New York. The first earload of 1901 oranges to leave California was shipped October 27 from Porterville to New York. The car was appropriately decorated as it was a record breaker for that state.

Will Develop Oil Lands. A syndicate has been formed at Baker City, Ore., to develop a large tract of land in the Malheur County oil district.

North Pacific Trackage. The Globe Navigation Company, of Seattle, at a meeting in Syracuse, N. Y., voted to build three vessels for use on the Pacific, in addition to the two now under construction.

Java's Great Explosion. Dr. Eugene Murray Aaron calls the eruption of the volcano Krakatta in Java "the greatest explosion of modern times."

Sallybury's Souvenir. A peculiar souvenir is kept in Lord Sallybury's historic home at Hatfield. It is a stone, over a pound in weight, with which the window of Lord Sallybury's carriage was smashed at Dumbries on Oct. 2, 1884.

How Could It Be Expected? "You said," asserted the irate customer, "that this tonic would make hair grow."

The Densest Population. The greatest density of the population in the world is claimed for Bombay, and is only disputed by Agra. The population of Bombay amounts to 700 persons per acre in certain areas, and in these sections the street area only occupies one-fourth of the whole.

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The offer was an alluring one to the dispenser of drinks and he readily accepted it. The householder had little fear for his residence during the day-time, as an obliging neighbor had promised "to kind of keep an eye on the place."

A telegram from the city rudely interrupted the tourist's good time. One of his business associates was coming to town the following day and it would be necessary for the man on his vacation to hurry home for at least 48 hours.

His journey to the railway station was interrupted by an accident to the rig and by the time repairs were made the train had pulled out of the depot. This necessitated a weary wait for several hours at the station until the night train arrived.

It was nearly 12 o'clock when the traveler, thoroughly tired, mounted the front steps of his residence. The click of his latchkey caused him to stop suddenly in his musing. He opened the door a few inches and then slammed it in great haste as a heavy dog, growling ferociously, sprang against the panels.

Then for the first time he realized how well guarded his home had been in his absence. Incidentally he regretted that his concern had prompted such a method of protection.

The owner of the house had a "speaking acquaintance" with the dog that stood in the way of his entrance, but the animal was not disposed to recollect it. The man at the door said many pleasant things to the canine, but the more he pleaded the louder the animal expressed its resentment.

At last he concluded that he was wasting time in his efforts at conciliation and that the only thing left for him to do was to enlist the aid of his friend the bartender. Arriving at the saloon, the weary traveler found to his sorrow that another drink mixer was on duty.

"You know the bulldog that's over at my house, don't you?" he inquired, pleadingly. "Oh, yes, of course." "Well, I've been giving your partner \$5 for taking him over at night and bringing him away in the morning these two weeks. I'll just give you \$5 if you'll go over this one time and remove him."

—Chicago Chronicle.

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Str. "Tahoma" Daily Round Trip, except Sunday.

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Table with 3 columns: DEPART, TIME SCHEDULES FROM HOOD RIVER, ARRIVE. Lists train routes and schedules to various destinations.

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Table with 3 columns: DEPART, SCHEDULE, ARRIVE. Lists ocean and river shipping schedules and agents.