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IN MEMORIAM. FRUSHER.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Robert Frusher, who died at Beaufort, 6th April, 1913. I have lost my life's companion. A heart linked with my own: Day by day I miss his footsteps, As I walk through life alone.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1914. BEAUFORT WATER SUPPLY.

The question of providing a more efficient water supply for the township of Beaufort is one that is causing the North Riding members of the Riponshire Council grave concern, and the difficulties surrounding the question appear to be so great in their minds that they are unable to agree as to the best means of adopting for arriving at a satisfactory solution of the problem.

That in connection with the Beaufort water supply, an expert be asked to visit and report on the Argyle Gully scheme and the pumping scheme, and that the two schemes be submitted to the ratepayers of the township by a referendum as to which scheme they approve of, giving cost of each scheme and the rates required.

Mr. Sinclair has also given notice to move at this meeting— "That an engine and pump be purchased and placed in the Park, cost not to exceed £500, to be borrowed from the bank for a term of 15 years at 5%, and that the Railway Department be asked to pay one-half the cost."

The Argyle Gully scheme is to construct a storage reservoir in that gully below the race, at an estimated cost of £2,000. This will entail a further cost of £1,000 to provide a main of wooden pipes from the reservoir to the Golden Age hotel, or, if cast-iron pipes are used, the cost of the main will be £1,600, making the total expenditure either £3,000 or £3,600.

This work cannot possibly be carried out except by the imposition of a 2 rate. The pumping scheme is to put a pumping plant at the Park at a cost of £500, and to ask the Railway Department to pay half the cost. Allowing for a new 1-inch main from the Park to Pringle's corner to join the present main of the same capacity, would involve a further outlay of £250. An outside estimate of the cost of working this plant is 1/3 per hour, and that the scheme can be carried into effect on a 1/6 rate, and possibly as low as 1/3. The only other possible scheme is to bring this water from Mt. Cole in pipes at an estimated expenditure of £12,000, and on a 4 rate. At present this scheme is not practicable, as a loan would have to be floated to raise the required capital, and the council would have to show that there would be sufficient revenue to pay it off. This, we are assured, could not be done; so that this scheme need not at present be taken into consideration. The supply from Mt. Cole, which is brought to Beaufort by means of an open race for a distance of about 30 miles, practically became exhausted three months ago, and although the supply from Jonathan's reservoir was used since then in conjunction with the water pumped from the Goldfields' reservoir at the Park, the townspeople have had to rely upon the Goldfields' reservoir since 10th January. Pumping was commenced on 22nd December, and continued on half-time till 10th January, when the pump has been working continuously for the 24 hours per day. Except in 1908, when the pump was working from February 24th till March 18th, and also from April 15th till May 5th, more than double the pumping has been done this year. In 1909 the pump only worked for about six weeks, and in 1910, 16 1/2 days. As is well known, the Railway Department have first claim on the Mt. Cole supply, and when this fails, are only too willing to pay half-cost of the pumping. The present pumping plant was purchased 7 or 8 years ago for £140, but it has become somewhat obsolete, and will cost £50 to put in proper order. As a matter of fact, grave doubts have been felt as to whether it would stand the strain this year, and its break-down is almost daily expected. The utmost care has to be used in working it at a lower pressure than its capacity. Then, again, it is expensive to run, as it is costing £12 per week. It is pumping about 50,000 gallons a day now. As against that, the proposed new pumping plant at the Park would pump 500,000 gallons an hour, thus giving 2 1/2 times the quantity of water, at an estimated cost of £1000 per week. It could also be used for other purposes.

reservoir, which will hold about 17 days' supply for the town, and, of course, when that work was done, could either be worked at half-time or spelled altogether for at least a week or two, thus materially decreasing the working expenses. It is worthy of note that the Park pumping plant would give those townships people who are living on the higher levels an adequate supply throughout the summer. These ratepayers get a very erratic supply at present until the pumping starts from the Goldfields' reservoir, notwithstanding that they pay the same rate as their more fortunate fellow-citizens in the lower levels of the town. To them the pumping scheme would prove an inestimable boon, and to our mind it seems to be the only practicable scheme, even should the Railway Department decline to pay the cost. However, the Departmental officers are very much in favor of it, but it does not follow that the commissioners will agree to the expenditure. They might possibly consider that as the Mt. Cole supply is sufficient for ordinary seasons, they will chance bad ones and make other arrangements to tide them over the difficulty of procuring water for their engines. But the chances are very much against it. If the Railway Department adopt the scheme, there is not likely to be any scarcity of experts. For the council to go to the useless and altogether unnecessary expenditure of getting an expert to report on the two schemes seems to us to be the height of absurdity. The cost would be anything from £25 to £50, and would be money absolutely wasted. We do not know whether an attempt is being made by Mr. Trengove to discredit our engineer; but Mr. Muntz, with his undoubted qualifications, backed up by local knowledge, should unquestionably be of far greater value in this capacity than any stranger making a cursory inspection. The water from Jonathan's reservoir this year has been vile—black and evil-smelling—and the wonder is that it was not responsible for an outbreak of typhoid. The construction of a reservoir in Argyle Gully would have nearly a similar result—the water, if not black and stinking, would at all events be discoloured, and probably be as thick as pea-soup for years. If the ratepayers are to be further taxed for water supply purposes—and it seems inevitable—surely the councillors can display sufficient common sense to provide the purest possible supply at the least expense. This can be done, without the shadow of a doubt, by adopting the pumping scheme. The water for household purposes is infinitely better than that which comes from the race, and so long as swimming is prohibited in the Goldfields' reservoir, it is also ten times better for drinking purposes. With the absolute necessity of providing a better water supply staring them in the face, are councillors going to shirk their responsibilities and become mere delegates by throwing the onus on the ratepayers? To take a referendum on the expenditure of so small a sum as £750 (possibly £375) seems ridiculous. There can be no two opinions as to the necessity of providing a more efficient water supply for the town, and the representatives of the ratepayers should not hesitate for one moment to carry into effect what undoubtedly is the most practical, economical, and effectual scheme—that of installing a pumping plant at the Park and extending the four-inch main.

The monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council takes place on Monday. Tenders are invited for several contracts. Mr. H. W. Jones, who has been in charge of the Beaufort Pharmacy for some months, has left this township to manage a business at Beaufort.

The date of the Beaufort races has been definitely fixed by the V.R.C. for Wednesday, 6th May. Nominations now close on Monday, 27th inst. Mr. J. P. Hamilton, who has occupied the position of assistant to the Rev. A. J. Stewart in the Beaufort Presbyterian charge for over 12 months, is to be transferred to Lucindale, South Australia. During the time he has been stationed in the district Mr. Hamilton has endeared himself to the people, and his departure will be greatly regretted. He has also been a very useful member of St. Andrew's choir, Beaufort. Mr. Neil McDonald, of Woomelang, is Mr. Hamilton's successor.

A general meeting of the members of the Beaufort Thistle Club sports committee was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Friday evening, 27th ult. Mr. J. H. Robertson (chairman) presided over an attendance of 18 members. Frederick Blackham proposed that a concert on Easter Monday night was received and dealt with. Three new members were elected. The action of the committee was to accept a price from Mr. Lidgerwood for the publican's booth was endorsed. The sub-committee were authorised to dispose of the luncheon booth, and also to make lend another young fellow with two dozen traps to trap around the common. Witness agreed to let them have the traps. He told the married man he would be responsible and would be expected to return the traps or replace them. Witness gave accused the traps on those conditions. They were to work for his boys. The traps (produced) were his property, and were worth 25. He did not authorise accused or any of the others to take them away, and there was no stipulation as to payment.

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To Mr. Young—Witness saw accused at Wicklife about a week before, but did not know them. He asked them where they came from and they told him Mr. Gambier. Accused named mentioned Nhill. Witness did not know their names—only just what they told him. He saw accused going through Hamilton and was speaking to a man. He did not tell them to take a horse to go to Hamilton, but told them where they could see a man to get a horse from. Witness never told them to take one and say that a short man with dark, bushy whiskers gave it to them. Witness never told them to make any statement to the proprietor of this horse. He saw accused last on a Tuesday, and was speaking to a man who offered them an old horse then if they would do some fencing. Witness was present when the horse was tried. They could not get it to go, as it threw itself down. Witness hit the horse, but it cut itself open. Accused said they were stuck if they could not get a horse. He told them to return the traps after their week's work, and had them arrested on Friday, 27th inst. The conditions were that accused were not to leave the common. Witness did not know whether accused were rabbits about a week before they had some of their own, and would replace any broken or lost. There were a good few rabbits about a week before the horse was tried. He directed them to go three miles further over to their work. He made no objection to accused going after they had their work done, but never heard Wedderburn mentioned, but was told to go to Streatham in following accused up.

To Senior-constable Rohan—Witness would not have lent them the traps had he known accused were coming to Beaufort. To Mr. Young—They might have sent up the traps in a sack. To Mr. Wetherston—Accused never went to the fencing job at all. Senior-constable Rohan stated that in consequence of information received from last witness, Constable Evans, he went to the Lake Goldsmith road on Saturday morning, where accused were camped. They found the traps and hoes (produced) and accused admitted knowing Mr. Blackham of Wicklife, and said they got the traps from him, but did not steal them. Accused also said they intended to pay Mr. Blackham for them when they got rabbits to a place where they were rabbits, and that there was an arrangement as to buying them. Witness subsequently communicated with Mr. Blackham, who denied that.

Mounted-constable Evans gave corroborative evidence. To Mr. Young—One of the accused showed witness a ticket with the name of Blackham on it, and said: "There is Blackham's address." Senior-constable Rohan said accused made no secret about having the traps and where they got them. Mr. Young submitted that there was no case to answer either on the law or facts. Blackham had said accused must replace the traps after a week or two, and was responsible. He met accused accidentally 10 miles from the common and made no objection. Accused made no secret whatever of the matter. They had been trapping and found no rabbits around Wicklife and came on further. They had a week to complete the conditions laid down by the V.R.C. Defendants were charged with larceny, and should have been charged with larceny as a bailie. He gave illustrations of cases almost on a line with this. If defendants failed to return the traps in a week there should have been a civil action for illegal detention, not a criminal prosecution. Accused made no secret of going. There was, according to Blackham's statement, a specific promise that the traps were to be returned within a week. That week had not elapsed last Friday, and the accused could have gone back to Beaufort or Wicklife. Action was taken altogether too soon. The prosecution fell to the ground on what had been stated to the bench.

Senior-constable Rohan remarked that it had been clearly shown that larceny had been intended. Accused left Wicklife and were found three days after at Beaufort with the traps in their possession. If they were on their way to Wedderburn they never said anything about going to Beaufort.

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Beaufort Golf Club. THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Mechanics' Hall, Beaufort, on TUESDAY EVENING, THURSDAY, APRIL 8th, 1914.

St. Andrew's Church, Beaufort. CHILDREN'S ANNIVERSARY SERVICES. SUNDAY, APRIL 19th—Morning, Afternoon, and Evening.

Shire of Ripon. TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing five per cent. deposit (minimum deposit, £1), will be received up to 11 a.m. on Monday, April 6th, 1914.

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS PARTS.

Wrote on a cruise round the world in the steam yacht "Boadicea," Dick Ferris, only son of a wealthy English gentleman residing at Harza Vale, witnesses a strange scene enacted in mid-ocean. An ironclad cruiser stops the cargo steamer Golden Horn, bound for San Francisco, and forcibly abducts from the ship Captain Paul Vorholt, a famous Russian military engineer, who has escaped from Siberia. The British man-of-war Malta, in answer to the steamer's signal of distress, arrives too late to be of any assistance for the mysterious cruiser as seen at the Malta is sighted vanishes at immense speed. Dick recognises one of the officers of the Malta to be Lieutenant Grenville. Six months after his return to England, Dick learns of the failure of the Orient Bank through which his father is almost ruined. An angry altercation takes place between father and son, the former making an unjustifiable attack upon Dick's honour. On his way to his chambers Dick encounters Mary Ferris, with whom he is madly in love. Shortly after parting with her, he meets Lieutenant Grenville, who is on leave of absence, and from him learns that he (Grenville) is engaged to Mary Ferris. Imbittered by his misfortune, he decides to make a fresh start in life in other lands. He finds a purchaser for the Boadicea in Señor Leon Montejo, apparently a Spanish gentleman of wealth and culture. Dick is invited to join the yacht, the Spaniard promising him unbounded wealth and adventure in the South Pacific Seas. Dick declines the invitation, but is prompted by curiosity to act the part of private detective. He tracks Montejo to his quarters and discovers, to some extent, the secret mission of the vessel. Meanwhile Grenville has been investigating a gigantic ocean mystery that has puzzled shipping authorities for years. He is convinced the lie upon the trail of one of the greatest pirates schemes the world has ever known. It accounts for the loss of the ironclad Wanderer, stolen from Sydney Harbour in 1867, by a crew of desperate ruffians under the leadership of Jason Gore. The mysterious disappearance of many valuable cargo and other steamers from the Pacific Seas during the past 27 years is thus explained. However, Grenville fails to interest Dick in his inquiries. The latter quietly settles his affairs and takes his passage to America. For months he wanders about the States, and ultimately finds himself in New York, devoid of funds, drifting through a maze of narrow streets towards the East River. Attracted by a noisy crew in a hotel bar, he enters. To his amazement he is accosted by Señor Montejo, who renews his invitation to join the Boadicea. Dick indignantly refuses. The Spaniard finding Dick suspects the real mission of the yacht determines to take him prisoner. Dick is dragged to the harbor and conveyed on board. A few days later he is transferred to the cruiser King of Troy, commanded by Captain Jason Gore. The captain receives Valentine in a friendly spirit, allowing him personal liberty on his giving a promise not to attempt to escape. Accompanied by the yacht Boadicea the King of Troy cruised about for a few days in search of the British White Cross liner Juno, bound from Liverpool to New Orleans. Due course she is discovered, fired upon and boarded. From among her passengers one unfortunate victim is selected.

CHAPTER IV. THE FATE OF THE TRAITOR. The silence lasted for probably a minute, and then Jason Gore took a step nearer the trembling wretch. "Lake Radford, you have learned how far my arm can reach!" he said, in low, sharp tones that were intended only for his own men and the prisoner. "Fool, traitor, why did you not realise your madness before it was too late? Did you indeed hope to escape my vengeance? To evade the punishment you so richly deserve?" "Mercy!" came in a husky whisper from the man's lips. "Shall I tell you what I know?" Gore continued. "Listen! You, one of my trusted agents in London, bound by oath to be true to our community, were tempted and fell. I am ignorant of the reason, but it is certain that you decided to sell the great secret to the Admiralty—to the British Government. However, I had mistrusted you for a long time, and you were constantly watched by other agents of mine. You learned or suspected this before you could carry out your treacherous designs. In alarm you fled to Liverpool, and took passage under an assumed name in the first vessel leaving that port. You hoped that the spies were off your trail, and that in America you could safely dispose of the information that would send the fleets of the civilized world straight to my stronghold. Poor fool! The Juno was barely out of the Mersey when I knew that you were among her passengers. I swore that you should never reach New Orleans, and I have kept my word.

ceive me with specious lies. And it is not in my power to give you another chance. You are going back now to the island where you will be judged by our iron laws—the laws that provide for the punishment of traitors."

"For Heaven's sake have mercy!" cried Radford. "I have served you well in the past, and I will serve you better in future. Don't take me to the island to be tried!"

The wretched man gasped for breath. He knew the futility of pleading, and he read his fate plainly in Gore's eyes. Uter despair suddenly turned his cowardice to rage and hatred, and like a flash one hand slipped behind him. He had there a pistol which his captors knew nothing of, and before the Bantam or Crump could interfere the weapon was out and levelled at Gore.

But the old pirate was not to be caught napping. He had seen the prisoner's first move, and he forestalled it. His own pistol was thrust into his bosom, and he swiftly drew it and fired, apparently without taking aim. Crack! The report blended with Montejo's shout of warning, and Radford reeled and dropped, with the undischarged weapon clutched in his hand. He struggled an instant, and then lay quite still on his back—a little stream of blood trickled from his left breast and stained the deck.

Gore put up his pistol as calmly as though nothing unusual had happened. The wailing and loud murmurings among the crew, and the captain and officers discussed the tragedy in whispers. The terrified passengers fell out of line, and some crept below unobserved. Gore's men were as unconcerned as himself, but Dick could hardly force back the angry and indignant words that rose to his lips.

Then the Bantam and Crump bent over Radford's body. "Let him lie there!" Gore cried, sharply. "Is he dead?"

"Stone dead, sir," the Bantam replied. "The ball must have gone right to his heart."

"I don't see how you plugged him so neatly," added Montejo. "It was quick as lightning the way the fellow drew out!"

"But I was quicker," interrupted Gore, with a grim smile. "Well, it's all for the best. The traitor deserved his end, and we are saved the bother of trying him. He got off too easily, though."

"Ay, ay!" came approvingly from some of the men.

Gore glanced across the water at the cruiser, and then turned to the captain of the Juno.

"I stopped and boarded your ship to accomplish an act of retribution—to punish a treacherous servant," he said, curtly. "That is finished, and now you shall be rid of our presence. Had you heeded my first shot you could have gone safely on to port. However, that is entirely your own fault. But before I go, there is one thing—"

He broke off as the first officer came in haste and agitation to the captain.

"What is it?" the latter demanded. "Bad news, Martin?"

"About as bad as it can be, sir," was the reply. "The water is gaining fast, and a couple of pumps are disabled. The ship is settling now, and she must founder in three-quarters of an hour at most."

The officer had spoken more loudly than he intended, and his alarming words spread quickly among the passengers. They had long since suspected, from the rapid in incessant working of the pumps, what was amiss. Now doubt became certainty, and an immediate panic was the result.

Some made a frantic rush below to gather up their valuables, and others ran about the deck with shrill clamour. Several showed presence of mind and waited quietly to see what would happen.

Amid the tumult the captain turned to Gore.

"What am I to do?" he asked.

"Lower your boats," Gore answered, curtly.

The order was given, and some of the crew were quickly at work. The panic abated when the passengers saw what measures were being taken for their safety, and when the officers had assured them that they were in no danger. The suggestion that they should go below and collect their portable property was calmly obeyed.

"I have one thing to settle with you yet," Gore said to the captain. "Of course there are circumstances which forbid me to offer the shelter of my vessel to your people. The sea is calm, and you are well within the track of steamers. You are certain to be picked up in a day or so. But I believe you told me you had a woman on board?"

"Yes; one of the passengers of the ill-fated Tropic."

"Is she old or young?"

"Young."

"Well, I want to see her. Bring her on deck, and be quick about it. If she has been shipwrecked once, she won't care to be cast adrift in an open boat again to share your risks. She will much prefer the safety of my protection."

"I doubt it," the captain answered. "Good Heavens, man, do you mean to force that poor girl to go aboard your vessel? God help her if you do. She had much better be dead!"

"You dog, I did not ask for your opinion," Gore shouted in a rage. "Let us have no words about the matter. Obey me—fetch the girl up!"

The captain hesitated for a moment, and he looked as though he was strongly tempted to fly at Gore's throat. Then he turned on his heel, strode to the companionway, and vanished below.

CHAPTER V. DICK'S TEMPTATION. Dick had heard all the foregoing conversation, and he realised what it meant. He knew that the pirate contemplated another outrage, and one infinitely worse than the shooting of Luke Radford.

"Must I stand by and see it?" he said to himself. "They will take this

woman by force to the cruiser, and she is probably well-bred and a lady. The captain is right; she had much better be dead than fall into such hands. I can't play a passive part much longer. If I had a pistol I should be strongly tempted to shoot that scoundrel, Jason Gore. And it might be just as well for me, for I am a doomed man, anyway. I can't see a ray of hope in the future."

At that moment there was a stir of curiosity, and Dick's comrades closed compactly in front of him, blocking his view across the deck. He shifted his position and looked. The captain was at the head of the companionway, supporting on one arm a young and most beautiful girl. Her slim figure showed to advantage in a tailor-made suit of tweed, and a cap of the same material was perched on her fluffy and partly-confined hair. A light cloak was thrown over her shoulders and clasped at her throat. And the face—lovely in spite of the piteous signs of grief—was the face of Mary Ferris!

Dick recognised her instantly. He gasped her name half aloud, and for a second his heart seemed to stop beating. He stood back a little, overcome with deep emotion, and like a flash he understood the situation. The lost steamer, the Tropic, was the one on which the girl was coming up from the West Indies with her aunt—coming up to New York to meet Geoffrey Grenville. And she had escaped the perils of the sea only to encounter the greatest of dangers! What of that man? Her grief was what still ignorant; her grief was probably due to anxiety for Mrs. Hawthorne.

Dick's brain was in a whirl, and he shuddered at the thought of discovery. He concluded to await further developments, and he looked furtively over the shoulders of his companions as the captain led Miss Ferris forward. She walked in a dazed manner, surveying the scene on deck with frightened eyes, and when she saw Radford's body her face turned the colour of marble.

The unexpected presence of so lovely and young a woman, seemed to awe the rude men from the cruiser, and with one exception, to command their respect. The exception was the Señor Leon Montejo. He fixed his eyes greedily on the girl, with a glance in which were intermingled a hot and insulting admiration, malicious triumph, and bewildered astonishment. This Dick could not perceive, as Montejo's face was turned from him.

Jason Gore stepped out a little, doffed his cap, and bowed politely. "My compliments to you, miss," he said. "I must inform you that this ship will shortly sink, and that all on board are about to take to the boats. They may be picked up, and they may not. At all events, it would be a pity for you to share their perils and hardships. I offer you the safe protection of my cruiser yonder."

The girl did not answer. She still clung to the captain's arm, and it was evident that her suspicions were more than aroused that she was not here to be rescued, but to be sacrificed. She shrank with plain aversion from Gore and looked out across the sea at the big white cruiser.

And in the meantime, while Gore had been speaking, and while Mary Ferris hesitated, Dick had fought a short but fierce battle with a terrible temptation. The girl's beauty had quickened all his love for her. If she was taken on board the cruiser, he reflected, she would be lost for ever to the world. What was to prevent him, in case he sacrificed honour and life to the girl, from making this woman's love and making her his wife? At least, Grenville should not have her.

But these ignoble thoughts passed quickly. He remembered honour and manhood, the loyalty that was due to his friend, the suffering and misery that would be the girl's lot—and such a wave of shame and revulsion of self-reproach, swept over him that he gritted his teeth hard, and vowed to defy the pirate and all his crew.

"You shall not take her!" he muttered, making a step nearer.

Just then the girl turned half defiantly to Gore.

"Who killed that man? Why was he murdered?" she demanded, pointing to the body; and there was a ring of scorn in her voice. "Why do you not make the same offer to all of us that you make to me?"

Her audacity dumbfounded Gore.

"I have no room to spare on my vessel," he replied, sullenly, "nor would the others care to accept my protection."

"And I will tell you why, Miss Ferris," the captain of the Juno broke in, hotly. "This man is a ruffian and a pirate!"

"You dog of a liar, hold your tongue!" cried Gore. He turned to the girl. "Your answer, quick?" he added. "Will you put yourself under my protection?"

The question was not heeded. Mary Ferris was gazing straight at Leon Montejo, and her face was a picture of determination and fear, startled recognition. Then her eyes strayed further, and she suddenly saw Dick. For a second she stood still and silent, the hot colour mounting from her throat to her temples. Then, with a shrill exclamation, she stretched out both her arms.

"Dick—Mr. Valentine!" she cried. "Oh, I cannot be mistaken; it is really you! And you are with these men, so of course they are not pirates. Please help me! Tell me what to do!"

Dick crimsoned with shame. It was too late for him to hide, unless to deny his identity. He neither spoke nor moved; his eyes sought the deck. He knew that his evil comrades were staring at him, and he heard the mocking laughter of Gore and Montejo.

"So they are old friends," the latter said, in sneering tones. "Careful, this is as bad as a drama on the stage."

"Dick," the girl pleaded, "won't you tell me the truth? Why do you

fear to look at me?"

"Because he is guilty," put in the bluff old captain. "Believe me, Miss Ferris, these men are all cutthroats and pirates. If you get on board of their vessel your fate will be worse than that death!"

There was a snarl of rage from Jason Gore, and with flashing eyes he sprang forward, and with the butt-end of his pistol struck the captain a blow on the forehead that stretched him, bleeding and unconscious, on the deck. For an instant there was danger of an outbreak among the officers and crew, but Gore's men drew their weapons, and that menace had a quelling effect.

With a pitiful cry, Mary Ferris clasped her hands and bent over the captain. The next instant Dick had dashed forward, hurling his comrades out of the way, and seized the trembling girl in his arms. And as he held her tight to him, looking into her lovely eyes and face, he felt that the joy of that moment was worth any cost. Some of the ship's people gave a murmur of disapproval, but Gore's men were infuriated.

"Kill him! Kill him!" they cried. "Shoot him down!"

Dick turned and confronted the raving crowd. He was unarmed, but he looked as defiant and fearless as a lion at bay.

"Listen to me, Captain Gore!" he shouted, hoarsely. "If you are a man and not a craven, you will spare this girl! Do not drag her on board of your ship; let her take to the boats with the rest. If you do this, I swear, I will take the oath you demanded of me a few days ago—ay, and keep it!"

"By heavens, the cub has spirit!" muttered Gore. He looked at Dick with something akin to admiration, and for a moment there was a hush. The next move came from Montejo. He shot a glance at Dick that the latter could not mistake—a glance full of jealous hatred—and then he strode to Gore and whispered hurriedly in his ear. The pirate seemed to waver at first; he shook his head slowly.

"Remember your promise!" the Spaniard cried aloud.

"You are resolved to claim it?"

"Yes!"

"Then have your way, curse you!" growled Gore. "Release the girl, you fool, and go back to your place," he added to Dick. "She goes aboard the cruiser."

"I swear you shall not have her!" Dick cried, in a passion. Turning to the ship's officers and crew, he continued: "Are there none here who will help me? Are you all cowards?"

There was no response, nor had Dick expected any. Mary clung to him hysterically, her slim form shaken with sobs.

"Save me! Save me!" she implored. "I fear that man more than any. Who is he Dick?" she asked, as she pointed to Montejo. "I saw him in London a year ago. He insulted me in the street, tried to follow me!"

"Did he?" roared Dick, attempting to free his arms. "I will kill him for that!"

Just then, at a signal from Gore, Montejo, Crump and the Bantam dashed forward. There was no time for Dick, but he made a plucky fight of it. He thrust the girl behind him, and his first blow felled Montejo to the deck. Then he tackled Crump and the Bantam at close quarters, and the three went down together. Two others had to lend aid, and in the end Dick was stunned and disabled by a blow on the back of the head from a pistol butt. Then he was dragged against a near-by hatch, and as he looked dizzily about him, he saw the girl and a man, and saw Mary Ferris reel limp and white into Montejo's arms. She had mercifully fainted.

For some time no further attention was paid to Dick; it was only by Gore's command that his life had been spared. He lay helpless and stupefied against the hatch, but vaguely aware of what was taking place around him.

The scene was now one of thrilling excitement. No more than ten minutes elapsed since the girl was first brought on deck; but in that interval, though the pumps were kept working, the ship had settled perceptibly into the trough of the sea. Most of the boats were lowered, and the frightened passengers were hustling and crowding to get into them. It was all the officers and crew could do to prevent a panic.

Dick saw the captain of the Juno, who was still unconscious, put over the rail by the surgeon and three of the officers. He looked about for the girl, but she was not to be seen. He was then struck by a sudden thought. He was picked up by Crump and the Bantam, hauled to the ship's side, and roughly let down the ladder to the bow of the cruiser's launch. The rest of the men were in their places, and Gore, seated in the stern, was supporting the insensible form of Miss Ferris. The jolly-boat had already put off, and a moment later the launch too was moving away from the hull of the ill-fated Juno.

CHAPTER XVI. BEHIND THE FOG. It was now but little more than half-past ten o'clock, and within an hour the weather had changed from fair to foul, and gave promise of an ugly day. Murky clouds sent down a fine drizzle, and the still air was raw and cutting. A grey mist was slowly settling over the sea; already the horizon was limited to a narrow radius.

The launch and the jolly-boat ploughed on side by side until they reached the point where separation was obvious. Then Montejo leaped over the gunwale towards Captain Gore.

"You had better give me the girl," he said.

"No; I shall keep her under my protection," Gore replied. "She will be safer and more comfortable on the cruiser."

"But surely Lucille is the proper person to look after her?"

"That's true," assented Gore, "and I intend that you shall transfer your sister to the cruiser at the first opportunity. But not now. I want to get away from these waters as soon as possible."

"All right," Montejo answered, sullenly, and with a scowl of disappointment.

He exchanged a few more words with Gore, relating mainly to the course that was to be steered, and then the two boats swung apart and made for their respective vessels.

Dick had listened stupidly and indifferently to the conversation. He was half-dazed, and not in a condition just then to take an interest in anything. His body was bruised, one eye was beautifully blacked, and the swollen and bleeding lump on the back of his head caused him much pain and dizziness. He lay huddled limply in the bow of the launch, alternately watching Gore and Miss Ferris in the stern, or staring vaguely beyond them at the sinking cargo-steamer; her passengers were all off, and the last of the crew were taking to the boats.

The launch presently bumped under the cruiser's gangway, and Dick, assisted by Crump and the Bantam, was the last to go up the ladder. There was bustle and excitement on deck, and he looked vainly about for Mary. She must have been taken here at once. He tottered to an iron seat and dropped into it, and there he lay for some time, supporting his throbbing head in his hands, and oblivious to what was going on about him.

After a while he felt better; the drizzling rain and the keen air revived and roused him. The King of Troy had steam up, and was travelling about nine knots an hour. He saw the captain and a couple of officers on the bridge. The yacht was in sight of the starboard quarter, and when he walked to the bulwark on the port side, he discovered the Juno a mile astern. The sea was low in the water, and at intervals nothing was visible but her masts and funnels; the scattered boats could be made out some distance behind as they rose one by one on the swell.

Suddenly there was a shout from aloft. The steamer had settled deeper, and the next instant she gave a plunge and went down gracefully. Then the white mist seemed to gather over the spot like a shroud, blotting out the boats that held the passengers and crew of the ill-fated ship. Dick turned away, sickened and wrathful, and as he did so, he was confronted by Jason Gore.

"Go to your cabin, and I will send the doctor down," the pirate cried, savagely. "You are not fit to be on deck. I don't know why I spared your life. I have killed many a man for less, and I was a fool to show you mercy; but by Heaven, sir, I will brook no more interference or impudence. Mark that!"

"What are you going to do with that poor girl?" Dick demanded.

"None of your cursed business!" thundered Gore. "Get below, you cub."

Dick was in an ugly mood; but the thought of Mary restrained him, and he obeyed the command without further words. He remembered the further to his cabin, and he had hardly reached it when the ship's doctor appeared—an elderly, taciturn man. He bathed and dressed Dick's wounds, and instructed him to keep quiet.

"How is your other patient?" Dick asked.

"She is doing all right; but that don't concern you," was the curt reply. "You ought to be thankful that you are alive, young man! Take my advice and keep your mouth shut hereafter."

With that the doctor departed, and a moment later a surly-looking man in a white apron brought breakfast on a tray. Dick ate a few slices of toast and an egg, and drank a cup of coffee.

"What a morning this has been," he reflected, as he restlessly paced the narrow limits of his cabin. "It seems like a dream—I can scarcely believe it! The death of that man Radford, the sinking of the steamer, and Mary here with me on the pirate cruiser! Poor girl, I wonder if she realises her situation! If a storm comes up and the Juno's boats are lost, Grenville may never know what became of her. Well, I tried to save her, and no man can call me a blackguard or a traitor to my friend. As to the future, that is a different matter. It was Montejo who induced Gore to bring the girl on board, and I could see plainly that she was taken by her beauty. But that Spanish ruffian can't have his way! God will protect Mary from his clutches—ay, even if I have to take the oath and turn pirate myself. I would do more than that—for the girl I love."

Dick's head still pained him considerably, and a feeling of weakness and drowsiness began to steal over him. He stretched himself on his bunk, drew the curtains over the porthole, and fell sound asleep almost immediately.

Clang! clang! clang! Six bells struck. It was three o'clock of the afternoon watch. The sound penetrated far enough below to rouse Dick, and he sat up on the edge of his bunk and rubbed his eyes. He felt stiff and bruised, and his head still pained him. He caught sight of a bottle of brandy and one of soda on the table, and he lost no time in mixing himself a drink. He had just drained the glass when a dull explosion smote upon his ears, and he started instinctively that it was a shell from a distant ship. A moment later, however, he was aware of the tramping of feet on deck. What did it all mean? Theories wild and improbable flashed into Dick's mind, each with its cheering spark of hope. He dashed to the porthole, tore the curtain aside, and looked out. He saw only a stretch of lead-coloured waves, melting at a short distance into a pale blanket of fog. Then, remembering that he had not been allowed to leave his cabin, he hurried

ly made his way on deck. None offered to stop him, and he gained a place near the bridge, on which stood Jason Gore and two of his officers. It was evident that a feeling of alarm and uncertainty pervaded the ship, though at present there was no apparent cause, the sea being deserted as far as the permitted observation. Men were on duty in the turrets and the conning-tower, and a double row of eager faces lined the bulwark on the starboard side. Dick looked steadily in that direction, and meanwhile the cruiser's speed gradually abated.

Crash! A big gun spoke at no great distance. Anxious eyes tried to peer into the fog.

"A breeze—a breeze!" cried Captain Gore from the bridge. "Well, soon know the worst!"

The prediction was verified. A moment later the starboard quarter of the fog suddenly split and rolled away in patches. And through the haze barely a third of a mile ahead of the cruiser the Boadicea was plainly recognised. She was dashed along at full speed, and a signal of distress fluttered at her masthead.

Crash! A shell fired from some invisible point skimmed close to the yacht's bow, and tossed up a water-spout as it sank beneath the waves. This was the third shot, but whether it was a signal to lie-to, or meant to do damage, it was impossible to judge yet. The yacht, however, went pluckily on her course.

To be Continued.

THE FARM. CLOVER SICKNESS. The old idea that clover sickness is due to the exhaustion of the soil is not so essential for the farmer as it once was. The late Mr. J. H. Jones, a contributor to the "British Farmer's Review," and in his own paper, has minutely shown that the disease is of parasitic origin. The disease is caused by a distinct parasite, and is not a result of promoting the disease by sowing "red clover." The parasite is a fungus, and is called "Fungus Sclerotinia trifoliorum."

Pelworm Disease. The symptoms of the presence of the worm disease is a yellowish discoloration of the leaves of small plants, and a general increase in size. The plants are stunted, and may be easily killed. The disease is caused by a parasite, and is called "Pelworm Disease." The parasite is a fungus, and is called "Fungus Sclerotinia trifoliorum."

THE DAIRY. HEAVY ROOT FEEDING. EFFECT ON THE MILK YIELD. An experiment was recently tried by Messrs. Laidlaw and Pagan at Edinburgh on the effects of feeding an extra quantity of roots to milk cows with regard to the results on the milk yield. The quantity and quality of the milk were noted, and incidentally a test was made how far turnips would replace the expensive food commonly used for feeding. The turnip ration was as follows per head daily:—Bean meal, 2lb; bran, 2lb; turpings, 12lb; hay, 15lb; having an albuminoid ratio of 1 to 14. The concentrated ration was: Bean meal, 2lb; bran, 2lb; peas meal, 4lb; dried brewers' grains, 2lb; turpings, 4lb; hay, 13lb; having a ratio of 1 to 7.6. Among the conclusions arrived at is that the richest milk was not obtained from the ration with the largest amount of digestible fat; that, indeed, more fat was found in the milk than was fed in the rations, and that therefore the digestible carbohydrates of the food must have supplied the difference. Another point which becomes apparent was that the feeding of a watery ration did not increase the percentage of water in the milk, or reduce the proportion of fat. A greater yield of milk was obtained from the concentrated rations, but the milk from the turnips contained the most fat. Certain comments suggest themselves to those who have had long experience in the feeding of cows. There is a common belief among farmers that all succulent or watery foods promote a greater flow of milk but of a poorer quality, and that this is especially the case with spring grass, mangels, and fresh brewers' grains. There are many instances supporting this opinion, but the inability to prosecute on the part of farmers owing to the effect of these foods in lowering the fat below the "standard" is the most important. These experiments contradict this opinion, and if these results are right they cannot be too widely known. On the other hand, one set of experiments cannot disprove a common and universal opinion on the matter, and even if the results were conclusive we are confronted with the question as to why milk of such quality and up in quantity when "lush" spring grass and other foods are given. We need much further experiment to elucidate the point, and in particular a trial with other kinds of food—more particularly with mangels.

VALUE OF RYE CORN. The value of rye is most apparent after root crops have been a partial failure, and in such seasons a large area of it is sown. It relieves the strain of providing keep, and forms a connecting link between winter and spring feed. It is very wholesome and not relaxing to the bowels like rape greens. It encourages milk in ewes and makes a pleasant change for lambs, especially if they are allowed to run forward through crops. It is also a excellent preparation for roots, and is grown as a catch crop between them and the previous corn crop. After it shoots into ear it ceases to be of value as sheep keep, but may be cut and carried to horses. It may even be left for seeding as a corn crop.

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THE Family of the late Mr. W. Edward... GEO. PRINGLE, Secy.

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There was a clean charge-sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Tuesday.

Under the conductors of Bandmaster A. E. Collins, the Beaufort Town Brass Band played an excellent programme of music from the band rotunda on Saturday night.

Mr. E. P. Plummer, late of Kilmore and Beaufort, and New Zealand, has succeeded Mr. W. H. Jones as manager of the Beaufort Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Haggis, of Beaufort, suffered a sad bereavement on Monday morning, their infant son Edward aged seven months succumbing to gastro-enteritis and exhaustion after a illness of only a few days' duration.

One of Beaufort's oldest and most highly respected business men, in the person of Mr. Wm. Edward, paperhanger and painter, passed away early on Saturday morning at his residence in Neil-street.

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RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1914. Present—Cra. Roddis (president), Sister, Stewart, Halpin, Trengove, Russell, Lewis, Sinclair, and Hannah.

THE minutes of the previous ordinary meeting as type-written and circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, stating that specifications for contract for metalling Skipton-Snake Valley road are satisfactory, and accepted by W. P. Madden's tender at £286 approved; also concurring in council's request that a grant of £100 towards the same road may be expended as an extra to the contract.—Received.

FROM PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, asking that strict supervision be exercised over fishermen's shops and hawkers' stalls, and that steps be taken to prevent unsound fish being sold to the public; also re ice cream and glasses at sports' booths.—Received as proposed, with suggestions for improvement, and carried out, on motion of Cra. Roddis and Stewart.

FROM SANE, acknowledging receipt of annual reports for 1913 of council and also of the following:—Received. The secretary stated he had written one and spoken personally to Dr. Jackson two or three times, but that he had not sent in his report.—Received. The secretary stated he had written one and spoken personally to Dr. Jackson two or three times, but that he had not sent in his report.—Received.

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FROM SANE, acknowledging receipt of letters brought under notice a shortage in the Beaufort water supply, and requesting that arrangements be made by the Department for engineers to test water at Ballarat or near it, and will further in the matter at an early date.—Received.

FROM D. S. OMAN, M.L.A., forwarding notification from Lands Department of amount of public gardens at Beaufort (£15) and recreation reserve at Carnham (£7 10), together with claim sheets for completion and return to secretary for Lands.—Received. Mr. Oman to be thanked, and matter referred to members of ridings interested, on motion of Cra. Roddis and Stewart.

FROM T. DELAHENTY, rabbit inspector, requesting drawing attention to various matters, and requesting that prompt steps be taken to effectually deal with the rabbits thereon; also asking council not to encourage trapping, as he is not satisfied with the satisfactory means of dealing with the rodents.—Cra. Roddis stated that work had been started on the reserve that morning. He moved that Cra. Roddis be authorized to try poisoned apples, and that the inspector be asked to send a man to do the work. Seconded by Cra. Roddis, and carried.

FROM SHIRE OF LEXTON, intimating its intention to apply for a contract for repairs on the main Ballarat road. Re regulation fixing weight of goods by measurement. Cra. Neil has given notice of motion to have the regulation amended so as to agree with that adopted by Ripon.—Received and council to be thanked, on motion of Cra. Sinclair and Halpin.

UNITED SHIRE OF BEECHWORTH, re-reading of St. John's wort noxious weed.—Received.

FROM DR. EDIE AND CAMERON, reporting case of typhoid fever (Gaelic) reported at Beaufort.—Received. Cra. Sinclair mentioned that a number of people had said the boy caught the fever from the drain at Cuthbertson's corner, which was being but a stinkpot. Cra. Roddis had done his best to disinfect it, but it was hard to get at. It was very hard to say where the boy got the fever. Telegram from Constable Casway, Skipton, stating that he had conducted discharges there; that contractor was suspended by Hampden-shire, and asking Ripon to do likewise; and that a substitute had been appointed. Cra. Roddis reported that Cra. Roddis had been to many complaints received, and on visiting different houses found the pans to be in an overflowing condition; and Cra. Roddis had attended to the matter themselves. A substitute (John Grant) is carrying out the work pending decision. He recommended that Cra. Roddis be appointed in his place.—Received.

FROM W. MCCANN, Skipton, forwarding petition from W. J. Allan and 11 ratepayers of Skipton, asking that Cra. Roddis be very ill for several days, and all the pans emptied and cleaned up to March 15th, except two or three, of which E. Wise, Dr. Barrett, and Cra. Roddis, and Cra. Roddis would be rather full, and were the very first he intended to replace with empty pans as soon as he would be able.—Received.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1914.

On Wednesday afternoon coursing and shooting takes place on the Trawalla plumpston.

Under the leadership of Bandmaster A. Collins, the Beaufort Town Brass Band rendered an enjoyable programme of music from the band rotunda on Sunday afternoon.

At the Beaufort Easter Monday, W. J. McEwain, of Chute, won the half-mile bicycle race, and was second in the mile bicycle race.

The remains of Mrs Heath, relict of Mr Thos. Heath, who formerly resided at Trawalla for many years, were brought from Sheep Hills to Beaufort on Saturday afternoon.

The members of the Beaufort Pipe Band (whose services had not been mentioned in the previous issue) arrived by the railway station on Monday morning.

Mr Jas. Fullerton (president) presided over the fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., on Tuesday evening.

On Good Friday morning a disastrous fire broke out on Kal-Kal Station, and fanned by an extra strong wind, it spread with alarming rapidity.

The fire then entered the subdivision, property of Ericidoune, and burnt 300 acres of Messrs Coutts brothers, and a number of sheep.

On Monday evening, the Beaufort branch of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia held its monthly meeting.

The Royal Pictures and Comedy Co. will appear at Beaufort on Tuesday next, April 22nd.

Mr. R. Greaves, auctioneer, announces a huge quantity of second-hand furniture.

For about 20 years ago, a man called a nifty butler in my kitchen, who was called 'Cassidy'.

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB.

EASTER MONDAY SPORTS.

OFFICIALS.—Chief, Mr. J. H. Robertson; secretary, Mr. J. H. Robertson; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Robertson.

Despite the threatening aspect of the weather, the Easter Monday sports at Beaufort Thistle Club's annual sports gathering in the Park passed off very successfully.

The members of the Beaufort Thistle Club would agree with him when he said that they were very good men in the district.

Mr. McKenzie (Ballarat) said the representatives of other societies always gave a Highland welcome here.

The bandmen spontaneously gave the cheers for the Beaufort Thistle Club.

Best dressed Highlander—Gold medal, valued £1.—J. McGregor. Three competitors.

Best dressed lassie—10.—Alan Robertson. Three competitors.

Best dressed lassie—10.—Edie Compston. Alice Adela Spait, equal. Five competitors.

Marches for pipers who have never won a prize of more than £1.—£1 and 10/10.

Strathspey and reel (ladies and lassies under 16 years)—15/7/6, and 2/6.—Adela Spait, 1; Edie Compston, 2.

Highland fling (ladies)—15/7/6, 2/6.—Savette, L. Stevenson, 2; N. Robertson, 3. Three competitors.

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not know who was to be congratulated. He heard the names of the fighting Cochrans and Stewarts mentioned.

Mr. D. Stewart (Chief of the Ballarat Society) heartily returned thanks to the members of his society.

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Dunn, 14yds., 2. J. Carmichael (23yds.), also started. Won easily by 2yds.

Handicap underhand woodchop, 12-inch logs—£3 10/21, and 10/10.—First heat—Archie Campbell, 10secs., 1. Alex. Campbell, 25secs., 2. Adam, 20secs., 3.

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MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

On Friday afternoon, 1914, the Magistrate held an inquiry into the fatal shooting of a man named John Smith.

The deceased was shot while engaged in a shooting party at the residence of Mr. J. H. Robertson.

The inquiry was held at the residence of Mr. J. H. Robertson, and was presided over by the Magistrate.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. VICTORIA.

Funeral of Mrs. Victoria, relict of Mr. J. H. Robertson.

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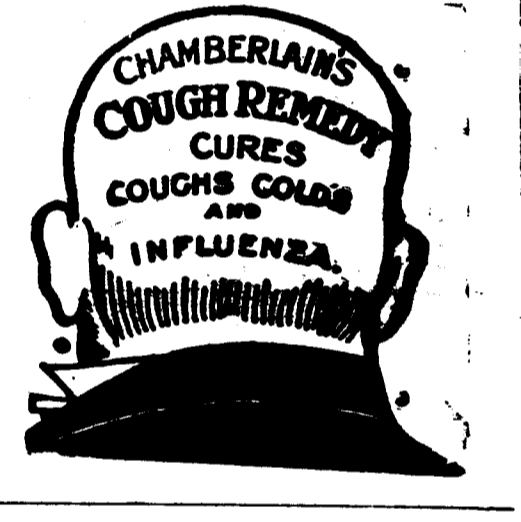
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Australian Natives' Association

The Easter vacation for the school and the Easter Monday, on Monday week, was observed.

PROGRESS T. I.O.P. 43.

The Fortnightly Meeting will be held in the Societies' Hall on Tuesday next, at 8 p.m.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1914.

Nominations for the Beaufort races on Wednesday, 6th May, close with the secretary (Mr. W. H. Halpin) next Monday, 27th inst.

Mr. R. Lees, a visitor from Murrumbidgee, had his right hand badly burnt Wednesday night at Beaufort. He was taking a flashlight photograph of a scene in a children's play when the lighting material exploded and caused the injury.

A cricket match was played at Waterloo on 23rd inst. between the local and Beaufort State school. The local team was defeated by 12 runs.

The State elections will probably take place earlier than was originally intended. The Ministry of October, the most suitable month, but the Cabinet has not reached a definite decision.

Parliament will probably be called together early in June, and the new roll is likely to be in readiness before the end of July.

It is now understood that Victorian Ministers are inclined to make arrangements for holding the State general election on about 19th August.

The committee of the Beaufort Church of England have decided to hold a bazaar in August for the purpose of raising funds to renovate the vicarage. Mr. Sinclair, member of committee mentioned the matter to Rear-Admiral Bridges, of the Trawalla Estate, on Tuesday, and on the following day he generously sent him a cheque for £50.

Some two or three years ago the Riponshire Council notified ratepayers that all geese found wandering in the township would be shot. For some time afterwards the surfaceman put the geese in a pen and they were not allowed to roam at large.

For a long time the surfaceman has had his gun on the rack, and owners of geese have been into a false sense of security, with the result that the birds have been allowed to resume their wandering habits. There was great consternation among owners of geese when the surfaceman again commenced slaughtering operations, in the course of which he bagged five fine geese in Pratt street.

Telephone communication between Ballarat and Beaufort has not been satisfactory to the business men of that city, whose use of the line is seriously hampered by the constant dropping of the line.

There is already a duplicate line from Ballarat to Burreumbidgee, and the Beaufort people have been agitating to get the duplicate line extended to Beaufort.

Members needed no convincing of the necessity of the proposed telephone facilities would confer, and a resolution pledging the exchange to use its best endeavors to secure them was carried promptly.

Rear-Admiral Bridges and Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair and J. P. O'Connell occupied the bench at the Beaufort Police Court on Tuesday. Two debt cases, in which Mr. S. Young appeared for complainant, were set out of court. S. H. Hill pleaded against Hugh McDonald for the recovery of £1 12/6, owing for board and lodging. Mr. Young appeared for complainant, and the order was made for the amount claimed, with 15/6 costs.

If you want to buy Bonds that will grow, buy the Bonds of the Government of Victoria.

All kinds of Trees, Plants, etc. in stock. The continuing dry weather in the Beaufort district has been a source of great anxiety to farmers, graziers, and township residents. On some of the stations stock has had to be banded, owing to the grazing lands having been swept by numerous fires. On all sides the general opinion is that this has been the driest spell the district has experienced for several years. It is stated that on Trawalla Estate for some weeks 12 tons of hay per day have been used in feeding stock. Reckoning this at 22 per ton, the cost would be £188 per week. On Moorabool and other stations lambs had to be killed to save the ewes. Throughout the district the exceptionally bad season has been severely felt. Many people who had to cart water for miles, most of the dams having given out. There was a light fall of rain on Saturday, and great satisfaction was expressed when it started raining on the following night and continued at intervals throughout Tuesday. During Monday night 86 points fell, but several heavy showers on the following day brought the total up to 160 points. In some parts of the district some 100 points were recorded. Residents' houses and tanks and dams were replenished, the majority of which had been almost empty for weeks. The rain, though somewhat late, will have a most beneficial effect on the crops.

J. S. M. ROBERTSON, Plumber and Tinsmith. Windmills erected and repaired; acetylene gas installed. All sizes tanks on hand, or built to order; 100 to 40,000 gallons.—Nail Street, opposite Bank of Victoria.

An exciting vehicular accident occurred on the Waterloo road, about a mile from Beaufort, about 12.30 p.m. on Monday. Mr. J. H. Jones, of Wabgon, who was driving to Beaufort, was overtaken by Mr. Miller and his wife, of Waterloo, a lift to the township. As they were passing the Beaufort corner a dog ran across the road, the car being stopped and the three occupants thrown out on the roadway. Luckily Mr. Jones was not injured, but the dog was killed. The dog was a small black and white, and was running towards the car.

The operation of the Federal Land Tax Act, which was passed in 1912, has been a source of much concern to the public. The tax is levied on the value of the land, and is payable in instalments. The Government has announced that it will be necessary to increase the tax in 1915, and this has caused much anxiety among landowners.

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For Cast Shares, all makes, Plow Chains, Harness, American Flows, Seed Drills, and agricultural implements, you should try HAWKES BROS., The Ironmongers, Beaufort.

The following district cases were dealt with by Mr. C. J. Joy, land officer, at the board held at Ballarat on Thursday.—Parish of Lang-Kal-Kal: Jas. McErvale, allot. 15, sec. D, 25 acres; recommended, subject to approved survey. Euphemia McErvale, allot. 16, sec. D, 50 acres; recommended, subject to approved survey. Parish of Trawalla: Sydney Hancock, allot. 58F, 6 acres; postponed.

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IT HAS NO EQUAL.

I had cramping pains in the stomach, and nothing gave me relief...

SHOOTING AND COURSEING.

Doubtless owing to the short notice given and the threatening aspect of the weather...

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PART 9. CHAPTER XXIII. THE TWO TOWNS.

During the afternoon there was great excitement and noise in the town, and from a front window Dick watched the motley groups of people who passed up and down the street.

After dinner Jason Gore came in, and held a private conversation with Dick. "Although our laws forbid it," he began, "I am going to give you two more months of grace. At the end of that time you must take the oath of allegiance, or suffer the consequences of refusal."

Dick was too prudent to reply to this ultimatum. It would be bad policy, he reflected, to ruffle the pirate as such a time.

"Will I be permitted to see Miss Ferris?" he asked. "Not until the two months have expired," was the disheartening response. "Don't worry about the girl. She will be well taken care of, and she has companions of her own sex."

"And will you protect her from Leon Montego?" Dick boldly exclaimed. "That is no concern of yours," replied Gore, his eyes flashing angrily.

"Senior Montego loves the English woman, and I have promised her to him in marriage. But I will tell you this much: the promise was made on condition that the girl give free consent within six months."

"She will never do that—never!" cried Dick. "I rather agree with you," Gore said, grimly. "However, I am pledged to give Montego his chance, and if he fails—"

"What then?" "Then the girl will be compelled to choose another for a husband. It is imperative that she does not remain single in our community," replied Gore. "So there the matter rests. I must be off now to preside at a meeting of the council, and tomorrow I will show you the town. Later, Captain Volborth will guide you over the island."

"With that Gore departed, leaving Dick in a wretched frame of mind. For two months he was not to see Mary, and it maddened him to think that during that time she would be exposed to the hateful attentions of the Spaniard. And when his own period of grace had expired, what should he do? Take the oath of allegiance and live for the girl's sake, or refuse and die? Valiantly he pondered the question, tossing on his bed through half the night, until finally he fell asleep from sheer weariness.

And in the morning his agonized face excited the sympathy of Captain Volborth. "A digression must be made here to describe the stronghold of Jason Gore and his evil associates, which was situated in a lonely, remote, and unknown part of the south Pacific. It was not marked on any mariner's chart, and how the pirate had entered into possession of it in the first place was a piece of information that was not vouchsafed to Dick. But within a week after his arrival he had seen everything that was to be seen on the island, and had learned all there was to know about the mode of life of the inhabitants, and the experience afforded him some food for thought.

The island was ten miles in diameter, and as he had stated, it was an island within an island, being completely encircled by a narrow lagoon, and by the outer barrier of high cliffs, which in turn were rendered unapproachable by the double chain of breakers. The island was for the most part high, but it fell gradually to the water except at the point opposite the granite gateway, where it formed a sheer bulk of rock.

On this natural fortification the pirates had years before erected a wall of thick masonry, and built their own town behind it, Gore giving it the classical name of New Troy. At the present time the upper town, which was laid out in narrow streets and several squares, had a population of about four hundred. These were all picked men of a superior class, and of mixed nationalities, who could be trusted implicitly, and whose devotion to Gore was beyond question. It was they who had taken turns at manning the ships that patrolled the seas in every part of the world, until the close watch set at all ports had recently put an end to all cruising of that kind. The men were comfortably housed, and some had wives and children.

On the side of the town remote from the bay was a large building known as Government House. Here Gore resided with his right-hand men including Montego and the Bantam, and here the council weekly discussed matters of importance and administered the laws of the colony; here also Mary Ferris was housed, as the Russian told Dick. Close to the Government House were a cafe, where drinking and music were enjoyed nightly, and an artificial garden of plants and trees, protected by a parapet from the edge of the cliff.

Krupp guns of the latest construction, to the number of twenty, were mounted within the walls of the fortress proper, which Captain Volborth had greatly improved within the past year. He was in charge here, and he had under him a body of trained gunners. On the side of the town towards the bay was a row of huge, windowless buildings. The largest of

these was the arsenal, containing thousands of shells, calks of powder, and hundreds of cases of rifles. The others held various stores, enough to last many years—tinned meats and foods of all kinds, thousands and thousands of barrels of flour, bottled luxuries, unlimited cases of wine and spirits. The buildings down on the quay were also stocked with supplies.

The lower town, which had its own stores, was a different sort of a place. It was on a plateau fifty feet below the level of the upper town, and the only access the latter had to it was by a staircase and a gate, where sentries were always on guard. The population was nearly thousand, and comprised artisans, labourers, and craftsmen of every kind. The majority of these had been taken from captured ships and brought to the island under protest, and Dick was quick to perceive that Gore had constantly in mind the possible danger of a mutiny or an uprising. He was led to this conclusion by the fact that the upper town was off from the lower town and forbidden to its inhabitants; that the latter were not allowed to bear arms, while those in the upper town were never without them; and that the bay and the shipping was commanded by a battery of guns.

A few words will suffice for the rest of the island. It contained plenty of timber, a lake, two streams of water that poured into the lagoon, and hundreds of acres of pasture and cultivated land, and a mountain on which was a signal station affording a view of the Pacific in all directions. It was the top of this which Dick had made out from the deck of the cruiser.

There were good quarries on the south side and great deposit of coal, while the lake and small rivers on the west flowed over beds of nugget gold. Here, in the beginning, Gore had found the wealth which enabled him to open banking accounts in different parts of the world and to stock his little empire with all that money could buy. On the eastern part of the island, close to the town, were herds of cattle, flocks of geese, fruits, vegetables, and grains were raised in profusion; for the soil was rich and the climate was warm and delightful the whole year round. The lagoon teemed with fish, and small game was preserved in the forests. Some of the inhabitants of the lower town stayed at home and worked at various trades, while others went daily to mine the coal and the quarries, wash for gold, and cultivate the land. So the conditions of life were much the same as in the outer world, and the many toiled that the few might take their ease and enjoyment.

CHAPTER XXIV. A VISITOR AT THE ADMIRALTY. About two weeks prior to Dick's arrival on the island, while the King of Troy was still off the South American coast, Lieutenant Geoffrey Grenville stood one morning at the window of his hotel, looking moodily down on the bustling Strand. He had long since learned the worst, for the Malta had remained in New York until the return there of the two American men-of-war—the crippled one bringing the great and capricious of the Juno-filled the papers with sensational and thrilling news. There had been columns and columns describing it all—the loss of the mail steamer Tropic, the rescue of some of her passengers by the Juno, the boarding of the latter by Gore and his ruffians, and the sinking of the ship after Luke Radford had been murdered and Mary Ferris abducted; then the lucky falling in of the Juno's boats with the man-of-war, and the subsequent chase and dreadful fight that ended with the destruction of the yacht and the escape of the pirate cruiser.

The civilized world was convulsed with the news, and to Geoffrey Grenville the shock was a terrible one. He could have stood the tidings of the girl's death better than this—better than the knowledge that she was alive and a prisoner on Jason Gore's ship. He gave no further thought to Dick, for whom he had been searching since the night he met him so strangely. Nor did he have an opportunity of seeing Mrs. Hawtorn—who had been rescued by a passing vessel—the Malabar, and whose fate on the day that the boat-loads of survivors were landed in New York.

During the voyage across the Atlantic the young officer was quite unfit for duty, and soon after reaching English waters he applied for and obtained leave for a short period. He went straight up to London with a fixed purpose in mind, called on a personal friend who was one of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and related to him his theories concerning Jason Gore's secret island in the Pacific. He had kept silence hitherto, fearing that his story would be laughed at and disbelieved, but now he hoped to convince the naval officials, and then to take some action that might lead to the capture of the private stronghold, and the rescue of Mary Ferris.

And what was the result? He had come away bitterly disappointed, too angry to reflect that his incoherent and professed story must have seemed to the friend only the creation of a disordered brain. Captain Craven had been kind and sympathetic, but that was all. He had shown plainly that he deemed the young officer's tale too monstrous and fairy-like to warrant serious thought.

It was the morning after the interview, and all his future looked black and hopeless to Geoffrey Grenville as he stood by the window above the Strand. The roar of the great city maddened and mocked him. All his cherished dreams and ambitions had turned to ashes. What was there to live for, now that his promised bride was lost to him forever?

"It's no use," he muttered—"no use. If Craven won't believe me, who will? My hands are tied; I can do nothing alone. God help my poor dar-

ling at the mercy of Gore and his thralls! Ah, if I had but the money and the ships, I would never rest until I had found this island! I am certain that it exists!" He was interrupted by a knock at the door, and at his summons a messenger entered and gave him a letter, unopened, and marked "Important." He tore it open with trembling fingers. The contents ran:

I send this by special messenger, hoping to find you in. Come round at once. Urgent. Charles Craven.

Five minutes later, with a vague idea in his head, Grenville was rattling down Whitehall in a cab. He jumped out at the Admiralty and was quickly shown to his friend's room. "I am here," he said, breathlessly. "You will soon know," Captain Craven replied, as he closed and locked the door. "My dear fellow, forgive me—I really thought you were a little dotty yesterday. Since then I had a visitor an hour ago—a surly, importunate fellow who would not be put off, and hinted at a valuable secret. I consented to see him, and I am not sorry for it. But come!"

He led the way to an inner room, and, as the two friends had carried on a chair—a big giant of a fellow, with blue eyes and coarse features that marked his Danish origin. He looked sullen and suspicious. "This is Ernest Horning, one of Jason Gore's associates, and the mate of the Boadicea," said Craven. "He is supposed to have been lost with the yacht, and now he will tell you what he told me."

At a signal the Dane began, and his story, which need not be set down word for word, proved of the most absorbing interest to Grenville. In a blunt and convincing manner the man described the pirate island and its situation and defences, declared that he could give any vessel through the reefs, and expressed the opinion that a couple of warships could make a dash through the gateway by night, and get safely under the guns of the fortress, when the capture of the place would be only a matter of time and fighting. Then he went on to speak of the recent events off the American coast, in acquainting Grenville with the amazing tale that Montego had carried off Dick Valentine away from New York on the yacht, and transferred him later to the cruiser.

"I swore to be revenged," concluded the Dane, with flashing eyes, "and I'm going to keep my word. The cowardly dog thinks I'm at the bottom of the sea, curse them! They left me asleep in my bunk, and when I woke and came on deck the yacht was just going under. I was saved by a friend who hid me in a chest, and a strong swimmer, and was able to reach the surface again. I found a spar, and drifted about all night—the fog hid me from the American men-of-war—and in the morning a cattle-steamer picked me up and brought me to Liverpool. I patched up a yarn about falling overboard from a ship, and got home again."

"And you came straight here after landing?" asked Captain Craven. "You have not spoken of this matter to others?" "Not a word, sir. I came right up to London, and I've told you a true story. I knew this was the place to bring any information to. And I'm willing to do what I offered on the terms we spoke of—the money down in a lump, and a guarantee that the law won't touch me for anything in the past."

"That can be settled later, my man," said Captain Craven. "Be assured that you will have fair and honourable treatment. Remain here till I want you again."

"What will be the outcome of this, Craven?" Grenville asked excitedly, as his friend led him into an adjoining apartment. "Are you convinced now that my theory was correct?" "I am, my dear fellow; and I intend to bring the matter to a head as speedily as possible. The Dane will appear before the Lords of the Admiralty, and I predict that they will act without loss of time. This is clearly our business, for the Juno is being sent to the bottom, and if these cruisers are despatched under secret orders to the South Pacific, the Malta will probably be one of them."

"Thank Heaven!" Grenville replied hoarsely. "My darling may yet be saved!" The golden sun had buried itself in the Pacific, and twilight had yielded to the glory of the tropical night; a silver moon hung in the heavens, and the stars sparkled as they only can do in southern latitudes. The day had been very warm, but now a fragrant and grateful breeze was stirring up on the rocky heights of New Troy.

Lightly clad, and with a cigar in his mouth, Dick Valentine sat alone by the window of his little house. The room was in darkness, which suited his mood. Captain Volborth had gone out after supper, several hours before, as was his nightly custom. Where he went, or for what purpose, Dick did not know. But he always returned about this time, and then the inevitable game of chess was begun.

Out in the narrow street men swaggered up and down, talking boisterously in many tongues. The prattle of children came from the opposite house. From the big cafe near by, and from the distant and commoner dance-hall in the lower town, strains of music and mirth rose on the evening air. The two towns were nightly given over to revelry and dissipation. It mattered little to the reckless inhabitants that all communication with the outer world was cut off indefinitely. They had nothing to fear, so plentifully was the island stocked with all that was needful to life and enjoyment. And the young Englishman, as he listened sadly, found it difficult to realize that such

a place as London existed—that his boat had ever been more than a dream. Nearly a month had gone by since the return to port of the King of Troy, and each week had added to Dick's burden of grief and anxiety. He sought distraction in books; the best of tobacco and wine were at his command; every day, in company with Captain Volborth, he explored the two towns and the island. But he could not drive away the haunting spectre of the future, or the torturing thoughts of the woman he loved. Even chess could not accomplish this, though by nightly playing he soon became an expert. The society of the Russian was some consolation to him. He grew fond of the man, taciturn and reserved though he was, and he had reason to think that the liking was returned. He had seen or heard nothing of Mary, for the neighbourhood of Government House was the one place where he had been by the never, Lucille, though once or twice, at a distance, he caught sight of Jason Gore and Leon Montego.

To-night he was in the lowest of spirits, and so deep his bitter reveries that he did not hear Captain Volborth enter the house. He started up when he saw the Russian's stalwart figure and hurriedly lit a couple of candles. "I believe that I was half asleep," he said. "When did you come? Shall we have our usual game?" "Not this evening," was the unexpected reply. "Has any person been here to inquire for me?" "No."

Captain Volborth looked relieved. "I am going out again," he said, and may not return for two or three days. By the way, my friend, do you know that your time of probation is drawing to close? You have about five weeks left. What answer shall you give to Jason Gore?" "I don't know," said Dick, wearily. "I don't want to think about it. Many things may happen inside of five weeks."

"That, for example?" "Perhaps, for example," Dick answered, carelessly. "The men of the lower town are discontented, and Gore is certainly not blind to the danger." "I fall to see how a rising could help you," said Volborth. "You would certainly fall into worse hands if such a thing succeeded, which is impossible. I admit, however, that Gore is prepared for the worst, and has been for years past. I have learned lately that there is a secret passage through the outer cliff at some unknown part of the lagoon, and that a steam launch, ready to be fired up, is hidden in it. But this is merely a shrewd man's precaution, if indeed the rumour be true. It is not likely that Gore will ever be compelled to abandon his little empire and flee for his life. His power is too firmly seated."

"So there is another exit from the island?" said Dick, striving to hide his eagerness. "Have you no idea where it is?" "Not in the least," replied Volborth, who was watching his companion narrowly. "and it would be a great help to you. So long as you are false hopes, my friend, but decide to take the oath and join us."

With that the Russian left the house, and his footsteps died away down the street. Dick waited five minutes, meanwhile peering cautiously from the window. Then he blew out the candles and pulled on a soft hat.

"Now is my chance. He won't be back for several hours," he muttered. "I have never had the opportunity before, and I will make the most of it. So here goes!"

CHAPTER XXV. THE GARDEN ON THE CLIFF. It was no safe or easy task on which Dick now adventured forth, and he realized this as he passed from the house into the moonlit street and turned in the opposite direction to that taken by Captain Volborth; for his purpose was nothing less than to try to steal an interview with Mary Ferris—to enter the dangerous precincts forbidden to him by Jason Gore.

He had made the resolve long before, but had failed to find the opportunity, since the Russian was with him, and he was sure that he would be detected. He had waited for hours that were most suitable for the attempt. And heretofore he had been merely actuated by a fierce desire to see the girl, with no definite idea of what he would say if he was successful; while to-night, after the conversation with Volborth, he felt that urgent reasons existed for seeking the interview, and that he had a chance of hope and cheer to commiserate.

Nor was Mary the sole object of his thoughts. Another matter, sprung from the events of the evening, pre-eminently in his thoughts. He pondered it uneasily and vexatiously as he went along, his hat well down on his forehead, and his eyes furtively scanning the shadows of the street. He had a right judge if any suspected or recognized him.

"I can't understand it—it puzzles me," he said to himself. "Volborth has never dropped a word or a sign before, save on commonplace subjects. Why, then, did he suddenly let me into his confidence to-night, and tell me of this secret passage, and the steam launch? It looks as though he had some thought of escaping from the island, and was delicately sounding me to find out if I would be disposed to join him. And yet, when I gave him encouragement to speak more freely, he told me not to build any false hopes, and advised me to stick to the oath of allegiance. I'm glad on the whole that he went no further, and I hope I am mistaken as to his motive. I see a possible chance of escape for Mary and myself, and I don't want to increase the risk by letting the Russian into the thing. As for this interview, I must bring it about somehow, and get back before Volborth returns."

By this time Dick was out of his limits, and in the forbidden quarter of the town. But he felt comparatively safe, since he had passed a dozen or more of men without attracting attention. There was little to fear on that score, he reflected, unless he should encounter some one who knew him well—Jason Gore, for instance, or Leon Montego.

He had his bearings all right, and he went boldly on past the cafe, for a moment pausing in the shadow of a wall to watch the scene of revelry. It recalled many a pleasure resort he had known in Paris and other places. He could see clearly into the big building, which was open to the air on three sides, and had a decorated and ornamented roof. On the marble floor at little tables interspersed with tropical plants in pots, sat several hundred men and women, clad in loose and picturesque costumes that suggested an Empire ball or a Casino de Paris carnival. They were smoking and drinking, laughing and chatting, while they listened to the strains of riotous music and watched a couple of painted women dancing in thin attire on a platform at the far end of the room.

Dick thought of Mary and shuddered. The strange spell that had held him was broken, and he saw only a band of blood-stained ruffians at their base orgies. He hurried on, brought back to the reality by the rich perfume of the tropical night, and by the distant roar of the surf that swelled on his hearing. A few strides more, and emerging from a narrow street, he beheld the large square in the centre of which stood Government House.

It was a grim-looking building of two storeys, too low to be stately or impressive, and constructed entirely of stone. The first glance was discouraging to Dick. Before the entrance an armed sentry was pacing to and fro. All the windows on that side were screened by cool curtains of matting, and a yellow light showed behind most of them. On the first floor, to judge from the popping of corks and the faint hum of voices, Gore and his boon companions were making merry. From the upper floor came the tinkle of a piano; some one was playing an English ballad.

"That must be Mary," concluded Dick. "She is too broken-hearted to sing; and she is out of my reach. There is no chance of seeing her. I won't do to stand here, or that sentry will wonder what I want. But I'll have a look at the rear of the house before I go."

The square was deserted, and he walked round to the far side of the house without attracting attention. The windows here were dark, and before a small door stood a second sentry. Baffled and disappointed, he realized that what he had hoped to accomplish was utterly impossible. But he was in no mood to return and meet Captain Volborth, and a sudden impulse led his steps to the artificial gardens which bounded the square in the rear of Government House.

He entered by a wicket gate, set in the wall, that was half open to his hinges. Following a narrow and winding path, he was quickly charmed by the exquisite beauty and peacefulness of his surroundings. On either side, growing in artificial soil, were stately palms, a maze of shrubbery, clumps of fruit-bearing plants and trees, and many-coloured flowers that shed delicious odours. It was like a dream to the depressed young Englishman, and his spirits rose a little. The moon was overhead, a great globe of silver, and the light which he went as far as the parapet on the verge of the cliff and looked over the top—looked down two hundred feet at the sparkling waters of the lagoon and the opposite-lying barrier that shut out the sea.

He could have lingered here till morning; but he remembered the time was slipping by, and that it would be awkward if Captain Volborth came back first and found him missing. So he turned reluctantly away, and unconsciously struck into a path that was not the same as which he had reached the parapet; and when he had gone a dozen yards he stopped abruptly and his heart seemed to leap to his throat, for there before him, on a stone bench by a cluster of young palms, a woman sat with bowed head. She wore a white gown, confined at the waist by a girlish gold, and a fillet of the same metal sparkled in her hair. The next instant she looked up and saw the intruder. Then she rose quickly, and the silver moonlight shone on the face of Mary Ferris.

so longed to see you! They told me you were alive and well, but I would not believe them." "Dick briefly explained his own situation. "It was dangerous to venture here to-night," he concluded; "but I felt that I must see you. If I am discovered the consequences will be serious."

"But you won't be discovered," the girl replied. "Oh, do be careful! And you say that in five weeks you must take this oath?" "Yes, or die. If I take it I shall have full freedom, and will be able to see you often."

"And you will do as they wish?" "What would you do in my place, Mary?" "I can't advise you, Dick—I have no right to," she answered, bravely. "It would be awful to swear allegiance to these wicked men. But surely there is some way by which you can save both life and honour."

"Honour!" Dick interrupted, sadly. "I have thought less of that than of your welfare. For your sake, Mary, I had about made up my mind to take the oath. But to-night I learned a strange thing—something that may mean freedom for you and me before five weeks have passed."

"Oh, Dick! And what is it?" "It is too good to be true," she whispered. "It is but a meagre chance, Dick, and we would be foolish to count upon it. The Russian may be mistaken—there may be no exit from the lagoon and no launch. And even if they do exist, you might not find them in a year of searching."

"It is quite true, Mary. The chance is a very slight one." "Then it is better not to hope," the girl said, bitterly. "If you fail there is no other way to save me—even should you take the oath." (To be Continued.)

FRIGHTENED HIM. He was a sewing-machine agent of the most aggressive type. For twenty minutes the lady of the house had been awaiting an opportunity to say she already possessed one. At last he paused. Only long enough, however, to thrust a card into the lady's hand. The bit of pastboard was certainly a novelty. "My name is Sellum," it read, of the firm of Bling and Company, sewing-machine manufacturers, and I intend to prove to you that it is madness to defer purchasing one of our unequalled machines." After a long description of the machine came the following: "You may plead that you are unable to work a machine. I will remove that objection in fifteen minutes, or in three lessons. Will call next Wednesday."

When the agent called again a six-foot man opened the door and blandly remarked:—"You're the sewing-machine man, I suppose?" "Yes, I called last week, and—" "I know," interrupted the big man, "but I don't know me. I suppose? My name's Bury, of Bury and Keegan, undertakers, and I intend to prove to you that it is madness to defer purchasing one of our unequalled coffins."

The agent began to edge away. "You may plead that you are scarcely qualified for a coffin," the big man went on, "I will remove that objection in ten seconds, and the agent simply flew from the house." 1925.

CORRECTING FAULTS IN YOUNG CALVES. One of the most difficult habits to overcome in a young calf is the habit of running in a loose box or that of sucking one another, writes an English correspondent. There is a wide difference of opinion regarding the results which may occur. Many claim that small quantities of hair are taken into the stomach, and this is finally matted into a firm ball, which may clog in the stomach or bowels, and result in death. The reason for this habit of sucking may in some measure suggest a remedy. When we feed calves with milk from the pail, they drink so rapidly that they fail to relieve the mouth of the saliva which naturally mixes with the milk, while they are sucking. In order to relieve their mouths of the secretion which organs of digestion demand, they will seek something to suck, which will rid their mouths of the saliva, which has been retained to a large extent, and their favourite object is some portion of the calf next to them. The worst habit which is likely to follow this practice is that a calf will grow up with the desire to suck itself or the other cows in the herd. The only way to prevent this habit is to tie the calves separately until the digestive organs have developed sufficiently to enable them to digest grain foods, such as ground oats and bran; then they will eat bits of dry grain, and take a few mouthfuls of hay, and there is no danger from their being turned loose together. Tried with success.

THE FARM. WESTERN WOLVTHS GRASS. (Extracted from the Journal of the Department of Agriculture.) "A great wealth of forage for stock is to be found in the Western Wolvths grass. It is the Western said to have originated from a plant plucked by the warden of a prison at Ruakaka. It is a hardy perennial given the heaviest soil, and grows in a variety of soils, and is particularly adapted for the growth and providing excellent feed, during the winter months, and carrying adapted for the use of the cattle of the stock. Some feeding about the beginning of the year. It is generally considered a legitimate and non-toxic grass, such as peas and oats, is a desirable green crop, but it is not given a very poor second cutting. It is particularly adapted for the use of the cattle of the stock in a very wet season, and the abundance of feed at a very early date for dairy stock is of immense value. It is contended that such a crop of oats and peas is a better winter ration than that of the stock. 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