

A WAR PROPHECY.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc made a remarkable prophecy to some school teachers in June...

BEAUFORT RAINFALL.

Table showing rainfall data for Beaufort from 1900 to 1915, including monthly and annual totals.

MILITARY EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

RECRUITS WANTED. EVERY MAN PHYSICALLY FIT IS WANTED. CONDITIONS OF ENLISTMENT.

PROFESSIONAL NURSES USE CLEMENTS TONIC

THEY DECLARE IT TO BE THE ONE MEDICINE THAT GIVES NEW VITALITY AND LIFE.

GOOD HEALTH

will be yours to-morrow if to-day you will seek the beneficial aid of the famous and ideal family remedy...



A Penny Stamp

will bring you the finest Furniture Catalogue you have ever had... GUIDE FOR COUNTRY HOME MAKERS.

MAGNESIA FOR DYSPEPTICS.

Only these in constant touch with the digestive system and dyspepsia...

USEFUL READY RECKONER.

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JAS. H. ROBERTSON, PLUMBER, TINSMITH, AND GASFITTER. Religious Services. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 1915.

BAKER.—In loving memory of my dear little boy and our dear brother Willie, who passed away on 28th Sept., 1914.

BAKER.—In fond and loving remembrance of my dear little Willie, who passed away September 30th, 1914, aged 12 years and 4 months.

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For the second time in the past generation Bishop Green, who after Thursday morning's departure as Bishop of Ballarat, on Sunday preached fraternal well sermons to Ballarat congregations.

Australia, with its fourteen parliaments, provides an ideal hunting ground for legislators. It is a paradise for parliamentarians, and nobody can accuse them of not making the most of it.

Seven members were present at the fortnightly meeting of the local branch, A.N.A., on Tuesday night. Mr. G. Wilson (president) occupied the chair.

The committee of the Beaufort branch of the Men's Red Cross Society met at the Shire Hall on Saturday night. Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (shire president) presided.

There was a steam charge-sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Tuesday. The secretary of the Beaufort Red Cross Society acknowledged the following...

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Beaufort Belgian relief fund committee took place at the Shire Hall on Monday night.

Private Arthur E. Leeman, of Snake Valley, and a former employee at "St. Enoch's" was wounded while spending three months in the trenches with the 8th Light Horse.

A jumble fair, in aid of the funds of the Nursing Patriotic League, is advertised to take place in the Raglan Hall, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 28th.

A clause was added to the Licensing Bill in the Legislative Assembly, on Thursday, 23rd ult., affirming the right of a hotelkeeper lawfully to sell non-alcoholic drinks at other hours than those fixed for the sale of intoxicating beverages.

Official information has been received from Headquarters, 6th Army, of the provisions of the universal training regulations to be held in abeyance for the three months from 1st October to 31st December.

Mr. A. Fisher, the Prime Minister, says the Federal Government has no present intention of bringing in a bill to enforce conscription, and that nothing will be done in that direction until the people of the Commonwealth had an opportunity of expressing themselves on the subject.

A family party from Horsham had an annoying experience whilst motoring through this district on Wednesday morning.

Alice Seager, aged 22 years, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. B. Seager, of Beaufort, met with a nasty accident on Monday evening.

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BALL-BAT STOCK MARKET. Fat cattle—97 head came to hand for today's market. The balance of the day's market, the balance of the day's market, the balance of the day's market.

EUROPEAN WAR. The Allies' offensive on the Western front has achieved a success of which they are justly proud.

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JAS. H. ROBERTSON, PLUMBER, TINSMITH, AND GASFITTER. Wishes to intimate that he has on hand a large stock of Tanks, Spouting, Ridding, and Down-Pipe, Water Pipes, and Fittings, Gas, Steam and Water Taps. And every requisite necessary for the trade. HAVELock STREET.

COUGLE'S - In last week's issue... TOLSHER - In loving memory of my dear husband, E. H. Tolsher... Australian Natives' Association - THE FORTNIGHTLY MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.M.A., will be held in the MECHANICAL INSTITUTE on TUESDAY Evening next...

The Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1916.

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The Wallace Butter Factory, whose turnover for 1915 is £288,000, wants tons of cream... The secretary of the Beaufort Ladies' Red Cross Society... The monthly meeting of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute committee was held on Tuesday evening...

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EMIA OUTBREAK.

Testing of the Riponshire, following the outbreak of diphtheria, health officers have to report...

TRY MAGNESIA FOR YOUR STOMACH TROUBLE.

Do doubtless you have always tried pepper, cayenne, or other hot spices, but these things will do you no good...

TRY IT.

An ordinary attack of diarrhoea may be relieved by a single dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Privates T. Carver, A. J. Dixon, and N. Newsome were on leave this week. The 85th Australian casualty list contains the name of Lieut. R. G. Chirwood.

WANDERING STOCK.

At the monthly meeting of the Riponshire on Monday, Senior-Councillor Stephen, summoning officer, reported that the council had taken the decision to have a search made for wandering cattle...

Among the sick and wounded soldiers who recently returned to Australia was Corporal Gilbert Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. G. Smith of Waterloo.

Private R. T. Burge, of Melbourne, Beaufort, returned to Australia with the last batch of sick and wounded. After seeing active service for 8 weeks at Gallipoli, he was sent to a hospital in Egypt.

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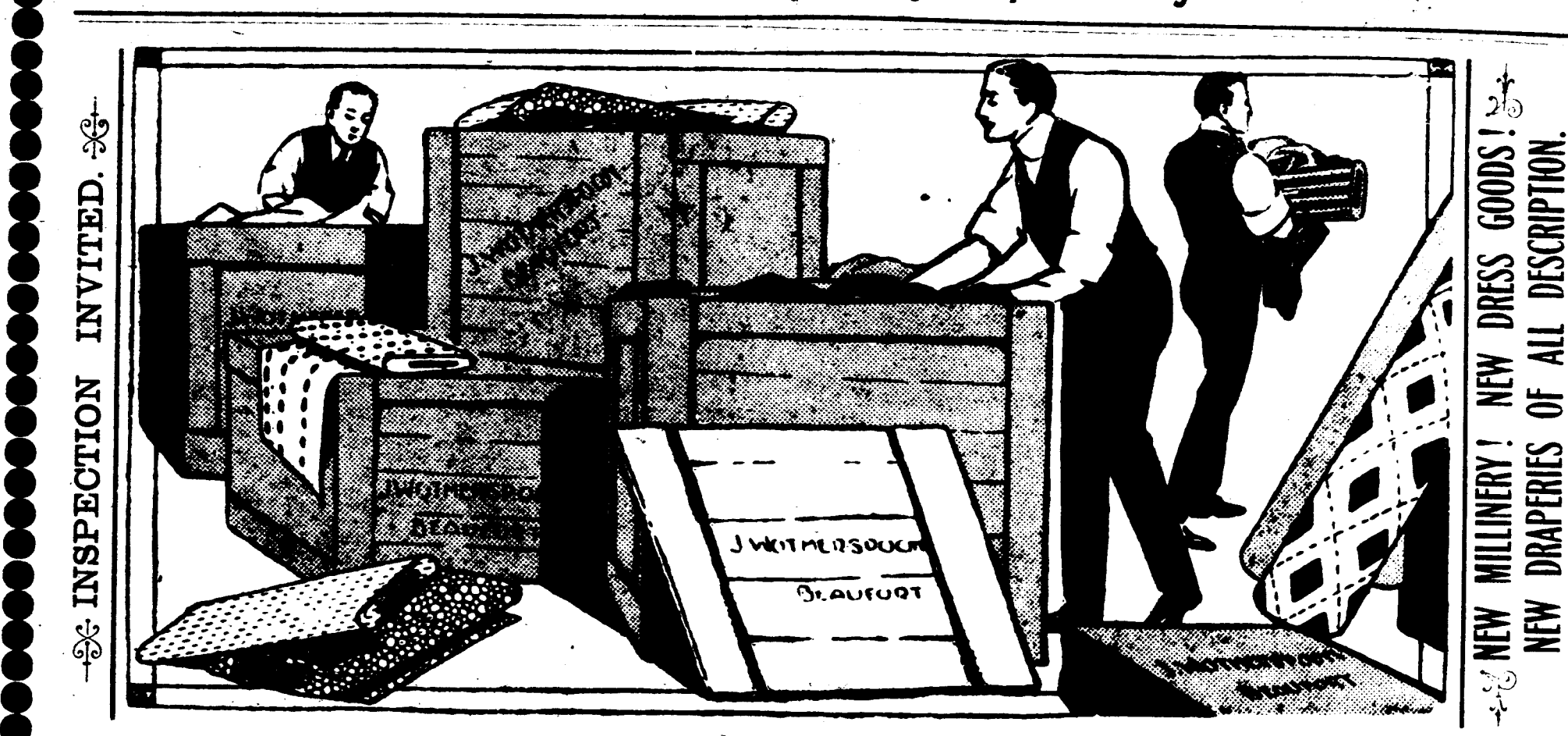
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New Season's Goods!

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No effort has been spared by us, in order that we might secure the very Best Values from the Best English Market, these Goods being Specially Imported by us.



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BEAUFORT - BUANGOR

W. H. HALPIN, AUCTIONEER. HOUSE, LAND, STOCK, GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT & VALUATOR.

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HUON WILKES. Time last—2.30 as a 3-year-old. HUON WILKES won as a 2-year-old—the Burnley Handicap, a Dead Heat, and a Third. Have met at Beaufort Railway Station. Every care taken, but no responsibility.

H. E. CUTHBERTSON, CARPENTER AND BUILDER. Estimates given. Machinery fitted and put in thorough working order.

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PRICE THREEPENCE.

SHAKE VALLEY.

The last monthly meeting of the Shake Valley War Relief Fund committee was held on the 11th inst. at the residence of Mrs. Quilliam, 211 St. James' Street, Beaufort. The secretary, Mr. J. H. Brumby, reported that the committee had received a donation of £100 from the Hon. Mr. Justice G. H. Brumby, and also a donation of £50 from the Hon. Mr. Justice G. H. Brumby. The committee also received a donation of £100 from the Hon. Mr. Justice G. H. Brumby, and also a donation of £50 from the Hon. Mr. Justice G. H. Brumby.

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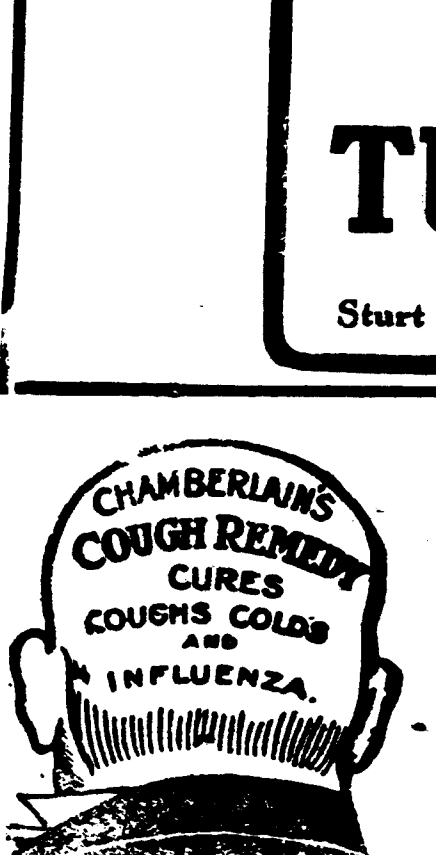
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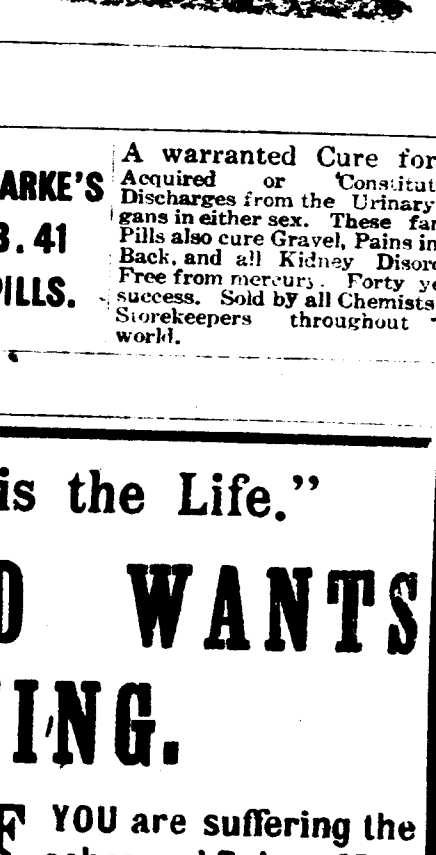
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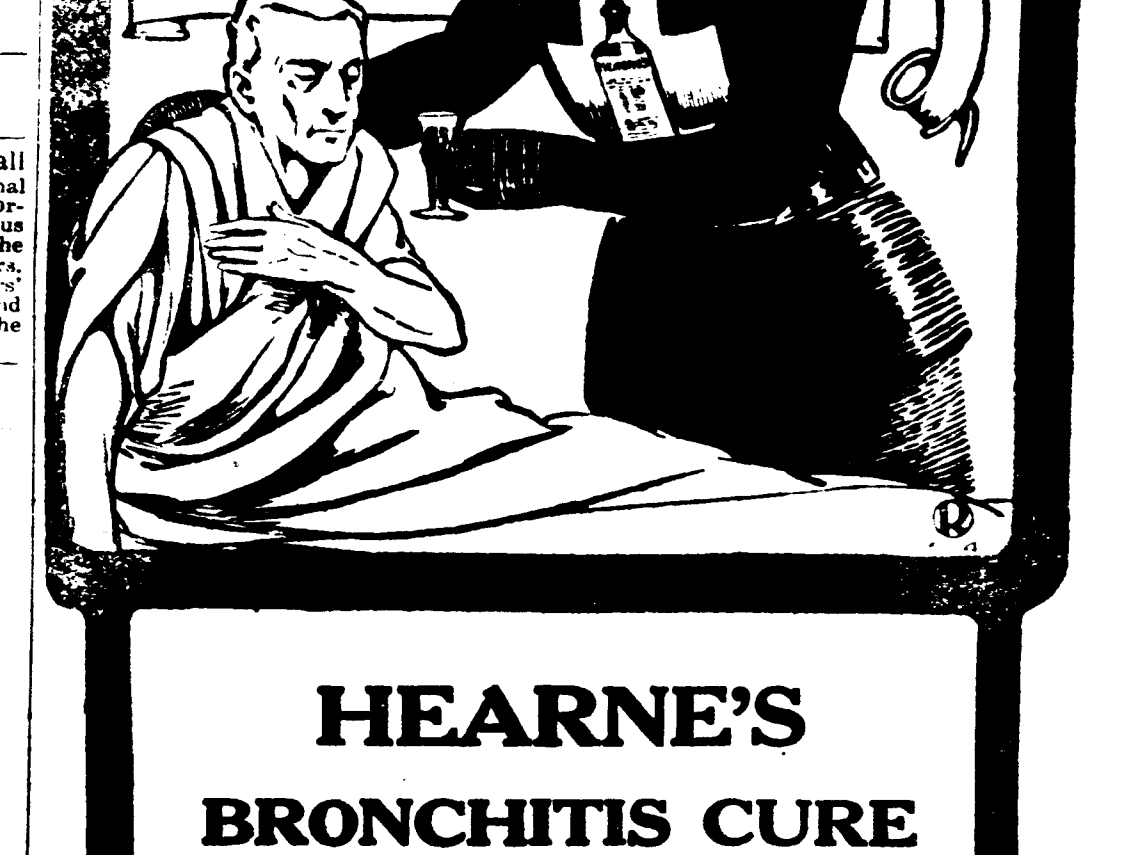
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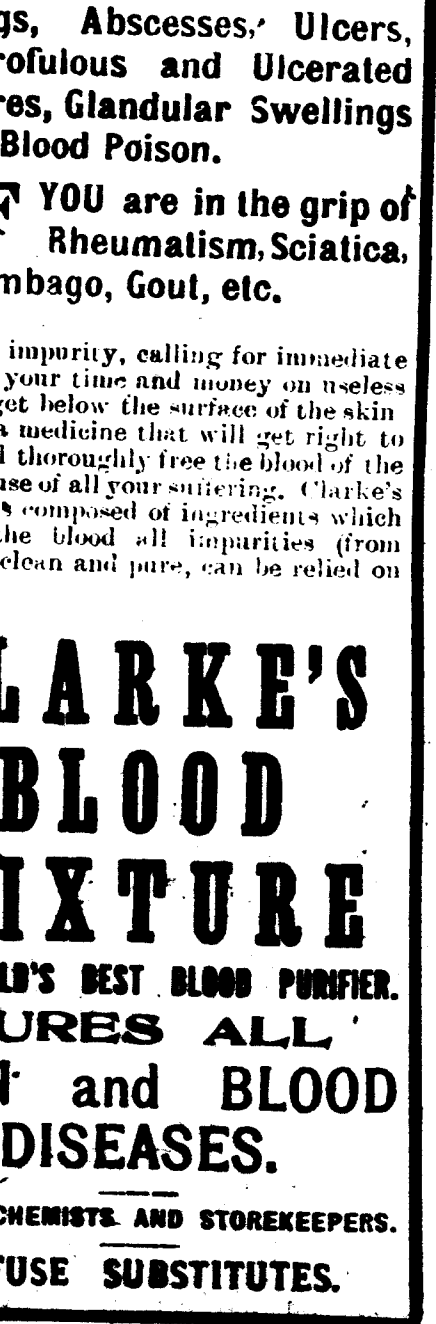
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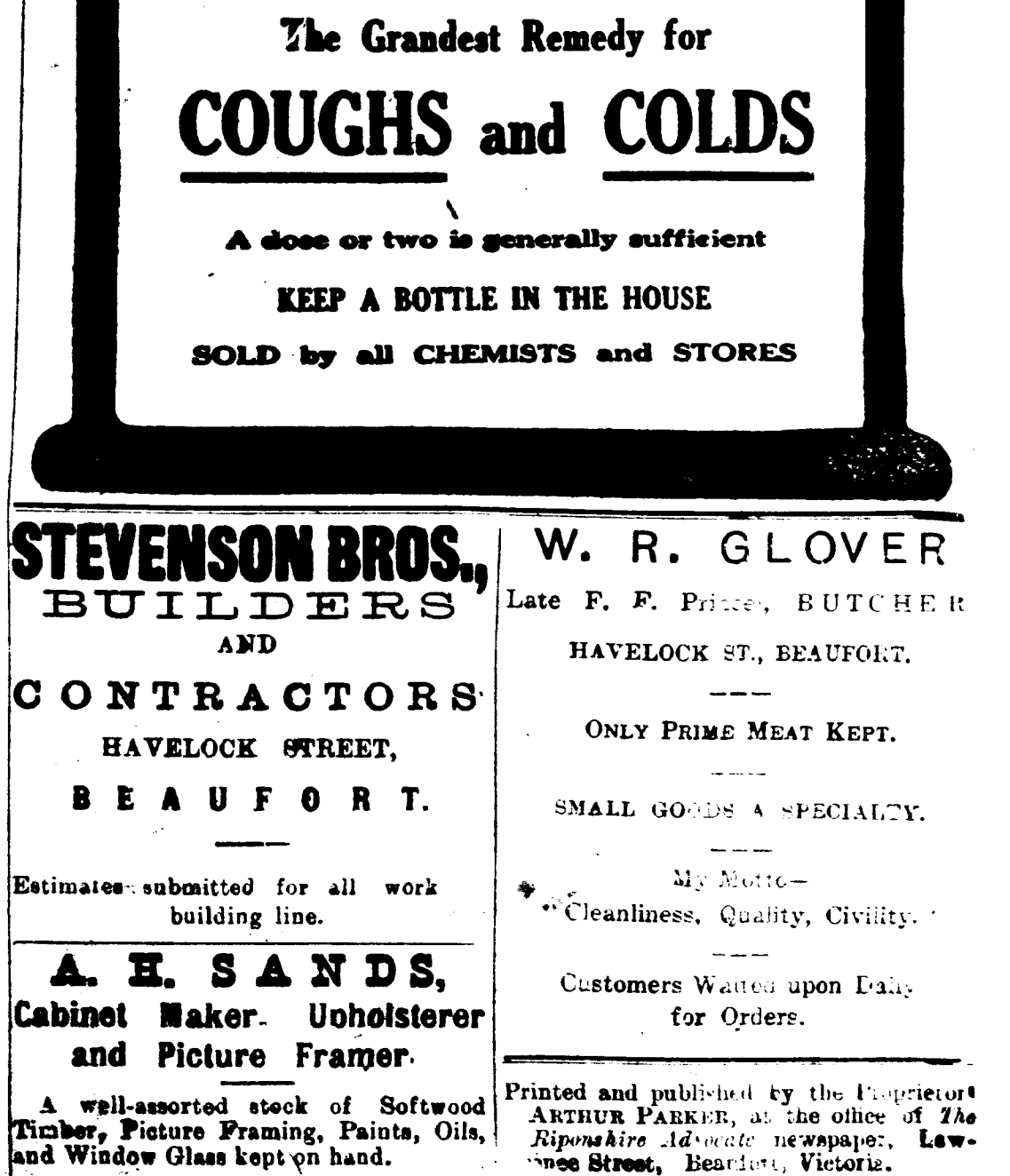
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USEFUL READY RECKONER.

Every farmer should paste this table of weights in his pocket book...

BEAUFORT RAINFALL.

Table with columns for months and rainfall amounts in inches.

For the month of February, 1915, the rainfall was 1.2 inches...

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For the month of October, 1915, the rainfall was 1.3 inches...

For the month of November, 1915, the rainfall was 0.6 inches...

For the month of December, 1915, the rainfall was 1.4 inches...

SKIPTON.

Mr. A. J. Walker, manager of the local branch of the Bank of New South Wales...

The Skipton Red Cross Society collected £6 12 in penny contributions...

The death occurred at his late residence, "Glenalton," Warburton, on 18th inst...

A veiled indictment against Lord Lansdowne was uttered some months ago...

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Minister of the BEAUFORT DISTRICT CHURCH.

CLEMENTS TONIC

"I was recommended to try Clements Tonic. I was completely run down, suffered from nervous prostration, with insomnia and severe headaches..."

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The Rev. J. HOSKING, D.D., is known as an earnest church worker...

TO Stand at the Owner's Farm, Middle Creek, the Chiswick Station, GLASGOW JOCK.

TO Stand this Season at "Brooklyn," Beaufort, the Trotting Club, HUON WILKES.

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Frootoids For Constipation, Biliousness, Bad Breath, Headache, Indigestion. A Delightful Family Food.

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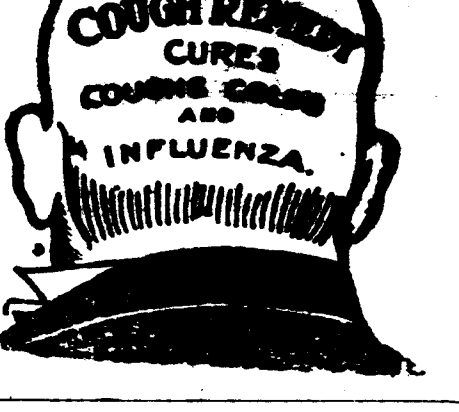
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MINERS' CLAIMS.

Giving evidence in connection with the claim of the F.M.E.A. on the Arbitration Council...

Mr. Dyason said that the companies were ready to admit that men doing some of the timber work described by witnesses...

Mr. Dyason said he could not understand why where a minimum wage was assured, the men did not want the opportunity to receive more.

Mr. Dyason said that the men had been to have the wage raised from 4s to 9s 2d, and sign the agreement instead of being paid 4s 6d and receiving the balance as wages.

Mr. Dyason said that mining might be kept going with the aid of the Government...

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MINING NEWS.

Development at the Hope (No. 2, or by extensions in the shaft. The management expect, however, to be in the top level shortly...

The half-yearly report of the Northern Hope directors states: The progress at the mine, and the results from operations expressed at the last meeting...

The foregoing properties are situated in the Parish of Beaufort, County of Ripon, and adjoining those of Finch Bros., P. O'Loughlan, and M. Kelly...

The sub-committee of the Beaufort Thistle Club met on 9th inst. and decided to hold a "Bairns' Night" on 30th inst.

The meeting of the Council of the Shire of Ripon, held at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday, the 4th day of October, 1915...

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VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

MELBOURNE CUP EXCURSIONS. From 22nd October till 4th November inclusive, tickets at Holiday Excursion Fares will be issued to Melbourne at all stations (Suburban excepted)...

LAND SALE (250 ACRES) AT HALPIN'S AUCTION ROOM, BEAUFORT. THURSDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1915, AT 2 P.M.

W. H. HALPIN has been favored with instructions from Mrs. T. FRANC. Executor in the Estate late T. FRANC. to Sell, on above date, as follows:—

On a/c MR JOSEPH FRANC. Lot 1. About 14 acres, being Allotment 778, on which is erected 4-roomed W.B. House.

LAND SALE AT BEAUFORT. 275 ACRES. In the Estates of GEORGE GEOGHEGAN, deceased, and ANN GEOGHEGAN, deceased, late of Trawalla.

W. H. HALPIN has received instructions from the Executor of George Geoghegan, deceased, and the Administrator of Ann Geoghegan, deceased, to Sell by Public Auction...

Particulars of Property. 1. Crown Allotments 1, 2, and 3, Section 54, Township and Parish of Beaufort, County of Ripon...

The foregoing properties are well situated, abutting the main Ballarat and Ararat roads, close to Trawalla Station and only about 4 miles from Beaufort...

Public Notice. HEREBY give Notice that I am starting in business as a CARRIER at Beaufort, and solicit a share of public patronage.

LAND SALE. 250 Acres, situated at Eurambeen, on main Ararat and Ballarat road. THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1915, AT 2 P.M.

W. H. HALPIN & T. W. SCHLICHT (Auctioneers in conjunction) have been favored with instructions from Messrs. TRENGOVE BROS. to Sell as under:—

This Property is known as "Mulcahy's Farm," is well subdivided and substantially fenced with wire and live fences, well watered with a splendid opportunity to persons desirous of obtaining a first-class Agricultural Farm...

NOTICE. KELLY & Co., AUCTIONEERS, STOCK, STATION, AND COMMISSION AGENTS. Beg to announce that they have secured an Office in NELL ST., BEAUFORT.

THE ADVENT OF SPRING.

New Season's Goods!

We beg to advise the arrival, per S.S. "Star of Australia," of a very large indent of the most FASHIONABLE AND UP-TO-DATE SUMMER DRAPERY!

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TONS OF CREAM WANTED !!

WALLACE BUTTER FACTORY.

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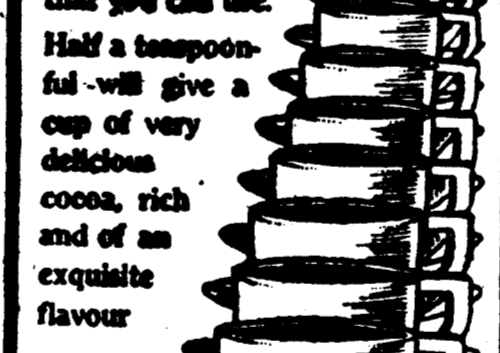
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The absolute purity and exceptional strength of Empire Cocoa make it the most economical that you can use.

Half a teaspoonful will give a cup of very delicious cocoa, rich and of an exquisite flavour.



Made in Australia.

BEAUFORT BAKERY.

B. BARRETT begs to notify that he is STARTING BUSINESS on 1st October, as a BAKER and CONFECTIONER in CUTHBERTSON'S OLD BAKERY, next to Golden Age Hotel, and solicits a fair share of public patronage.

W. H. HALPIN, AUCTIONEER.

HOUSE, LAND, STOCK, GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT & VALUATOR.

Rents Collected. Loans negotiated. Highest Cash Price for all kinds of Produce. Agent for South British Insurance Co., Mount Lyell Minerals, and Alfred J. Spalding, Lime Manufacturer, Adelaide.

Tarpsauls, Horse Rugs, Tents, etc., always on hand.

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Home-made Flour.

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Large Stocks always on hand of FENCING WIRE, Black & Galv.

BARBED WIRE, WIRE NETTING, DROPPERS.

PLOUGH SHARES, TRACE & PLOUGH CHAINS.

Furniture, Crockery & Glassware Specialties.

Only the Best Material stocked, and we invite you to inspect before purchasing

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EDDING.

N-EVANS. A wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. J. Evans...

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NORTHERN HOPE GOLD MINING COMPANY

Northern Hope Gold Mining Company... the... of...

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Ballarat Stock Market... the... of...

CUP WEEK.

Cup Week... the... of...

VICTORIA RACING CLUB, FLEMINGTON.

Victoria Racing Club, Flemington... the... of...

DEBY DAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

Deby Day, 30th October... the... of...

OAKS DAY, 4TH NOVEMBER.

Oaks Day, 4th November... the... of...

STEELCHASE DAY, 6TH NOV.

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LARGE ENTRIES.

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THE NEW IMPROVEMENTS MADE MUCH TO THE COMFORT OF VISITORS.

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STATE SCHOOLS' PATRIOTIC EFFORTS.

Last session 2000 teachers were supplied with Melbourn Hospitals by Victorian State school children, who donated the cash raised to their School Patriotic Funds. The doctor is now making the use of these funds to purchase additional leeches to be used in the treatment of the wounded. The doctor desires to announce to the school children that the money they have collected for the hospitals will be used to purchase additional leeches to be used in the treatment of the wounded. The doctor desires to announce to the school children that the money they have collected for the hospitals will be used to purchase additional leeches to be used in the treatment of the wounded.

It has been announced by the Railway Department that the Linton-Skipton line would be opened last Monday for goods traffic only, pending completion of construction works. It is not known (says the "Skipton Standard") when the line will be available for passenger traffic, but it may be open during December.

A MELBOURNE TRAMWAY OFFICER writes this Letter.

Mr. Charles Rock, of 42 Gladen-st., East Brunswick, who for 33 years has filled an important position in the Melbourne Tramway and O.B. Company, writes this letter, which other officials can confirm, to

CLEMENTS TONIC

This is a Document of special interest to all Railway and tramway men.

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OR, THE WATTELESAN MURDER CASE.

By Seward W. Hopkins, Author of "A Baffled Inspector," "On Four Brass Plates," etc., etc.

PART III.

CHAPTER XXII.—(Continued.)
But now the colonel realised his mistake.

He had worked early and late in his efforts to establish the supremacy of his theories.

He had stood among rows of army officers of high degree and of even rank, and ramm'd his ideas down their throats as to how they should charge into an old muzzle-loader.

He had plunged into all the frivolities and gaieties of his entertainers, drank toasts to all sorts and conditions of monarchs, but to every time he held the glass to his lips he had breathed the one word—"Helen."

Surely he was losing the fight.

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But one day the superiority of it was so successfully manifested that a large order came to him from Italy.

The colonel felt himself expanding. He would soon be wealthy. He congratulated himself.

The prospects of great wealth opened up new vistas of life, new ways of enjoying his idle moments, new methods of study, unlimited resources for making experiments. But greater than all these was the confidence that now he was in a position to ask Helen Watteleson to be his wife. He felt that with his other self-imagined discrepancies guided by wealth, he might reasonably ask her to love him.

Having reached this resolve, the colonel left his gallantry in the hands of an experienced assistant, and set out for home.

On the way over he busied himself most of the time writing reports for the War Office. Being occupied with a congenial task, he did not feel the time drag slowly, and was therefore in a calm condition of mind when the steamship arrived in sight of the Statue of Liberty, and he was the picture of robust health when he stepped ashore.

He had been gone eight months. The very day of his return, the colonel drove to the residence of the Wattelesons.

As he mounted the steps of the Brown-stone house, a certain aspect of dirtiness disturbed him. There was an unclean, soiled appearance about the premises that he had never seen before. Everything, formerly had been scrupulously clean and neat. Now, pieces of coal lay under the railing where it had been dropped while coal was being stored. A splendid vine which had covered portion of the house had fallen apart from its fastenings, and hung loose and disorderly towards the street.

In place of the curtains that had been the pride of Mrs. Kent, some tawdry affairs were displayed in the windows, and even they were all awry. All this gave the colonel an unmistakable chill of apprehension. He hastily rang the bell.

The door was opened by an elderly man wearing a rusty house-capper and carpet slippers, and of undoubted inferior condition. "What is the matter, sir?" said the colonel, "I am looking for the family who own this house, and who formerly lived here."

"I owns do house," was the reply. "You vants de Wattelesons. Vell, dey moved away."

"Can you give me any information concerning them?" asked the colonel. "No. Dis house was sold by auction, and I buy it. Vere dey gone, I know nothings."

With this he shut the door in the colonel's face.

Colonel Topleigh, with a violent beating at his heart, stood helplessly on the step, looking up and down Madison Avenue.

"Sold by auction!" he muttered to himself. "Then they have lost their money. My poor Helen! Who knows what troubles may have come to her while I have been away from her side! God grant that I am in time to shield her from adversity!"

After a few minutes spent in deep study, he said:

"Of all the people in New York, that dole, Gideon Wells, with his amateur detective foolishness, would be most likely to know something about the Wattelesons. I dislike him, but I'll see him. Anything to find Helen."

With the colonel, to think was to act.

In twenty minutes he was in the apartments of Gideon Wells.

"By Jove! Colonel Topleigh!" exclaimed Gideon, as soon as he saw who his visitor was. "I thought you were in Europe."

"So I was," was the reply. "But there are ways of getting from Europe. But here, Wells, excuse me if I ask some questions before I answer any. That is what I came for."

"Oh, I know that, my dear colonel. I saw that in that grizzled face of yours. I don't think, however, I'm as shrewd as I used to be. That Watteleson business knocked me clean out."

"Now you have it. It is of the Wattelesons that I have come to ask. Where are they, and what has happened to them?"

"Ah, that's it, is it? How long mind."

"Eight months," said Gideon. "Oh! Then when you went away to renew his acquaintance with some of the Wattelesons were in their old house; Tom, the ex-artilleryman, was the manager of the estate, and they were supposed to be wealthy."

"Well, things have changed since then with the Wattelesons. You know Amy pretty well, of course. Pretty girl, coquette, proud, selfish, and heartless. Well, she is the only one of the lot who is well off. She outgrew all the sorrow she ever felt for poor Ellington—indeed, she ever felt any—and whom do you think she married?"

"Married! You don't mean to tell me that Amy is married again?"

"Indeed, yes. Married Ellington six months ago."

"The same. Chose better this time, you see. Well, the first time it was romance. Now it was money."

"But Amy had enough money of her own."

"Had! Wisely put, colonel, in the past time. She might have had it now if Tom had been a different kind of financier. But under the impression that he was doing a good thing, he speculated foolishly, and lost all. He not only lost the fortune of himself and sisters, but Mrs. Kent's as well. Well, Amy, instead of the forlorn young widow, was, as you are aware, a gay and festive one. She had a number of quarrels with the others, upbraided Tom for losing the money, and finally set her cap at Ellington, and got him. She is now rolling in splendour, while the others are poor. Tom got a situation that pays a small salary, and Helen put her shoulder to the wheel and went to work. They moved into a small place over in Brooklyn, and Mrs. Kent is housekeeper for them."

"Do you know where they live?"

"Yes, No. 1, 0th, Fourth Avenue. Tom is in the office of the Standard Oil Company, and Helen, who learned stenography, and is sitting in the office of Thornton and Ormsby. They had several successors to Grace Emmett, but none suited. Now they've got Helen."

"Ah, thank you, Wells. I am very much obliged to you for your information, and the colonel strode out. "Much obliged," said Gideon to himself. "Shouldn't wonder if he was. Now, what would he want of Helen Watteleson, except to marry her? It's in his face. I was lucky that I didn't get caught there. But the colonel's not the man to care for money. He'll knock down every barrier that Helen will raise. Begad, I expect they'll be married soon."

The colonel hurried over to Brooklyn as fast as he could get there. He was warmly welcomed by Mrs. Kent, who urged him to remain to dinner, for it was now nearly time for Helen and Tom to come home. He gladly accepted, and when Helen came in, he was indignantly waiting.

Helen did not suspect the surprise in store for her, and looked up at the colonel with a certain aspect of dirtiness disturbed him. There was an unclean, soiled appearance about the premises that he had never seen before. Everything, formerly had been scrupulously clean and neat. Now, pieces of coal lay under the railing where it had been dropped while coal was being stored. A splendid vine which had covered portion of the house had fallen apart from its fastenings, and hung loose and disorderly towards the street.

As she entered the parlour she saw in the doorway a man with a pair of broad shoulders—a head she knew; and he was bent double, and he face grew red. He turned in time to catch the tall, flush, the surprise, glad look, and with the exclamation, "Helen!" he stretched out his arms and folded her to him in a fond embrace, and her head nestled on his shoulder, and never a remonstrance came from her lips.

"Tom came in, dinner was announced, and there was never a more merry dinner party than Mrs. Kent had that night. They talked over old times, and touched upon that horrible event which deprived them of their father."

"That reminds me," said Helen, "of a strange circumstance that occurred to-day. You know, colonel, I am clerk in the office of Thornton and Ormsby. A strange man came to the office to-day and asked to see Mr. Ormsby. He was a man, I should young-looking, except for his heavy grey hair and beard. He was dressed in perfect good taste, and seemed in every way a gentleman. He was with Mr. Ormsby for a time, and when they came out Mr. Ormsby came to me and said:

"This is pertaining to some papers Mr. Richard Watteleson. If you will wish you would get together all the papers we have on the old case of George Ellington. Mr. Battin is interested in a similar case, and desires to look over the papers. If I am out to-morrow when he calls, give them to him."

"I was very much agitated at the revival of old memories, but managed to falter out a reply, and Mr. Battin bowed and went out. Now, who can this man be? He is to take an interest in that case?"

"Battin! Battin! I don't know the name," said the colonel. "I'll look him up. Did you ever hear the name, Tom?"

"Never, sir," replied Tom. "It's a queer thing, but probably just as Ormsby says," said the colonel. "It was a remarkable case, as you know, and it is not surprising that even now lawyers are interested in it. I'll look him up. I intend to drop in at the club to-night. Some one there may know of him."

The colonel did not remain late, but in the time he did stay there were certain promises made that left him and Helen in a happy frame of mind.

On his way home, as he intended, he stopped at the Bohemia Club, and renewed his acquaintance with some of his old friends.

Among those he found at the club were Wells, Arthur Hildreth, Garry of the "Sun," and Porteusca of the "Tribune."

"After a hearty welcome they ordered refreshments to celebrate the soldier's return, and the conversation became animated, and general."

"By the way," said the soldier, in a favourable moment, "does anybody know a Richard Battin?"

"Battin? Battin? I don't," said one.

"Nor I," said another.

"Why?" asked Gideon Wells. "Give us an idea what you want to know for, and perhaps I can get at it."

"Well, this Richard Battin, a man about fifty years of age, called at Thornton and Ormsby's office to-day and asked for all the papers in that old case of Ellington."

A shade of paleness came into the face of Gideon Wells.

"Did he get them?" he asked.

"No. They were not handy, I suppose, and they were too busy at the office to get them out. He is to get them to-morrow."

"I can't imagine who he can be," said Wells.

"Nor I," said Hildreth.

"Pshaw!" said Porteusca, laughing. "A simple matter, indeed. Some lawyer has a similar case and wishes to read up the precedents."

"Now I think of it, he said something to that effect," said the gallant colonel.

CHAPTER XXIII.

A SERVANT—BUT WHOSE?

Helen was industriously banging the keys of her typewriter. Mr. Thornton was busy and fussy. Mr. Ormsby was not less busy, but made less ado about it.

Mr. Thornton would rush out of his private office and issue orders to the clerks, and then forget all about them. But Helen had been in her position long enough to know the old man, thoroughly, and to bear with his peculiarities. Besides, to-day he was talking with a severe toothache, and who can be good-natured under such circumstances? Pinkly the pain became too much for him, and he gave up trying to work.

"Miss Watteleson," he said, "I am going home. I shall probably not come back to-day. This rascally pain has got the better of me, and I must give up."

Soon after he had gone, Ormsby appeared with his hat and coat on. "Miss Watteleson," he said, "I am going to court. If Richard Battin should come, give him these papers on that case. You understand? Here, I will lay them on my desk. Don't lose them; they are very important, you know."

"Yes, sir, I will deliver them," she said, and resumed her work.

She was looking for perhaps a quarter of eight, and the door was interrupted by a knock on the door.

Visitors at Thornton and Ormsby's were far from few, but not many of them knocked before entering. Helen got up to open the door.

A man entered who had the appearance of a servant. He was smooth-faced and wooden-faced, and bowed obsequiously to Miss Watteleson.

"Is Mr. Ormsby in?" he asked.

"No," replied Helen. "Mr. Ormsby has gone to court."

"Ah! And Mr. Thornton?"

"Mr. Thornton has gone home. He is not well to-day, and will not be back."

"My master sent me with a letter to the firm," said the man. "Either one would do, or, indeed, any one of them. Can you open the letter and act for them. Can you do that, miss?"

"In some cases I can," said Helen. "Who is your master?"

"Mr. Richard Battin."

"Oh, I know the nature of the business. I expected Mr. Battin himself. Let me see the letter, please."

The man bowed, and handed Helen a letter. She opened it, and read as follows:

"Dear Sirs,—I regret very much that ill-health prevents me from keeping my engagement with you, and calling for the papers in the Ellington case, as I promised yesterday. Unfortunately, I am subject to severe attacks of malaria, which come upon me without warning, and which frequently confine me to my bed for days at a time. I am sorry to hear of one of these attacks now. The importance of my having the papers at once is so great that I take the liberty to send one of my servants for you. You may trust him with the papers, as he is my faithful servant. I remain, respectfully yours,

pressing her hands together, looked helplessly at Mr. Battin.

"What have I done?" she gasped. Mr. Battin calmly drew a chair near her and sat down.

"Come," he said, gently, "we are not getting on at all. Evidently something has gone wrong with those papers. Please tell me what it is."

"Oh, Mr. Battin," said Helen, "how can I tell you how things have been? When Mr. Ormsby was not long ago, he told me to give you the Ellington papers when you called. He had not gone long when a man came here who said he was your servant. He gave me a letter from you, addressed to Thornton and Ormsby, saying that you were ill and could not come in person for the papers, and that we were to trust your servant with the papers. So I gave him the papers."

Helen was clasping and unclasping her hands while she was speaking, and trembling from head to foot.

"This man who pretended to be my servant gave you a letter, you say?"

"Yes, Mr. Battin. 'Will you let me see that letter?'"

Helen made a convulsive dash at the papers on her table, and fumbled about nervously.

"I laid it here, sir," she said, "but it is gone."

"Yes, sir. The man must have picked it up when I was getting the papers for him."

"Of course," said Mr. Battin, "he did not wish to leave any clue as to his identity."

Helen's lip trembled. She was very near crying.

"Come," said Mr. Battin, "you must not weep. It will not bring back the papers; you cannot be censured for what you did. The thing was well planned, and likely to mislead any one. I do not blame you."

"You are very kind," Mr. Battin, but my own heart censures me. I thought I was doing right, when I should have known, I was doing wrong. Mr. Ormsby and Mr. Thornton will be very angry."

Mr. Battin sat for a moment thinking.

"That wouldn't do at all," he said. "If they had been here it would have been the same. And, in fact, to tell you the truth, no great harm has been done."

"Oh, I am so glad of that," said Helen.

"It is true, and, moreover, it establishes the fact that there is some one else in New York besides myself to whom those papers are important."

Helen sat shivering.

"It is strange that at this time, when those papers are important to me, they should have developed a value in the eyes of some one else."

The strangest part of it is that no one except you and Mr. Ormsby knew that I had asked for the papers."

Helen started.

"Oh, I don't accuse any one," Mr. Battin said, hastily. "I only say it's strange. It looks odd."

"Oh, Mr. Battin," she said, "I assure you I thought I was delivering the papers to your servant."

"I do not doubt you," he said. "It seems to me to be thinking a little more than you are, and it would never do for me to admit that I know that it was your fault."

"A secret? From Mr. Ormsby?"

"Yes. The loss of the papers must not be made known to either of your employers until I have had time to make an investigation. The loss of the papers amounts to little. Perhaps, just at this time, it is a fortunate thing. It is true I wish to look over them to get the main facts of the case, for I do not mind telling you that I am interested in it. I have already been informed slightly upon it. I know that it was your father who was murdered, and for the murderer of whom George Ellington was convicted. Let me ask you one question. Are you positive in your own mind that Ellington did the deed?"

"I do not believe it possible, Mr. Battin, to be sure one way or the other. All the evidence that we heard pointed to Ellington as the guilty man, but I must admit that the evidence does not now seem to me to have been conclusive. I thought it was then, but I am better versed in such matters now, and it seems to me that there is a doubt."

"Very well. Then we are agreed upon that point, and I will tell you something more. There is a certain person—a woman—who is very, very wealthy, and who had determined to reopen the case and to prove Ellington's innocence. The mere theft of the papers to-day proves that there is some one who fears the developments."

"It must be so," said Helen. "And since we are to have a secret between us, I am willing to be of any assistance to you that is in my power. If George Ellington died an innocent man, then there is a double wrong to be avenged. Yes, I will help you."

"There is no way in which you can help me more than by maintaining perfect secrecy about these papers. And one other way. Do you think you would recognise the man who came as my servant to-day if you should see him again?"

"Yes, I am sure I should."

"Then, to help me, keep your eyes open, your tongue tied. If at any time you should meet that man, follow him, and communicate with me as soon as possible. Here is my address. I am stopping at the Waldorf."

"And what shall I tell Mr. Ormsby, sir? He will be sure to ask me if you have been here."

"The matter, remember, it is very important. You are to be my eyes and ears. Mr. Battin bowed and departed, his manner so calm and untroubled as if he had not just been beaten in a great game. A handsome carriage, drawn by a pair of prancing bays, stood waiting for him. A coachman in livery sat like a statue on the box. A footman, in similar livery, stood at the door of the carriage. When his employer had entered, he closed it, and took his seat beside the coachman."

It was evident that the mysterious Mr. Battin was very wealthy.

When he was gone, Helen sat quietly thinking over the strange events of the day.

She was aroused from her reverie by the sound of Ormsby's approaching footsteps, and with an effort she turned to her work, and appeared as if nothing unusual had occurred.

Ormsby came in, and on the way to his office stopped to speak to Helen.

"Has Mr. Battin been here?" he asked.

"Yes, sir," she answered, calmly. "Did he leave any message for me, Miss Watteleson?"

Ormsby nodded, and went into his private room.

Helen put her hand to her aching head.

"It is not he," she said, to herself. "He believes Mr. Battin has been here, or else he is a great actor. What dark mystery is this that surrounds me? I am afraid."

CHAPTER XXIV.

A REAL DETECTIVE.

Richard Battin sat in a luxuriously-furnished room at his hotel, reading the "Morning Post," and the best of terms with himself and all the world.

He had certainly no apparent cause to be discontented with the world, for his surroundings left nothing to be desired.

Near him, in an attitude of tireless patience, stood a large-framed, dusky servant, whose brilliant eyes never left his master, and whose garb denoted the Eastern in its looseness and richness.

The close attention of this servant was to be explained by the fact that his eyes had to do duty for his ears for the man was a deaf mute. Surely there must be some great mystery about this Mr. Battin that in New York he should choose to have near him a servant who had neither speech nor hearing. All communication between them was in the language of signs.

Rather a cumbersome sort of servant, one might say, but Richard Battin did not find him so.

All Sarulaya, for that was the man's name, knew of his master was that he had, by some arrangement, taken him from the household of an Eastern merchant, and as his condition was very much better under his new master than it was under the old, he was not disposed to find any fault.

Sarulaya was not Mr. Battin's only servant, for we have seen that he was accompanied on his drives by a coachman and footman in livery. But these never entered the presence of Mr. Battin unless bidden. From the fact, too, that he had several other servants than these, who were not attached directly to his person, it was evident that Mr. Battin was a wealthy man.

As Mr. Battin sat reading, there came a knock at his outer door, and a footman brought in a card.

Mr. Battin looked at the name a moment, and then said:

"Show the gentleman in."

The footman bowed and retired, and Sarulaya, in response to a sign from Mr. Battin, hastily swept up the papers and tidied up the room; for when Mr. Battin was enjoying his leisure he did it with a total disregard of tidiness, which was probably the result of his Australian experience.

The visitor was shown in, according to Mr. Battin's directions, and the old gentleman looked at him keenly as he entered. A shade of disappointment could be seen in his face.

The visitor was, or seemed to be, a fashionable, somewhat overdressed man, with sandy hair and large blonde beard.

His athletic build of the man seemed at variance with his dandied make-up. He bowed to Mr. Battin, and said:

"You expected me, yet you do not know me when I have come."

"I expected a certain person," replied Mr. Battin, "but not Mr. Shingle Prang."

Mr. Shingle Prang laughed, and glanced at Sarulaya.

"I would like to see you alone," he said.

"I am practically alone now," replied Mr. Battin. "My servant is deaf and dumb. However, there is no objection."

He made a sign, whereat Sarulaya left the room.

Mr. Shingle Prang now made a quick movement with his right hand, and the blonde beard fell to the floor together with the red hair.

"I am the man you expected," he said to Mr. Battin. "I am George Gray. I never visit for me, as you are a natural self. It pays to be always discreet. For instance, I have now more than I have of what is going on in the planet Mars. Yet a man does not call upon me unless he has some kind of villainy to run to earth. You might, without knowing it, be surprised by the very persons you wish to apprehend. They might recognise me, and the knowledge that I had killed upon you would put them on their guard."

"So I have heard," said Mr. Battin. "Now you will explain why I have called upon you. Let me first say that your fame has reached my ears in various ways, and it was confidence in your ability as a detective that made me send for you."

Mr. Gray smiled and bowed.

"To begin my story," said Mr. Battin, "let me ask if you have any recollection of the case of George Ellington, who, two years ago, was convicted of the murder of James Watteleson?"

Mr. Gray pulled a note-book out of his pocket and turned the leaves. "Ellington eloped with the daughter of his supposed victim," he said, reading from his notes. "He was apprehended, and convicted on the circumstantial evidence of stud and the fact of his elopement, and the loss of a memorandum of the notes stolen at the time of the murder. On the way to Sing Sing he was killed in a railway accident, together with his brother, who had him in charge."

"True in every detail," said Mr. Battin. "I notice you say his supposed victim. What am I to judge by that? What was your opinion—your professional opinion—of that case?"

"I had my doubts," replied Mr. Gray, promptly. "I have always considered Ellington in the light of a martyr. It was one of those cases we have once in a while in New York that call for swift justice, and the police make a name for themselves by finding a criminal. Mind, I say a criminal, not the criminal. If Ellington had had as good support as the prosecution, he never could have been convicted on the evidence, and would be alive to-day."

"His defence was weak?"

"His defence amounted to nothing. The prosecution said he committed the crime, and proved it by circumstantial evidence. The defence merely denied and could prove nothing. No real effort, that I should have made to fasten the crime on any one else. A little suspicion was thrown on one or two others, but no real point was made. Of course, it looked to the casual observer as if Ellington committed the crime. But to me there was always a doubt."

"I am very glad to hear you say that," said Mr. Battin. "There are persons to whom it is very important that the innocence of George Ellington be now established. It will, of course, do Ellington no good. But the murderer of James Watteleson is at large, and must be punished, and Ellington's name cleared from all guilt. Yes, the murderer is in New York. I have had proof of that to-day."

"Indeed?"

"Yes, I expected to have the papers of the defence here to let you see them, and to that end I visited Thornton and