



H. Dollar, a prominent Holstein cattle and a far-famed lecturer of New York, following to say concerning the dairy calf:—

The first place we must consider is the calf as an infant, and it is a mistake to believe that a calf that dies at 90 per cent. of age die from one of two indications caused by over-feeding or by over-temperature. The calf is accustomed to a dirty pail. How many of the calves turned bottom side up for, and then they remain there until Sunday morning until they are taken from one month to a year from another that a calf becomes sick, and after a few days the infection passes from one calf to another, and many of the calves die.

We find a man who keeps clean, but who is over-feeding his calves. He feeds them only twice a day, but he feeds them with milk that is not fresh. The calves die from the milk, when they should be fed four times a day.

We start with a calf at birth, and we find that the calf has been properly nourished. The calf has been brought into the world in a strong, vigorous condition, and the calf is placed in a stall, loose, and left there for hours, varying from six to eight hours according to the weather of the calf, but no longer than six hours under any conditions. There are two reasons why the calf should be removed from the stall. We do not want the calf to get into the stall, and we do not want the calf to get into the stall for three days after calving, because we have learned from experience that the heavy-milking calf has had her udder entirely soiled after calving is apt to get a fever of, at least, is more than a fever. The calf should be kept in the stall until she is well, and the calf is not to be removed from the stall until the calf is well. The calf is not to be removed from the stall until the calf is well.

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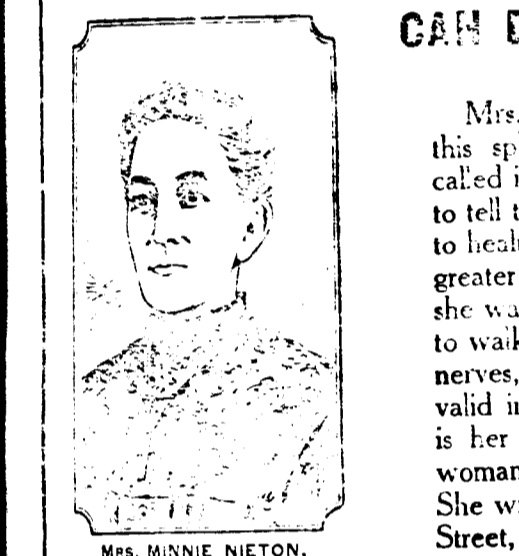
—A very light yarding, viz., 848, with majority comprising good quality, with a fair number of prime, balance and sorts. There was a keen demand, and prices were again higher. Quotations:—Prime pens lambs, 15/ to 16/6; extra quality, to 17/7; good pens do., 13/ to 14/; medium do., 11/ to 12/.

District sales:—54 wewners, Mr. W. Bradshaw, Skipton, 12/4; 10 bullocks, executors late Mr. W. Lewis, Stoneleigh, averaging £11 4/; 225 sheep, Mr. J. Carmichael, Main Lead, merino wethers, averaging 15/9; merino ewes 11/1, wewners 13/ to 13/11; 50 come-backs, Mr. J. B. Cooban, Beaufort, wethers 14/8, ewes 13/6; 40 wewners, Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Beaufort, 11/7.

To-morrow or to-night, maybe, you will lose something that you prize highly. Nearly everybody loses something at one time or other, but in Beaufort few things are lost that can not be recovered through a small ad. in the "Ripenshire Advocate." It is easy to mail an ad. to the "Advocate," or just call at the office and tell us your trouble.

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(Signed) (Mrs.) MINNIE NIETON.  
Witness: F. Fowler, J.P., Enmore, N.S.W.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1913.

It has been decided by the Chief Commissioner of Police to close the police station at Waterloo. Constable Ray who was in charge at Waterloo, has been transferred to Sebastopol.

Mr Alfred Capel Roddis, president of Riponshire, was in Beaufort on Monday, and afterwards took his seat on the bench.

The rainfall for September, as registered by Mr Jas. McKeich, was 317 months against 613 points for the same month last year. The nine months 20.40 inches has fallen, compared with 18.59 inches for the same months last year.

Mr Wm. Hayward, formerly of Beaufort, who has been filling the position as porter at one of the suburban stations, has been promoted and transferred to duties of operating porter.

Twelve members attended the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday evening. Mr Jas. Fullerton (president) in the chair.

Since the Beaufort hotel was rebuilt some 12 months ago, considerable improvement in hotel accommodation at Beaufort. The Camp, been renovated, and electric air gas plants installed.

Mr W. P. Schlicht has let a contract for £800 for remodeling the Commercial Hotel, and informs us that it will cost nearly £1000. The time that an acetylene gas plant is installed in the billiard-room fitted up to date, and the whole place thoroughly renovated.

Referring to the hospitals for the poor, we were received at the Methodist and Methodist churches on Sunday. The Rev. A. J. Stewart occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church.

On various occasions throughout the winter the members of the Beaufort Thistle Club have entertained the ladies at socials. The ladies gave a return party at the Societies' Hall on Tuesday night, which was attended by about 50 couples.

The ladies carried out the whole of the arrangements, and the result reflected in the credit upon them. The stage had been prettily decorated with arches of roses and greenery against a trellised background, and the billiard-room was resplendent with hunting trophies.

At the Ararat show on Wednesday, the following district exhibitors were successful:—Thoroughbred mare, any age—W. Lynch, Lake Goldsmith, 2. Hackney, to carry not less than 10st.—W. Lynch, 2. Best lady rider, for ladies who have never taken a prize in a show ring as lady rider—Miss McDonald, Middle Creek.

Weight-carrying hunter, to carry not less than 12st. over six fences, 4ft. high—W. Lynch, 2. Pony, 14 hands and under, over six hurdles—W. Lynch, 1. Best horse for military purpose, suitable for mounted rifle service, to carry not less than 13st. over six hurdles—W. Lynch, 2. Hackney, to carry 10.10 over six hurdles—W. Lynch, 1. Pony, 14.2 and under, jump hurdles as instructed—W. Lynch, 1. Merino ram, over 2 1/2 years—T. E. White, Middle Creek, 1. Merino ram, over 2 1/2 years (neither clothed or housed before 1st August, 1913, exhibited by owners not more than 1000 sheep)—T. E. White, 2. Leicester ram, any age—W. L. Halpin, Beaufort, 1 and 2. Leicester ewe, any age—W. L. Halpin, 1 and 2. Minor ewe—J. George, Beaufort, 1. White Leghorn hen—J. George, 1. White Leghorn cock—J. George, 2. Three pounds powdered butter, as sent to market, made by exhibitor—Miss M. Ward, Lake Goldsmith, 1. Collier, rough hair—W. L. Halpin, 1. Spanish, any breed—W. L. Halpin, 1.

For the quarter ending 30th September, Beaufort births and 4 deaths were registered at 17 points.

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Although the financial year of the Shire of Ripon only closed on 30th Sept., Mr N. E. Acton, the secretary, has kept abreast of his work, and prepared the balance-sheet. The receipts totalled £2922 8/; the principal items being—General rates, £5470; water rates, £450; endowment, £450; municipal roads, £207; fund, £307. The expenditure amounted to £2717 8/10, of which new works (including road plant) absorbed £2304; maintenance, £214; lighting, £187; repairs, £130; salaries, £618; charities, £160. The overdraft at the beginning of the year was £1213 11/4, and at the close £388 12/2.

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AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Five members attended a general meeting of the Beaufort Agricultural Society at the Shire Hall on Tuesday night. Mr W. R. Glover (president) occupying the chair.

The president apologised for the absence of Mr A. M. Hannah. CORRESPONDENCE. Routine correspondence in connection with advertisements for the show catalogue and from members forwarding donations in advance were received. There were also numerous requests for schedules for the forthcoming show.

From G. A. Dunnet, Stockyard Hill, promising £1 first and 10 second prizes for best yearling colt or filly by Bar None.—Received.

From N. L. Teychienne, Dunstons, suggesting the name of an eligible judge, and offering £1 for best yearling in the yard if other owners would give prizes for foals by their horses.—Received and held over till appointment of judges.

In answer to Mr George, Mr Halpin said he had received no reply from Messrs Penny and Wilson in regard to signing a declaration that a horse exhibited by them was their property.

From Agricultural Department, re lecture on dairying.—Received. From same re stating that owing to an accident, he had attended the lecture would count at the subsidy.—Received. Mr Halpin said two lectures which did not count off had counted. On behalf of the society he wrote and thanked the department; regretting the accident to Mr Smith, the lecturer.

From State Immigration and Labor Bureau, re placing lads for farm work.—Received.

From Robt. Taylor, Wendouree, inquiring when show booths were to be sold.—Received.

From Vermin Destruction Department, forwarding copies of pamphlet on rabbit destruction.—Received.

GENERAL BUSINESS. It was decided to defer the appointment of judges till next meeting owing to the small attendance.

On the motion of Messrs Hughes and George, the meeting was adjourned till Tuesday evening next.

TEA MEETING AND SOCIAL AT RAGLAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The annual effort in aid of the funds of the Raglan Wesleyan Church took place on Wednesday in the local hall, and was a huge success. People from all parts of the district were present. In the afternoon from 3 o'clock till 5.30, sports were held and toys distributed among the children. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr H. McKinnon, of Beaufort. He had quite a lively time; the little ones really enjoying themselves. At 5 o'clock tea was partaken of in the hall, the tables, which were artistically decorated with flowers, being provided for by the ladies of the congregation. Every care was taken to meet the wants of the inner man, and the good things provided, to which every justice was done, were all that could be wished for. Several ladies of the congregation had charge of the tables, and were ably assisted by the younger ones. After tea a musical evening was held; the Rev. A. J. Stewart presiding. The hall was packed and everybody enjoyed themselves and spent a really good evening. Games were indulged in and caused much merriment among young and old. The hat-trimming competition for men was very funny, and was won by Mr Fred Ball. The peanut competition was divided by Messames Brodie and Robt. Pitcher. The nail-driving competition was very interesting; Miss E. Spicer being the successful competitor. The ladies manipulated the hammer who had a little practice afterwards. The following musical items were well received:—Song, "Asleep in the Deep." Mr A. Dunn; song, "Love Me and the World is Mine." Mr A. Panther; song, "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Mr A. R. Boyd; recitation, "The Last Shift." Miss Lucardie; quartette, "Just Before the Battle, Mother." Messrs A. R. Boyd and Alex. Campbell and Mrs Boyd and Miss Smith; song, "Scarlet and Blue." Mr A. Panther. After refreshments had been handed round, Rev. A. J. Stewart moved a hearty vote of thanks to all present for making the gathering such a success. He also wished to specially thank the ladies who had provided the good things for the tables and waited at them in such a capable manner, and also the men for the help they had so kindly given. This was carried by acclamation, after which a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

PITH OF THE FEDERAL

The revenue for 1913-14, as estimated by the Government, is £2,391,500. The estimated revenue for 1914-15 is £2,410,000. The estimated revenue for 1915-16 is £2,430,000. The estimated revenue for 1916-17 is £2,450,000. The estimated revenue for 1917-18 is £2,470,000. The estimated revenue for 1918-19 is £2,490,000. The estimated revenue for 1919-20 is £2,510,000. The estimated revenue for 1920-21 is £2,530,000. The estimated revenue for 1921-22 is £2,550,000. The estimated revenue for 1922-23 is £2,570,000. The estimated revenue for 1923-24 is £2,590,000. The estimated revenue for 1924-25 is £2,610,000. The estimated revenue for 1925-26 is £2,630,000. The estimated revenue for 1926-27 is £2,650,000. The estimated revenue for 1927-28 is £2,670,000. The estimated revenue for 1928-29 is £2,690,000. The estimated revenue for 1929-30 is £2,710,000. The estimated revenue for 1930-31 is £2,730,000. The estimated revenue for 1931-32 is £2,750,000. 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FIRE AT HOPE MINE.

PLANT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

There was a serious fire at the Hope mine, Trawalla, five miles from the fort, on Friday evening, and changing resulted in the loss of the plant.

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spark from the boiler. On another occasion a fire broke out over the boilers. This fire is thought to have been caused through a lighted candle.

William Derrick stated that several of the strikers were at the fire, and worked hard to get it under. He knew the strikers pretty well, and was sure that not one of them would wilfully set the mine on fire.

Mr Hancock, Beaufort, a director of the company, said he did not think the fire was set on fire. In his opinion the fire was accidental.

Will three men or woman take the matter in hand and cause the silence to cease. If no one else is doing it for your district, will you try on these lines?

BEAUFORT RAINFALL. We are indebted to Mr. Jas. McKeich for the following interest information as to the rain at Beaufort since 1895.

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CHAPTER XIII.—(Continued.)

"Then has her dislike to the vicar continued all these years?" I asked.

"I believe it has, sir; but he can tell you better what they say of her at the asylum," she said, pointing to the man.

"Yes," he said, "she hated him uncommon strong. I've heard the attendants say as she's mostly quiet and pleasant, but whenever her son comes to see her there's a row, and she goes on awful about his rights."

"What about her?" he asked, rather shortly.

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"If you desire it," and ringing the bell, he told the footman to tell the captain he wished to speak to him.

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"We are."

"And that she has been found?" I said, in a questioning tone.

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"That is strange, because she was discovered yesterday, in the afternoon."

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"When I uttered her name his face blanched."

"What about her?" he asked, rather shortly.

"Might it not be as well, my lord, if Captain Neville was a party to this conference?"

"If you desire it," and ringing the bell, he told the footman to tell the captain he wished to speak to him.

In a minute or two Captain Neville entered the room, and glanced quickly at me and then at his uncle.

"Mr. Brown wishes you to hear what he has to say, Horace."

"It is about Lady Alfred Neville," I said, quickly.

When I named his mother, a grave, troubled look came into the captain's face, but he said nothing.

"You are aware her ladyship has escaped from the asylum in which she was placed?"

"We are."

"And that she has been found?" I said, in a questioning tone.

"Indeed we are not," said Captain Neville, quickly.

"That is strange, because she was discovered yesterday, in the afternoon."

Just then a footman entered with a note.

"A man requested this might be delivered to you at once, sir," said he, as he handed it to the captain, who opened it, and, running his eye quickly over it, he said:

"This is from Smith. He just says they found my poor mother yesterday, and a female attendant having arrived, they are taking her back at once, and he adds that he leaves the detective to explain all."

"Where was she found?" the marquis inquired.

Without further explanation I told them about the scene in the den, giving all the details, and closing by saying I left her in safety with the gentlemen looking distressed and anxious, and when I ceased speaking, the marquis inquired if I attached any importance to her ravings.

"I hardly know how to view the matter, my lord. If I could prove she had had a weapon in her possession, I should be obliged to arrest her, as it is certain she was out at the time of the murder, also that she knew of it some hours before any one else. What she said to Mrs. Burton proves that; but the testimony with regard to her not having a weapon inclines me to think she did not commit the murder, but was a witness of it."

"Turning to the captain I said, 'How do you regard the matter, sir?'"

"I am disposed to think as you do. Of course, if my unfortunate mother shot my cousin, she will not be responsible for it, but I do not think she has. I knew she had not got a weapon anywhere about here—those fellows have made such careful queries. Our dread was lest she had brought one with her, but Mrs. Burton's evidence seems to disprove that."

"I think so. And now, my lord, I must ask that neither you nor Captain Neville will remove Lady Alfred Neville from the asylum, where she has been so long, until this affair is sifted to the bottom."

"Most certainly we shall not," the marquis said, decidedly.

"She will remain there," said the captain, quickly.

"That it will be intolerably painful to both my nephew and self if Lady Neville is implicated in this terrible affair, I do not deny, but she is not responsible, and if it is traced to her we must bear the trouble. Better so than that suspicion should rest on an innocent person. At the same time, I admit that had I known this poor lady had escaped from the asylum, I should have had no attempt made to trace the murderer. I should have thought it better to leave it in the hands of the local police, and have done nothing to stimulate them."

"I understand, my lord; and I believe I have a clue to the real murderer."

They both looked at me quickly, and I continued:

"What Lady Alfred Neville uttered in her ravings, inclines me to think I am on the right track."

"Good heavens! Do you suspect a woman?" asked the marquis, startled out of his usual calm manner.

"I prefer accusing one at present, my lord. I have more to do, and when my case is complete, I will see your lordship. However, I think you may rest assured Lady Alfred Neville will come clearly out of this affair."

He looked relieved.

"I trust you are right, Mr. Brown. However, the case is in your hands, and you must do your duty."

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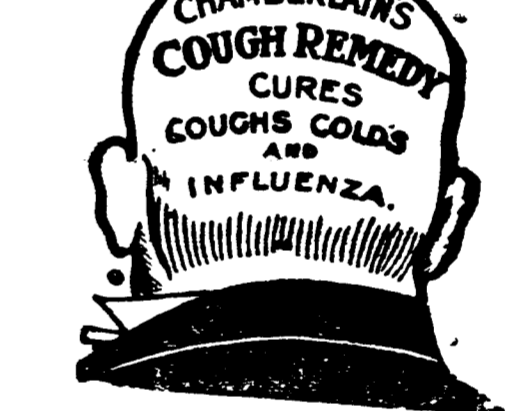
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PART 10. CHAPTER XV.—(Continued.)

Then Mason put the window up, and as the coach rolled away, the last thing I saw was the pale, horror-stricken face of the beautiful girl.

"She has not acted like any one guilty," I thought, as I returned to the cottage; and had the proofs been less strong, I should have been inclined to think I had made a mistake. But it was a clear case of circumstantial evidence.

One thing, however, puzzled me. There had been no surprise expressed at me appearing in the character of a detective. But I concluded that the grave charge I made had overpowered all other thoughts.

On entering the kitchen again, I found Mrs. Hirst seated in a chair, rocking herself to and fro convulsively, with her head buried in her hands. On hearing my step she looked round.

"You're a nice man, to come here calling yourself a artist, and poking and trying to see who you could knock out had murdered the young lord," Mary was right. She said, "I was no artist, and she said as she'd a good guess who you were; but she wouldn't say, but told me to hold my tongue when you came."

"So the girl had suspected my motives in hanging about."

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"Eh, she'll want a lawyer?"

"Yes; but now it will be better for you to be alone when your good man comes in, so I will begin my search at once."

"What are you going to look for?"

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Her mother followed, and at my request looked for the key of the drawer, which she found in Mary's afternoon dress pocket.

"Now, my good woman, leave me alone, and I shall soon have done," I said, not wishing to have her there while I searched the girl's chest of drawers.

Reluctantly, but as though afraid of vexing me, she went downstairs, opening the first drawer. I found it contained articles of clothing. I looked to see if anything was hidden under them, but there was nothing. The next drawer was filled in the same manner; the bottom one was locked.

Taking the key I unlocked it, and found it contained letters, trinkets, a small but expensive writing-case, some beautiful lace, and a couple of photographs of herself and Lord Bewley, smiling to those who had found in his desk. The letters I found were from his lordship, those bearing the earliest dates being full of expressions of fervent love, and arranging times and places to meet. Then came some pleading that she would leave home and place herself under his protection, in which case he promised always to be faithful to her, but arguing that he feared his father would be estranged from him if he married her.

"What!" and his lordship sprang to his feet, looking at me as if he thought I must be mad.

"He married her."

"Where and when?" he inquired, in a tone of excitement.

"At York, a year last September. This is the certificate of their marriage," and I handed it to him.

He looked at it curiously.

"There are a few inaccuracies, but it is quite legal," I observed.

He laid it down on the table, and fixing his eyes on me, said, "You have more to tell me?"

"I have, my lord. After spending a short time together in the neighbourhood of York, Mary Hirst, as I will still call her, returned home, the marriage being kept secret, at your son's request. Soon he began to regret what he had done; and after Miss Blanche Latimer came into the neighbourhood, the tie galled him terribly, and in spite of his marriage he paid that young lady great attentions. This irritated his wife, and she remonstrated with him by letter, using threats to intimidate; but he would not be deterred. Now, my lord, the night he was shot Mary Hirst was in the den—of that I have clear proof—and that she had pleaded for a meeting, threatened him with dire vengeance if he did not meet her—which he failed to do. I have also found in her possession something which your son had on him at the time he was murdered."

"What was it?" asked the marquis, hoarsely.

"A photograph of Miss Blanche Latimer, which she gave him at his urgent request just before he left her on the night of the murder."

fastened, and opening it I found it contained the poor girl's marriage lines. I placed them in the envelope again, securing it, and the letters, photographs, and jewellery. I put them in the desk and locked it; then, fastening the drawer, I began considering where the other keys could fit. The two small drawers at the top of the chest were unlocked, and contained collars, and other little odds and ends. I began to wonder what this other key could be for, when my eye caught sight of a tin trunk in a corner near the bed-head.

It was fastened with a padlock. I tried the key and found it fitted, and in a moment I lifted the lid. In the trunk lay two or three handsome dresses, such as Mary Hirst could never have worn in her own home. I never have once had been used on the honeymoon trip, and afterwards I looked underneath, but the box contained nothing else. I put them in again, and locked the box.

"I wonder if her mother knows of those dresses?"

I doubted it, being inclined to think she was ignorant of her daughter's marriage and all else. Next I proceeded to examine if any weapon was hidden between the mattress and the bedstead; but my search was in vain. Taking the desk and the keys of the drawer and trunk, I descended the stairs and entered the kitchen. Mrs. Hirst was sobbing by the fireside. She looked up when I entered.

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Taking the key I unlocked it, and found it contained letters, trinkets, a small but expensive writing-case, some beautiful lace, and a couple of photographs of herself and Lord Bewley, smiling to those who had found in his desk. The letters I found were from his lordship, those bearing the earliest dates being full of expressions of fervent love, and arranging times and places to meet. Then came some pleading that she would leave home and place herself under his protection, in which case he promised always to be faithful to her, but arguing that he feared his father would be estranged from him if he married her.

"What!" and his lordship sprang to his feet, looking at me as if he thought I must be mad.

"He married her."

"Where and when?" he inquired, in a tone of excitement.

"At York, a year last September. This is the certificate of their marriage," and I handed it to him.

He looked at it curiously.

"There are a few inaccuracies, but it is quite legal," I observed.

He laid it down on the table, and fixing his eyes on me, said, "You have more to tell me?"

"I have, my lord. After spending a short time together in the neighbourhood of York, Mary Hirst, as I will still call her, returned home, the marriage being kept secret, at your son's request. Soon he began to regret what he had done; and after Miss Blanche Latimer came into the neighbourhood, the tie galled him terribly, and in spite of his marriage he paid that young lady great attentions. This irritated his wife, and she remonstrated with him by letter, using threats to intimidate; but he would not be deterred. Now, my lord, the night he was shot Mary Hirst was in the den—of that I have clear proof—and that she had pleaded for a meeting, threatened him with dire vengeance if he did not meet her—which he failed to do. I have also found in her possession something which your son had on him at the time he was murdered."

"What was it?" asked the marquis, hoarsely.

"A photograph of Miss Blanche Latimer, which she gave him at his urgent request just before he left her on the night of the murder."

"Is she certain it was given them, Mr. Brown?" he asked.

"Quite. That coupled with other evidence, caused me to arrest Mary Hirst this morning."

"Good heavens! A woman—and a kind of a girl in the?"

"My lord, she is a beautiful girl, and, I should judge, is much superior to her position. You will pardon me saying I think that your son treated her badly, and that the little regard he displayed for her feelings almost goaded her to madness. If you will read these letters, you will see for yourself," and I laid those I

found in his son's desk and also in the tree before him, having brought them with me on purpose. An expression of repugnance came into his face as he looked at the signature; then, apparently forcing himself, he read them through. Laying them down, he said, "This is a shamefully treated. I must in justice say that, even though I condemn my dead son—If he had died by her hand, he did much to bring his fate on himself. Had he spoken to me on the subject I should have advised him not to marry her—these unequal marriages usually end in misery—but I should also have taken care he did not wrong her. I would have sent her out of his way."

"It would have been a difficult matter to have parted them, my lord."

"It would." Then he said in a grave voice, "Do you believe the girl guilty?"

"I fear the evidence is too strong to doubt it—though I must say she is one of the least likely I have seen to do anything of the sort; but I fancy she must have been pretty near mad."

"What a scandal there will be!" said his lordship, in a tone of deep annoyance. After a minute's silence he said, "Will you or Mr. Newton engage as the lawyer to defend her, please? If she is committed to trial the case had better be placed in a barrister's hands. Do not consider expense."

"I will see to it, my lord; you are very merciful to her."

"I am only just. If she killed my son she will suffer for her crime in proportion as she deserves. I would give her every chance, knowing she has been badly used."

"All shall be done that talent can do, my lord, and now, if you will excuse me, I should like to reach the Black Bull before Mr. Hirst's arrival becomes generally known. I intend going to Troncaste, as I do not wish to become a public character."

"Would it not be better for you to stay at the Hall? It seems to me you would be better on the spot until the case is finished. My house-keeper will be glad to entertain you, and you can have a sitting room for your own use."

"I hesitated, then decided to accept his kind offer, and in a few minutes I was domiciled in the housekeeper's pleasant sitting room, enjoying a comfortable dinner, while one of the men from the Hall fetched my bag, and paid my bill. After dinner, I took the train to Troncaste, and, going direct to Mr. Newton, arranged with him to engage a clever lawyer to defend Mary Hirst. He told me the inquiry was fixed for the next morning, and promised to see about a lawyer at once."

After leaving him I went to the gaol, and was at once admitted to see Mary. As the gaoler opened the door she started and turned quickly round. I noticed she was very pale, and her eyes were red and swollen with weeping.

"You wanted to see me?" I said, as soon as we were left alone.

"You have made a cruel blunder," she said, in a heartbroken tone.

"I am not," I said.

"You will have a good lawyer to defend you. The marquis has instructed us to engage one on your behalf."

She gasped quickly: "Ah, then you have found out and, I suppose, told him?"

"I know you were the wife of Lord Bewley, and so does the marquis."

"I knew you found my letters," she said, and from that time I guessed you were a detective agent."

"Do not admit anything to me; it may be used against you," I said, quickly.

"All I say you may use as you like. And so all the world will know I was his wife. I would have kept his secret when he was dead, as I did when he was living; but you have ferreted it out. See, I have always carried it here," and she drew from her bosom her wedding-ring, which was attached to a narrow strip of ribbon round her neck.

Kissing it passionately, she replaced it.

I rose to go, and said: "You will see the lawyer, and he will do his best for you. I advise you to tell him everything."

"I shall tell him all I know, and if you want to get at the truth, look for a woman—a tall woman, in a long, black cloak, who crossed the further bridge just after the shot was fired."

I was thunderstruck, but before I could reply, she said, quickly: "Thank the marquis for his kindness. It is very good of him, because he may think me guilty."

I made no reply.

"Do you know, it is a relief to feel I have no secret to hide. I was always afraid mother would find out I had been married to him, and try to get the marquis to own me; and since he has gone, I felt I would keep it secret, as he wished. It was hard, though, to know what folks were calling me, and when I guessed you were hunting up all you could about him, I was frightened it would come out and trouble the marquis, when he'd enough to bear as it was. But I never thought you would put the murder on me."

"Your lawyer will advise you how to act," and in another minute she turned to leave her.

"I am sorry I could be in the den the night of the murder. It was a lie, and I suppose will go against me. But I felt so wronged, so that I had been waiting for him, while he had been spending his time with her—and that on the last night of his life. Still, a lie's a lie, and I did wrong to utter it."

"Well, tell your lawyer the whole truth." And with these words I left her.

"Either Mary Hirst is a born actress, or she is innocent," I thought as I left the prison.

Before returning to Ossington, I saw Mr. Newton again, and heard how he had secured the services of Mr. De La, a very eminent lawyer. When I arrived at the Hall it was evening, and I discovered that the arrest was known, and the share I had in it. During the tea-gupper, which I took with the housekeeper, I found she was inclined to pity the girl and blame Lord Bewley, saying he had always, from a child, been one who would have his own way, right or wrong. I did not tell her he had married Mary Hirst, though I knew she would soon learn it. In my practice never to disclose anything to uninterested persons, unless by so doing I can gain something.

That evening I saw the marquis and Lady Mary for a few moments, and I then told his lordship we had secured the services of a good lawyer. He expressed satisfaction, and Lady Mary showed a kind womanly sympathy for the poor girl, saying from all she had heard of her she did not think she would have done such a deed, unless she was mad at the time she did it.

The next morning when I entered the police-court I saw there was likely to be a full bench, as the magistrates were mustering in force. Sir William Leyland was to conduct the investigations. It had evidently become widely known, the previous evening papers having contained an account of the arrest, and before ten o'clock the court was full.

Precisely at the hour Mary Hirst entered in charge of a policeman. She looked dejected, and under her beautiful eyes were dark rings, telling of a sleepless night. I saw that her beauty made an impression on all present.

When charged she pleaded "Not Guilty," and her voice was clear and distinct.

The evidence given at the inquest was repeated, with the difference that Miss Blanche Latimer stated that she gave the photograph I had found in Mary Hirst's possession to Lord Bewley just before he left the Grey Gables on the night of the murder. While she was giving her evidence, I saw Mary Hirst regarding her with horror and surprise, either genuine or affected.

The evidence of their neighbour, William Bell, who very unwillingly acknowledged he had seen her running from the den shortly after the shot was fired, prejudiced her case much. When I produced the marriage certificate I could see every one in court was amazed, and Mary Hirst turned pale as lead. This supplied the motive—jealousy—and completed my case against the prisoner.

Her lawyer then stated that his client reserved her defence. After a few minutes' consultation the magistrates committed her for trial at the forthcoming assizes.

I knew they were expected to commence early the next week, so that only a short time would elapse before the trial.

In the afternoon I returned to the Hall to await the end, the affair being now placed in the hands of the Crown prosecutor.

That evening's papers contained a full account of the inquiry, the paragraphs being headed: "The Dene Tragedy," "Thrilling Revelations," "Secret Marriage in High Life," "A Young Lord Supposed to be Murdered by his Wife."

I could see the marquis writhed under the scandal, while the captain and Lady Mary felt it keenly. The next few days I spent in reading; it was no use me leaving the North, as it was now known that Mary Hirst's trial would commence the following Friday, just one week from the magistrates' inquiry. As the day drew near, I could see the marquis and the members of his family were nervous, and Captain Neville gave me to understand that they would be glad if the poor girl was found "Not guilty."

"You see, in spite of her position, she bears the name of Neville," he said at the close of a conversation; and I understood that, apart from humane motives, family pride made them desire her escape.

CHAPTER XVII. MORE EVIDENCE.

The morning of the trial rose clear and bright, with a tinge of frost in the air. At an early hour the Moore Hall began to fill, and I was disgusted to see what a number of ladies—as I suppose they considered themselves—were present. When the hour arrived for the trial to commence, the place was packed.

Directly the judge had taken his seat the prisoner was led in. I had not seen her since the inquiry before the magistrates, and noticed a terrible alteration in her appearance. She was much thinner, and her features which had always been beautiful, had gained in refinement. Her complexion was dawningly white as ever, but in her cheeks there was a feverish flush, and a brilliance in her large, blue eyes which told of suppressed excitement.

She appeared very nervous, and held to the side of the dock in a trembling manner until a seat was provided for her, into which she sank at once. On being charged with the crime, she said, in a clear and loud voice: "Not guilty."

The first witness called was the man who had found the body. Then came the doctor's evidence, and the lawyer for the defence cross-questioned him very closely on the point as to how long death had taken place before the finding of the body. Afterwards the gamekeeper repeated what he had stated at the inquest.

When Miss Blanche Latimer was called, she stepped forward, looking remarkably handsome, and gave her evidence regarding the attentions of the two gentlemen in a cool, calm manner. She was questioned as to length with regard to the photographs, and on this point her evidence was very decided. She positively stated that only two had passed

out of her possession, and the one Lord Bewley had given to him on the night of the murder. After the counsel for the prosecution had done questioning her, the lawyer for the defence rose.

"Now, Miss Latimer, did you ever observe any jealousy on Captain Neville's part?"

"Captain Neville has some control of his feelings, and they are not so apparent as his cousin's were."

"I understand you encouraged both these gentlemen, played off one against the other, until they thought their chances were equal, and believed one of them must win. Now, when you refused Captain Neville, did he not express anger against his cousin?"

"I think he showed some annoyance, but it was more with me than his cousin. I believe he said I had used him badly."

"He did not express himself violently in regard to Lord Bewley?"

"Certainly not."

"You are quite certain you gave Lord Bewley this photograph the last time you saw him?" and he held it towards her.

"I have already said I am certain, sir."

"Don't you think it possible you gave forgotten the date, and that you gave it him, say, a week before his death?"

"I have not forgotten," she said, firmly, though I noticed her lips twitched nervously.

"You should like to remind you that you did not see him?"

"I am aware of that," she said, in a cold, stately manner.

"You admit they were taken more than a fortnight before the murder, do you not?"

"I do."

"Why did you give it to Lord Bewley after refusing his offer of marriage?"

"To get rid of him. He had previously bothered me for one, and when he named it just before leaving, I thought it was less trouble to give it than refuse."

"I suppose you gave it him as a sort of bribe?" You have told my learned friend that he put it in the breast-pocket of his coat."

"He did."

"Was he wearing an overcoat?"

"He had not one on when in the room. He may possibly have left it in the hall."

"Do you remember what time it was when Captain Neville called?"

"I believe it was about a quarter-past five, but I cannot be certain to a few minutes."

"How long did he stay?"

"I think about fifteen minutes. He may have stayed a little longer."

"Then he would leave you about half-past five, or twenty minutes to six?"

"About that time."

"Now, how long elapsed after Captain Neville's departure before Lord Bewley called?"

"It may have been twenty minutes after, or it may have been half an hour."

"How long did he remain?"

"Not more than a quarter of an hour, I think."

"Between these two visitors, did any one else call to see you?"

"Yes."

"The prisoner," she said, in a cold, haughty tone.

This electrified every one in court, and all listened eagerly.

"Did she beg of you not to encourage Lord Bewley's attentions?"

"I think she said something of the kind."

"How did you reply?"

"I asked her what it mattered to her whether Lord Bewley paid me attention or not."

"In fact, you let her see that you thought her intrusion unwarranted, and that her interference was a piece of impudence?"

"I dare say I did. I regarded her conduct in that light."

"Did she then tell you she was the wife of Lord Bewley?"

"A spasm of pain crossed Miss Latimer's face, but it was momentary."

"Did you believe her?"

"I should think not," she said, in an accent of scorn. "I knew Lord Bewley was fast, but I did not think he would stoop to marry a woman so far below him."

"Your opinion?"

"I told her she need not think of coming to see me so easily."

"How did she act then?"

"She showed me her marriage lines; but I fail to see how her conversation with me can affect this case," she said, impatiently.

"Possibly you do, Miss Latimer. Even ladies with your experience do not see everything."

"She pressed her lips firmly, but did not say anything."

"Now, if you please, we will go on with this interesting episode. When you saw the marriage lines, what did you say?"

"I do not remember."

"Did you not say: 'I never thought he would have been such a fool. Why could he not treat you as other gentlemen treat girls of your class?'"

Her face became scarlet.

"I did not say that. I dare say I expressed surprise, but not in those words."

"I think you did use those words. Now, after that kind little speech, did you not tell the prisoner that she was an impudent girl who came near you, and ask her what she thought it could possibly matter to you whether she was his lordship's wife or not?"

"It is probable I did, as I considered she had no right to infer that Lord Bewley's attentions were acceptable to me."

"Then the prisoner drew out the photograph, which she had snatched from her husband's hand a week previously, and she showed it to her face, and boasted, if he were only free, he could marry you any day, and she prayed you not to encourage him, but refuse his atten-

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CHAPTER XVII.—(Continued.)

"That is strange, as they both believed they were favoured, and that one must win; and either of them was esteemed a good match by marriageable ladies."

"You were simply amusing yourself, I suppose?" "I was passing the time. It is lonely about Ossington," she said, "fairly."

A loud murmur of disapproval was heard in the court, but it appeared to make no impression on her. "That will do, Miss Latimer; I shall not trouble you further."

With a quiet hauteur she turned to leave the box, and was met by her uncle, who led her out of the court, his fine face bearing an expression of strong disapproval at what his niece had said.

The photographs were then handed to the judge, and the jury inspected them. There were ten, as Miss Latimer had stated, besides the one taken from Lady Latimer's album, and the half-burned one completed the dozen.

The photographer who supplied them next gave evidence as to the number and the date on which Miss Latimer received them, and his testimony corroborated hers.

The next witness was Captain Neville, who gave his evidence in a manly, straightforward manner. He was severely cross-questioned by the prisoner's counsel as to where he was when he heard the shot fired, but no new light was thrown on the affair.

This concluded the day's proceedings. The next morning when Mary Hirst was brought in, she looked worn and tired, though very beautiful, and she was again accommodated with a seat.

"You were standing in your door, smoking, on the night of the murder?" said the lawyer for the prosecution. "I was, sir. It's a habit of mine on a clear, fine night, when my rheumatics will let me."

"You live next door to the Hirsts, do you not?" "I do, sir; and my father and mother lived there before me."

"You know the prisoner?" "Please me to be sure I do, and have done since she was a baby, poor lass."

"You could not be mistaken in her?" "That I couldn't." "Did you hear any shot fired that night?" "Yes, sir, as I was coming up the path leading to my door."

"What direction did it come from, Mr. Bell?" "The lower part of the dene." "If it was the shot that killed his lordship, would it have sounded in that direction?" "It would, sir."

"Now, had you to go in and fill your pipe, or was it lighted?" "It was lighted, but more than half-smoked, and I stood in the doorway till I'd finished it."

"You were at the door?" "Yes, it was for about seven or eight minutes; but that was while I was in the house filling my pipe."

"Counsel for the prosecution then sat down, and the prisoner's counsel rose." "Was it anything unusual to see the prisoner come from the dene at night?"

"I shouldn't like to say it was. I've seen her come up that way times and again." "Did you ever see her come quickly—or running, if you like, before that night?"

"Very often." "Then there was nothing unusual in her manner?" "The man hesitated." "Answer me, sir!"

"Well, sir, it struck me as being different. In general, she looked bound to see if any one was about; but that night she seemed all hurry to get in."

"Did she usually come up that path?" "Sometimes she came one way, sometimes the other." "Very well. Now I want to ask you how you know the moon went under a cloud?"

"Well, you see, my sister's that careful, she won't burn oil when she can save it, and never lights the lamp on a moonlight night, but draws the blind up; and the kitchen went dark while I was pottering round after the baby, and it hindered me ever so much."

"You can go down, sir." "The counsel for the prosecution having no more witnesses, the defendant's counsel intimated that he had two more, and Dr. Bernard was called. A quiet, gentlemanly man stepped into the box.

"You are the proprietor of a private asylum at Glenlie, in Cumberland?" "I am."

"Among your patients, have you Lady Alfred Neville, the widow of the late Lord Alfred Neville, and mother of Captain the Honourable Horace Neville?" "I have."

"What forms do her delusions take, doctor?" "Various forms." "Has she not displayed a strong enmity to the murdered lord?" "She has; but it has only shown itself at intervals."

"What would arouse her?" "A visit from her son. She had a mania that the young viscount was keeping her son out of his rights."

"She has escaped several times, I believe?" "Three times." "When was the last?" "On the 28th of last October." "The day before the murder?" "Yes."

"Would it be possible for her to procure any firearms in your establishment?" "It would not."

"Does she appear sufficiently sane to purchase a revolver without the party selling it suspecting her condition?" "She does not. I should consider any one highly reprehensible who sold her such a thing."

"Insane people are very crafty. Do you not think she might be able to deceive any one she came in contact with momentarily?" "I do not."

"Suppose she had any firearms, do you think her mania would have caused her to attempt the life of Lord Bewley?" "It is possible she might."

"Where was she found?" "At Mrs. Burton's farm." "Where is Mrs. Burton's farm?" "In the dene."

"How long elapsed after the murder before she was found?" "Over a week." "Thank you. I need not trouble you further."

Mrs. Burton was then called and stated how Lady Alfred Neville had arrived on the Sunday night, and that she missed her on the night of the murder; but she positively declared that Lady Alfred did not bring any weapon, and could not have got one at her house. She was rigidly cross-questioned, but adhered to her statement.

This concluded her examination. The counsel for the prosecution then rose, and said that by Captain Neville's orders every effort had been made to discover if the unfortunate lady had the smallest chance of securing a weapon by theft, or in any way, and they found it impossible.

CHAPTER XVIII. IS SHE GUILTY? When I returned to the Hall that night, I felt very sad. I was almost certain Mary Hirst would be convicted, and I knew she had been so.

"About five minutes' walk." "Is it the same side of the stream, Mr. Bell?" "No, sir."

"How do you cross the stream?" "Well, there's the stepping-stones, and two bridges."

"Which way would any one cross who wished to reach Lord Bewley on his homeward way?" "By the further bridge."

"Then the path by which Mary Hirst was coming was the nearest to that bridge?" "No, it was nigher the other bridge."

"What I mean is that it is the nearest way from Hirst's cottage to the further bridge?" "Yes, sir, it is."

"How was she coming? Was she walking quietly, or did she seem excited?" "She was running fast, and never saw me."

"Had she anything in her hand?" "I couldn't tell, as she'd a large shawl wrapped round her."

"Can you tell us if the moon was under a cloud any part of the time?" "Yes, it was for about seven or eight minutes; but that was while I was in the house filling my pipe."

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"Where was she found?" "At Mrs. Burton's farm." "Where is Mrs. Burton's farm?" "In the dene."

"How long elapsed after the murder before she was found?" "Over a week." "Thank you. I need not trouble you further."

Mrs. Burton was then called and stated how Lady Alfred Neville had arrived on the Sunday night, and that she missed her on the night of the murder; but she positively declared that Lady Alfred did not bring any weapon, and could not have got one at her house. She was rigidly cross-questioned, but adhered to her statement.

This concluded her examination. The counsel for the prosecution then rose, and said that by Captain Neville's orders every effort had been made to discover if the unfortunate lady had the smallest chance of securing a weapon by theft, or in any way, and they found it impossible.

CHAPTER XVIII. IS SHE GUILTY? When I returned to the Hall that night, I felt very sad. I was almost certain Mary Hirst would be convicted, and I knew she had been so.

"About five minutes' walk." "Is it the same side of the stream, Mr. Bell?" "No, sir."

"How do you cross the stream?" "Well, there's the stepping-stones, and two bridges."

"Which way would any one cross who wished to reach Lord Bewley on his homeward way?" "By the further bridge."

"Then the path by which Mary Hirst was coming was the nearest to that bridge?" "No, it was nigher the other bridge."

"What I mean is that it is the nearest way from Hirst's cottage to the further bridge?" "Yes, sir, it is."

"How was she coming? Was she walking quietly, or did she seem excited?" "She was running fast, and never saw me."

"Had she anything in her hand?" "I couldn't tell, as she'd a large shawl wrapped round her."

"Can you tell us if the moon was under a cloud any part of the time?" "Yes, it was for about seven or eight minutes; but that was while I was in the house filling my pipe."

"Counsel for the prosecution then sat down, and the prisoner's counsel rose." "Was it anything unusual to see the prisoner come from the dene at night?"

"I shouldn't like to say it was. I've seen her come up that way times and again."

"Did you ever see her come quickly—or running, if you like, before that night?" "Very often."

"Then there was nothing unusual in her manner?" "The man hesitated." "Answer me, sir!"

"Well, sir, it struck me as being different. In general, she looked bound to see if any one was about; but that night she seemed all hurry to get in."

"Did she usually come up that path?" "Sometimes she came one way, sometimes the other."

"Very well. Now I want to ask you how you know the moon went under a cloud?" "Well, you see, my sister's that careful, she won't burn oil when she can save it, and never lights the lamp on a moonlight night, but draws the blind up; and the kitchen went dark while I was pottering round after the baby, and it hindered me ever so much."

"You can go down, sir." "The counsel for the prosecution having no more witnesses, the defendant's counsel intimated that he had two more, and Dr. Bernard was called. A quiet, gentlemanly man stepped into the box.

"You are the proprietor of a private asylum at Glenlie, in Cumberland?" "I am."

"Among your patients, have you Lady Alfred Neville, the widow of the late Lord Alfred Neville, and mother of Captain the Honourable Horace Neville?" "I have."

"What forms do her delusions take, doctor?" "Various forms." "Has she not displayed a strong enmity to the murdered lord?" "She has; but it has only shown itself at intervals."

"What would arouse her?" "A visit from her son. She had a mania that the young viscount was keeping her son out of his rights."

"She has escaped several times, I believe?" "Three times." "When was the last?" "On the 28th of last October." "The day before the murder?" "Yes."

"Would it be possible for her to procure any firearms in your establishment?" "It would not."

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There is also a great deal of attention on the market which is unnecessary, low in water content. This means reduced yield in butter, and consequently places the manufacturer at such a disadvantage as to competitors who are obtaining normal yields.

Finally it is necessary to understand the means of controlling water in order that uniformity may be secured with respect to this constituent of butter.

THE BUTTERMAKER'S LIMIT. While 16 per cent water is the legal limit, the buttermaker should be on the safe side, should make his per cent his limit. To allow more per cent latitude for possible contingencies in making water determinations is manifestly the best that can be done.

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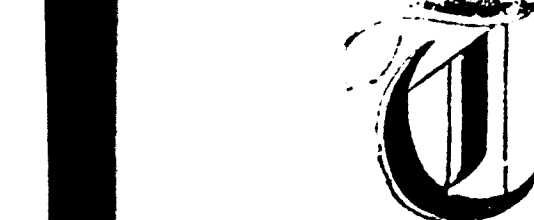
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