





RAGLAN SPORTS.

Officials:—President, Mr. Geo. E. Laney; vice-presidents, Messrs W. Connor and Jas. Stevens; secretary, Mr. Jas. Stevens; assistant secretary, Mr. Geo. Stevenson; handicappers, Messrs J. Bates, C. Ditchfield (foot), Messrs W. Connor, G. R. Boyd (wood), Messrs W. H. Halpin, and J. T. ...

A fine, calm day favoured the Raglan Sports Club's annual gathering at the Recreation Reserve on Monday afternoon. The meeting was a success, although the weather was not the warm side, its severity prevented people from leaving home without their overcoats.

Handicap Standing Block Chop, 12 in. logs—£1/10 and 15.—W. Anderson, ser. 1; J. J. Dunn, 5 sec. 2. Time, 1 min. 10 1/2 sec. A fine event, and a very close finish. Won by a couple of blows, with only a blow separating each of the other men. Four competitors.

Handicap Open Trot, One mile—21.10 and 15.—W. McEwale's Daisy, 70 yds. hind, ser. 1; A. McEwale's Tiny, 109 yds. hind, ser. 2. Won easily by about seven lengths, with about two lengths between second and third. No time taken. Six starters.

Handicap Boys Race, one mile—11.5 and trophy.—G. Bromley, ser. 1; H. Meredith, 150 yds. 2. Time, 2 min. 28 sec. Won easily by about six lengths, with a length separating Meredith and the third man (E. R. Martin). Five starters. Meredith lodged a protest against Bromley for neglecting to give his Stawell partner ance in his nomination. Bromley admitted it, but stated that he had overlooked putting the performance in. The committee decided to disqualify Bromley and award the prize money to the second and third men (Meredith and Martin). Martin's handicap was 120 yds.

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MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

The adjourned magisterial inquiry touching the death of 23rd Jan'y near Beaufort, of the 2nd York and Lancaster Regiment, of Collins Street, Melbourne, was conducted by Mr R. A. D. Sinclair, J.P. (deputy coroner), at the Beaufort Court House, on Wednesday.

Evidence of identification was called at the formal opening of the inquiry on the 23rd Jan'y. The stationmaster Russell (Beaufort) and Roadmaster Thompson (Ballarat) were present to watch the interests of the Railway Department.

Alfred Eli Elliott deposed:—I am a railway engine-driver, residing at Ballarat. I was the driver of the 4.48 a.m. up-express from Stawell to Ballarat on the 23rd Jan'y 1918. I left Middle Creek at about 6.15 a.m., and reached, on my journey, the top of a place called the Beaufort bank, which is about 2 1/2 miles from Beaufort. When I was at the point of travelling down the bank, I noticed a man apparently loitering or standing between the line and the way fence in the reserve on the northern side of the line. He was facing toward the train and was fumbling his hands, which were in his pockets. I was then about 120 yds. from him. When I was within about 100 yds. of him, he stiffened his muscles, rushed to the line, threw his arms over his shoulders, and placed himself in a lying position in the five feet way between the rails. When I saw the man's act, I suspected his sinister intention, immediately applied the Westinghouse brake, and brought the train to a standstill, within a very few yards of where he had placed himself. When I saw other person in the vicinity, I then got off the engine and examined it, and saw blood on the side of it. About two minutes later I was lying the mounted body of a man. I then had to move the train ahead to enable me getting at the body, which was removed to the side of the line by the gendarmes.

Senior-constable Lovitt said the reacting-cornet had already heard evidence of identification. Peter Joseph McDonagh, fireman, in answer to the deputy-cornet, said he did not see the occurrence, being on the opposite side of the engine. Senior-constable Lovitt stated that the relatives of deceased had been interviewed by the police at Moonee Ponds, and said they were through to the relatives of the deceased. They were unable to come to Beaufort. To the deputy-cornet—The relatives had no idea what possessed deceased to do it. The deputy-cornet found that deceased died at Beaufort on 23rd Jan'y, from injuries received when he was thrown self in front of a moving engine on the Victorian railways at Beaufort on that date. He remarked that his deepest sympathy went out to the people of the district, for it was a great trouble when anything like this happened. He expressed his appreciation of the action of the engine-driver in braking and stopping immediately the man moved in the direction of the line. It was a painful thing to the driver, and in knowing he had done all in his power, he had the applause of his own conscience.

DEATH OF MR. J. McKEICH. We regret having to record the death, in his 61st year, of Mr. James McKeich, the sad event occurring at his residence, 10 Western House, Beaufort, on Wednesday. The deceased, who had been failing in health for about two years, was one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of the township, and possessed many excellent traits of character. The cause of death was chronic septicaemia and cardiac failure. Flags were flown at half mast on several business places in the town, and a large number of people attended the funeral here all his life. For many years he was in business as a draper in the premises now occupied by Messrs J. R. Wotterston & Co., having worked for Messrs Wotterston & Co. (the forerunners of the present firm), both as boy and man, before leaving their drapery business. About 20 years ago he retired into private life, having acquired land in the district and built a house in Ballarat. Mr. McKeich took a keen interest in public affairs, was a follower of various sports, and was an athlete on the cycling track. He was one of the best handicappers of pedestrian events in this part of the State. Deceased took a great interest in rifle shooting, and in his day was one of the best marksmen in the district. He was captain of the Beaufort Rifle Club on various occasions, and a member of it for a great number of years. For many years the deceased was associated with the local Athletic Club as timekeeper, and also occupied the judge's box at the Beaufort Jockey Club's annual races. He was also a foundation member of the Flery Creek Masonic Lodge, and a prominent member of the Beaufort Agricultural Society, being in addition chairman of the Beaufort School Committee. He was a great lover of flowers, and had a beautiful garden at Western House. Another of his hobbies was the compilation of the local rainfall records, a self-imposed duty which he faithfully carried out each month for a lengthy term of years. The deceased leaves a widow, one son, two daughters, and also a sister (Mrs R. A. D. Sinclair), who mourns their loss. The funeral ceremony, which was held at the Beaufort Cemetery on Friday afternoon, the funeral being largely attended. The coffin bearers were Messrs R. Crouch, J. W. Miller, J. Ellis, and J. George; and Cr. W. H. Halpin, Messrs J. R. Wotterston, J. W. Harris, W. J. Stevenson, C. Lof, D. F. Troy, J. B. Peatman, and A. Parker acted as pall-bearers. The Presbyterian burial service was conducted by Rev. A. H. Ross. Mr. A. H. Sands, undertaker, Beaufort, carried out the mortuary arrangements.

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IN TIMES PAST It has been our endeavour to make our Store a live business centre. We have always striven to give our patrons the keenest value for their money. But this time we are giving War Prices an absolute Knock Out. OUR GREAT SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE! STARTS ON THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 30, 1919. It Continues for Two Weeks Only. During the continuance of this Sale we will offer altogether exceptional Bargains, and we have confidence in cordially inviting inspection of our Fine Drapery Stock, which will be offered at prices which will mean a great saving to our clients. A MONEY-SAVING EVENT. ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICE J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co., BEAUFORT AND BUANGOR.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. A GENERAL MEETING of above Club will be held at Mechanics' Institute on WEDNESDAY next, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of raising money for bicycle races. A. PARKER, Secretary.

INFLUENZA OUTBREAK. THE ATTENTION OF RESIDENTS is drawn to the following, and they are requested to read it for household use. GENERAL SYMPTOMS. Onset sudden, with chill or shivering sensation; temperature rises quickly; headache, sore throat; pains in back, arms and legs. DONT 1. Delay treatment. 2. Visit patients affected or houses where influenza is. 3. Use books, papers, or clothes belonging to persons affected. 4. Kiss anyone about whom you have the slightest doubt of influenza. 5. Allow old people and children, especially, to go near patients afflicted. 6. Neglect sore throats, headaches, &c. 7. Carry infection to others if disease is in your house. DO 1. Protect yourselves. 2. Protect others. 3. Isolate patients. 4. Get under treatment at once. 5. Destroy all discharges from nose or throat. 6. Use paper handkerchiefs or clean rags, and destroy same by burning. 7. Disinfect rooms. 8. Obey doctors' orders, even if irksome. The co-operation of all residents is desired, in order to carry out effectively the preventive measures herein stated. By order, N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary. 30.1.1919.

SHIRE OF RIPON. INFLUENZA OUTBREAK. PERSONS wishing to be inoculated are requested to register their names at the Shire Hall at once. Inoculation Free. N. B. ACTON, Shire Secretary. 31.1.1919.

SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT. PICTURES! Saturday, 1st Feby. "ROBINSON CRUSOE." EXTRA STAR—"THE VERMINT." Featuring Jack Pickford. ALSO MATINEE FOR CHILDREN IN THE AFTERNOON. ADMISSION—1/6 and 1/1. Open-air Pictures on hot nights in future. Seats provided. THEO. W. SCHLICHT, AUCTIONEER, STOCK AND STATION AGENT, BEAUFORT.

AGENT FOR—Yorkshire Insurance Company. H. R. Carter & Co. Wm. Crosby & Co. Federal Manure Co.

W. H. HALPIN, AUCTIONEER. HOUSEHOLD STOCK, GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT & VALUATOR. AUCTION SALE. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, AT BEAUFORT. SATURDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1919. At 2 p.m.

W. H. HALPIN & T. W. SCHLICHT. Auctioneers in conjunction have been favored with instructions from Mrs. W. PEARCE to sell as under, on above date:—Tapestry Suite, large Sideboard, Chairs, Tables, Overmantel, Ornaments, Glassware, Wardrobe, Linoleums, Mattings, Spring Mattresses, Bedsteads, Curtains, Window Blinds, Verandahs, Blinds, Curtains, Foles, Lamps, Whittos, Bender, Kitchen Safe, Sofa, Jardiniers, Pot Plants, Wringing, Mangle, Boilers, Saucepans, Enamel Dishes, Tubs, Washbarrow, Showels, Picks, Crowbars, and lots of other Sundries; also good Cow.

As Mrs. Pearce is leaving Beaufort, everything is for positive sale. Everything is in first-class order. Situation, Speke Street, not far from main road. FURTHER ENTRIES INVITED. KELLY & McDONALD, AUCTIONEERS, STOCK AND STATION AGENTS, BEAUFORT, LEXTON, CARRANBALLAC AND BUANGOR.

AGENTS FOR—DALGETY & CO. NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE CO. T. ROBINSON & CO. PTY. LTD. R. HORNBY & SONS LTD. MT. LYELL MANUFACTURERS. BUCK MOOR CARS. LAND SALE. THURSDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1919. At 3 p.m., at KELLY & McDONALD'S OFFICE, BEAUFORT. 104 acres of Freehold Land, situated at Beaufort.

KELLY & McDONALD, acting under instructions from D. McKEICHL, Esq., will sell by Auction as above 104 acres of FREEHOLD LAND, of which 6 acres is comprised of ORCHARD and GARDEN. The property is well fenced, subdivided into four paddocks, and watered by two dams. The buildings are a SIX-ROOMED HOUSE and a FOUR ROOMED DETACHED HOUSE, 3-stalled STABLE, BARN, DAIRY, BUGGY SHED, etc. Water is laid on to the house and garden. The above property is nicely situated within a mile of Beaufort, and is a splendid opportunity to secure land close to the town. TERMS AT SALE. Full particulars apply KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneers, Beaufort. Telephone 12. J. W. HARRIS, CHEMIST & DRUGGIST. For Accuracy, Confidence, Satisfaction. HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT. THESE SPECIALLY PREPARED—Harris' Rheumatic Pills, Harris' Influenza Pills, Harris' Coughing and Coughing Powders for Children. (Solely—Cooling Weak Dose, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Sundays, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.)

Hawkes Bros., BEAUFORT. SEASONABLE GOODS. We desire to bring under your notice a few lines we have that are specially suitable for this season of the year. E.P. WARE, CARVERS. \* CLOCKS, etc., \* GLASSWARE & CROCKERY. BRUSHWARE (LADIES' & GENTS'). TOBACCO POUCHES, LETTER WALLETS, SCENTS & SOAPS, WATCHES ENAMEL BROOCHES, and PHOTO. FRAMES. Orders taken for Gold or Silver Watches and all classes of Jewellery. AGENTS FOR COOPER'S SHEEP DIPS, "JONES" SEWING MACHINE. ROYAL INSURANCE CO., HUPMOBILE CARS, BARNET GLASS TYRES.

Raglan side and burnt forest. In the travelling of Lucker's property, ...

RESPONDENCE. ...

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THE PRIDE OF THE TROOP

A TALE OF THREE WARS. BY DERWENT MIALI. Author of "The Missing Diamonds."

CHAPTER XXV. HOEWARD BOUND.

They were trotting down an easy track along one side of the valley, when suddenly a rifle flashed from the ridge on the other side, and this was the signal for a line of flashes that sprang from the ground all along the top of the ridge. Some of the Boer rear-guard were behind him, and he had to pass down the valley, and now intended to annihilate them as they returned. At such close range it seemed impossible that a single man could escape the Boer fire.

the water-mill. That filled him with a longing to drink the brink of the stream and to drink his fill of the cold, limpid water. He was nearing it now; he would plunge in its coolness and be rid of this intolerable heat and thirst. And then consciousness returned more fully, and with a groan of pain he realised where he was, and that the clack of the water-mill was a pulse throbbing in his aching head.

He had been laid by his enemies in the shadow of a rock, but the afternoon sun was creeping down the sky and would find him out presently. He wondered if he was drifting away from life, feeling a vague pity for himself, as he pictured a lonely grave among the South African hills, marked with his name.

Among the Earth Pyramids. Through his taste for solitary research Joseph Belmont became involved in serious difficulties that almost put a permanent end to his career as a scientist. Just before the beginning of the rainy season in the Andes, Belmont was spending a few weeks in La Paz, near the western border of Bolivia.

Nothing Serious. The farmer's wife bestowed herself to the tiny village post-office and inquired: "Anything for me?" "No, ma'am," answered the post-master, after a perusal of his letter-bag.

A Pugacious Wild Duck. The jealousy and pugacity of wild birds in the nesting season is well known, observes a writer of Nature Notes. A short time ago I had an opportunity of observing a brief but effective passage at arms between two wild ducks.

Bang Goes the World! The question of the end of the world has been the subject of much speculation. Astronomers are pretty well agreed that the end of the world may come quite suddenly—and at any moment.

Wool Approves. The wool growers of the world have been celebrating the centenary of the birth of Sir James Spence Bayly, the first wool grower in the world.

No. 2151 BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The President of the Beaufort Agricultural Society has been elected. The meeting of the society will be held on the 15th of the month.





Commonwealth Bank of Australia. General Banking Business. Savings Bank Department.

BEREAVEMENT CARD. MRS. MCKEICH and Family desire to return thanks to all kind friends...

BEAUFORT POLICE COURT. MONDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1919. (Before Messrs E. W. Hughes and D. Troy, J.A.P.)

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL. MONDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1919. Present—Cr. Halpin (president), Cr. Sinclair, Cr. Bell, Cr. Carstairs, Cr. Rodda, Cr. Hannan.

The president was sure that the council would be willing to do the same as their other health officer. The secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Donalson...

REPORTS. The engineer Mr. E. J. M. reported as follows: I have made arrangements for the hand return...

COUGLES SUMMER CLEARING SALE! COMMENCES THURSDAY, 30th JAN., 1919.

GREATER BARGAINS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS. FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY. Big Bargains in Everything for Personal Wear and Household Use. G. H. COUGLE, THE STORE FOR GOOD VALUES, BEAUFORT.

S.O.S. THE WIRELESS CALL FOR HELP! FROM YOUR EYES. MORRIS & ANDERSON, PRACTICAL OPTICIANS.

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SAURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1919. Owing to pressure upon our space, a report of the annual meeting of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute and other items had to be postponed...

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LICENSING PROSECUTION. Supt. McManamy licensing inspector charged Wm. J. Langer, of Beaufort, with having allowed a person under the age of 18 years to be supplied with liquor...

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ORDINARY MEETING. The minutes of the previous meeting as typewritten and circulated were taken and read and confirmed.

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SOME MAXIMS WORTH READING. VICTORIAN PRODUCERS CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED. COLLINS ST., MELBOURNE.

FOR THE EMPIRE. At the request of the Beaufort district, the Beaufort United Friends' Society...

IS YOUR CHILD CONSTIPATED? If your child is constipated, it is a sign of indigestion and sluggish liver...

INSERT BITS. In an insect you see, the same applies to the human system. Present any swelling or pain...

OTEN MINDERS. The mind is a very delicate organ, and it is very easily affected by the things we see and hear...

C. Roddis, thinking of sympathy... the sympathy of the... and C. Roddis, thinking of sympathy...

REPORTS. The engineer (Mr. E. J. Muntz, B.C.E.) reported as follows: I have made arrangements for cleaning and re-painting the faces of the hand round clock... it is a small job, but hard to get at... Admitted, and matter of repairing clock referred to...

With a 1 1/2" handwood top rail and 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" red gum posts, it would cost about £20 to fence in track back of... South Riding members, on behalf of Mr. Sinclair and Roddis...

Three of flumes on the race were damaged, and the race was filled with brush in various places... The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the finance committee: A. Perker, Whitehead & Co., £1/6; S. Pincombe Ltd., £3/7/9; salaries, £52/2/6; J. G. Anderson, £17/1/9; T. G. Gwynne, £3/0/0; J. A. Bly, £2/2/6; E. Kelly, £3/3; secretary's petty cash, £3; Mrs. Evans, £2; H. Norman, £3/12; G. A. Geddie, £1/10; L. J. Baugh, £1/8; Govt. Printer, 4/8; Public Health Officer, £3/0/0; C. Carver, £2/18/9; Municipal Association, £4/4; Northern Insurance Co., £2/18/6; Grenville Shire, £1/15/6; Charitable vote (as previously published), £1/0/0; Farmers' Pudding Co., £5/0/0; W. R. Cobden, £4/15/4; H. M. Stuart, £4/10/0; T. Cleve, £1/12; J. Gillespie, £1/2; T. Nugent, £1/2; J. A. Bates, £1/2/1/8; Ball, £1/1; N. Wright, £1/0/6; 3; Nothnall, £9/18; J. Whitfield, £9/12; S. George, £10/18; R. Ching, junr., £2/12; Broadbent Bros., £3; R. Ward, £2/2/9; M. B. John, £1/6; A. A. Skinner, £1/10/12; J. Roddis, £2; L. G. Nunn, £2/10/6; P. L. Wright, £7/13/7; J. R. Harrison & Son, £2/15; W. O'Sullivan, £2/4; J. George, £4/15/6; Hawkes, £3/1/2; Jas. Carmichael, £28/2/1; B. Sley, £10/7/1; J. Tiley, £10/7/1; J. Grant, £8/11; E. Broadbent, £28/0/6; W. Riley, £12; W. Lucardie, £15; R. Broadbent, £15/10/6; J. D. Carmichael, £4/4; Contract printers—W. B. Madden, £15; Jas. Madden, £10/19/6; deposits refunded—W. B. Madden, £3; Jas. Madden, £10/19/6; Broadbent Bros., £1/10/0; total, £265/8/3; Extras on contract, £19/1/6.

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We have always striven to give our patrons the keenest value for their money. But this time we are giving War Prices an absolute Knock Out.

OUR GREAT SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE! STARTS ON THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 30, 1919.

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During the continuance of this Sale we will offer altogether exceptional Bargains, and we have confidence in cordially inviting inspection of our Fine Drapery Stock, which will be offered at prices which will mean a great saving to our clients.

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BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

A general meeting of the above club was held at the Mechanics Institute on Wednesday evening, Mr. D. M. Dams (president) in the chair, and seven members present.

From W. F. Pickering, District Organising Secretary, Y.M.C.A., Ballarat, gratefully received receipt of cheque for £120/11/8, result of Boxing Day sports, etc., and expressing the thanks of the executive committee to all who assisted for the excellent result achieved. Received.

The president would like to know what had been done about electric lighting for Beaufort. Other towns no larger than Beaufort had it, and he did not see why Beaufort should not have it. He would like to see what support could be obtained.

Cr. Sinclair suggested the calling of a public meeting, to see what support could be obtained. The president thought they should wait until they had more to lay before a meeting.

President Halpin, pursuant to notice moved, that by-law No. 22 for making and levying water rate for the Beaufort water supply, joint water supply, and Waterloo water supply, be adopted. Seconded by Cr. Beggs, and carried.

Cr. Hannah gave notice to move at next meeting that the above motion be confirmed. During the luncheon adjournment, President Halpin congratulated Cr. Theo. Beggs upon his marriage, and proposed his health and that of his wife. The toast was supported by Cr. Sinclair, Roddis, Carstairs, and Hannah, and suitably acknowledged by Cr. Beggs.

Never go on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in your trunk. Train and boat travelling, with the consequent change of diet, upsets many people, and it is not always easy to obtain a remedy when travelling. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be relied upon to give instant relief in all bowel complaints. For sale everywhere.

WANTED, MAN with two or three drays or table-top wagon, to cart wood. J. T. GOOD, Wal Wal.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.—7 Crossbred Ewes, back notch near ear, blotch brand on ribs; 1 Crossbred Ewe, swallow off ear; 1 Crossbred Ewe, front quarter of ear; 3 Crossbred Lambs, blotch brand on ribs. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold last March, 1919.

H. NORMAN, Poundkeeper.

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LAND SALE. THURSDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1919, at 3 p.m., at KELLY & McDONALD'S OFFICE, BEAUFORT.

104 acres of Freehold Land, situated at Beaufort.

KELLY & McDONALD, acting under instructions from D. McKERRAL, Esq., will sell by Auction as above 104 acres of FREEHOLD LAND, of which 5 acres is comprised of ORCHARD and GARDEN.

The property is well fenced, subdivided into four paddocks, and watered by two dams. The buildings are a SIX-ROOMED HOUSE and a FOUR ROOMED DETACHED HOUSE, 6-stalled STABLE, BARN, DAIRY, BUGGY SHED, etc.

Water is laid on to the house and garden. The above property is nicely situated within a mile of Beaufort, and is a splendid opportunity to secure land close to the town.

TERMS AT SALE. Full particulars apply KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneers, Beaufort.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. CLEARING SALE. CATTLE, SHEEP, HORSES, FURNITURE AND EFFECTS. THURSDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1919.

Hawkes Bros., BEAUFORT.

SEASONABLE GOODS. We desire to bring under your notice a few lines we have that are specially suitable for this season of the year.

E.P. WARE, CARVERS, \* CLOCKS, etc., \* GLASSWARE & CROCKERY. BRUSHWARE (LADIES' & GENTS'). TOBACCO POUCHES. LETTER WALLETS. SCENTS & SOAPS, WATCHES ENAMEL BROOCHES, and PHOTO. FRAMES.

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Mr. D. McKerral, who has resided in Beaufort for many years, is disposing of his orchard and land and leaving for Melbourne with his wife and daughter. Mrs. McKerral has been in ill-health for some months past. Mr. and Mrs. McKerral's departure will be regretted by a wide circle of friends. Mr. McKerral is one of the founders and members of the local Thistle Club, and has acted as a judge on many occasions at the Beaufort Agricultural Society's annual shows.



A MESSAGE IN CIPHER.

By Miss Schofield.
The message in cipher...
The motor was upon them, and...

THE SENTRY OF THE SEAS.

She was a torpedo-boat destroyer...
The elements strove to turn her...

THE MEN WHO TRUST.

At the wheel was the coast-guard...
Years of practice in the fat times...

COMMON EYE TROUBLE.

Although there are many men and...
The eye is a very delicate organ...

DRUGS OF DEATH.

HYPNOTIC "DOPE" THAT...
Owing largely to war-wrathy...
Quite a large number of hypnotic...

LAWSUITS OVER TRIFLES.

There are numerous foolish people...
One man of this type figured as a...

BRIBES.

A VICIOUS HABIT WHICH HAS...
If anyone were to ask you whether...

NUMOUR.

THE TALLEST YET...
A Yankee going the rounds of...

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE.

On deck each at his station...
The watch on duty at guns and...

AN EYE FOR EVERYTHING.

Another "underdog" didn't we...
The grunter—a seasoned warrant...

PLAYING THE GAME.

Cricket is the game in which...
The peculiar qualities of the Anglo-Saxon...

APPARANCES ARE DECEIVING.

An old lady, well known for her...
The hardened malfactor stood up...

NO HARVEST.

A little boy, who was gazing very...
The Judge "I shall have the next...

FRIENDS AND FOES.

The difference between a friend...
The war, Germany's aggressive...

SNAKES AS HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

A snake is not the most cheerful...
The Zoological Gardens they understand...

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Wife (who has just returned from...
"Of course, my dear, I have had all my wisdom teeth...

SONG AND DANCE.

On the mess-deck, battened down...
The other men either win or draw...

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**THE EMPIRE.**

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**BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**

Fourteen subscribers to the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute were present at the annual meeting on Monday night, 3rd inst. Mr. M. Dames (vice president) presiding.

The balance sheet for 1918, which was adopted, showed receipts amounting to £127/9/11 and expenditure to £127/9/11, leaving a Cr. balance of £11/11/11, which compares very unfavourably with the credit balance at the beginning of the year of £38/1/9.

The balance of the receipts was the subject of a lengthy discussion, and was explained principally to the decrease in billiard playing owing to the table not being in good order, and also to the high cost of lighting the institute with kerosene, the falling off in donations, the abolition of the Government grant, and the abolition of the grant from the Shire Council.

Mr. Acton (secretary) stated that in 1917 the receipts from the billiard-room were £50 12/8, and in 1918 £19 10/. Donations in 1917 amounted to £22, against 10/ last year. There were 62 subscribers.

Mr. A. L. Wotherpoon expressed surprise at the committee refusing to accept an offer of a number of payers to advance the matter. He thought it was a very good offer.

Mr. D. Stevenson.—The object of the committee was to put it themselves without the assistance of outsiders.

Mr. Wotherpoon.—You would not sell members outsiders.

Dr. Eadie.—One of the conditions was that the whole of the revenue from the table was to go straight to them to pay off the loan. The institute was to get nothing at all. How were we going to run the institute?

Mr. Halpin.—It was not a business proposition.

Mr. D. R. Hannah thought they had made a big mistake when they decided to put the billiard table in order.

The matter was further discussed, and the general opinion was that it was a business-like for the committee to raise the money by overdraft for each contributor to advance portion.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. M. Dames; vice-presidents, Messrs W. H. Halpin and D. Stevenson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. N. B. Acton; auditor, Mr. W. Bowen; committee, Dr. Eadie, Messrs D. R. Hannah, W. H. Evans, J. W. and J. A. Harris, A. L. Wotherpoon, A. Parker, and J. R. Macdonald. The principal officers returned the usual bonuses of 5 per cent. of subscriptions and £6/6, were passed to the librarian and secretary respectively. Mr. Hannah remarking that it was through no fault of the secretary's or librarian's that they were not in a better financial position, as both had been most zealous in attending to their duties.

Mr. Acton, in returning thanks, said he would wait until they were in a better position before drawing his bonus.

Mr. Stevenson.—He would like to see the council appeal next year, and attempt to get the grant back again. The Mechanics' Institute was a very deserving institution, and the tax on the ratepayers of the North Riding would not come to one penny each.

Mr. Hannah.—He was afraid it was robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Mr. Stevenson.—He understood it was taken away on account of some institutes only charging 2/6 and 5/ yearly membership fee. At Beaufort £1 was charged.

Mr. Hannah contended that the Shire Council should never have contributed to Mechanics' Institute. He did not think it part of their business at all to subsidize money to institutes that should be self-supporting. They were patronised by fairly well-to-do people, who should have a certain amount of independence and run the institutes themselves. They could look forward in the future to getting no grant from the Government.

Mr. Wotherpoon pointed out that the poorer classes should be catered for. There were clever people who could not buy literature, and the institutes, which were very important in a town, gave them the opportunity of going somewhere to read.

Mr. Hannah.—Mr. Wotherpoon had misconstrued his remarks. If the institute were patronised by poor people, he would be quite willing to see it subsidised by the council, but as long as he had been connected with it, it had not been patronised, for reading or anything else, by people who could not afford to subscribe. The poorest person in Beaufort was entitled to come into any room and take any book or magazine out if he or she wished, as long as the institute received the Government subsidy.

Mr. Parker said the council was supporting Melbourne hospitals, and he might be said, with some justice, that the council was not doing right in cutting out the grants to district Mechanics' Institutes and still supporting Melbourne hospitals.

Mr. Hannah claimed that the cases were not analogous. They should make up their minds to double the number of subscribers. He would guarantee two new subscribers in the next 12 months, and urged other members of committee to do likewise.

The newly-elected committee then met. A claim form for the Government grant was received from the Chief Secretary. The secretary said he would station to same promptly, and mentioned that the grant was £9 9/ last year. He stated that the revenue for the month was £6/6/6. Accounts amounting to £10/11/4 were passed for payment. The secretary said they were paying £8 per month for papers and magazines. The matter of discontinuing subscriptions to some periodicals and papers was considered, but no action taken. The matter of organising an entertainment in aid of the funds was left in Mr. Wotherpoon's hands, and it was considered that a special show of this kind should be made each year. The matter of renovating the billiard table was again fully discussed. Mr. Hannah moved that each member of committee advance £2 to provide new cushions for the billiard table. He was not very keen on it, but it would clear the air for a further motion. Seconded by Mr. J. A. Harris. Mr. J. W. Harris moved, as an amendment, that the money be provided by overdraft from the bank. Seconded by Mr. Evans. The amendment was carried, only the mover and seconder supporting the motion. It was stated that the last estimate of the cost was £21, and it was understood that a new estimate would be obtained straight away, and the work gone on with. Mr. Halpin asked if members were in favor of installing electric light in the institute. Mr. J. A. Harris. Not on the last estimate. Mr. Parker.—They should wait until they could get the material at pre-war prices. Mr. Acton said it would cost £1 a light to install. Mr. Halpin said the general cost would be about £6000. Mr. Parker.—They would have a special rate as well. The matter was dropped, and it was resolved to get more outside for the billiard-room immediately.

**OBITUARY.**

**MRS. EDWIN ROGERS, JUNR.**

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Annie Rogers, wife of Mr. Edwin Rogers, junr., the sad event occurring at Beaufort on Sunday night. Deceased, who was 55 years of age, had been failing in health for three years owing to an internal complaint, and of late suffered from pleurisy. She bore her sufferings with great fortitude, and was buoyed up by the hope of the early return from the war zone of her seven soldier sons, one of whom is already on a homeward bound transport. It is singularly pathetic that a mother, who had borne more than her share of the anxiety which four years of war brought upon our women folk, should be destined not to take her place as the central figure in the family re-union. This fact has aroused the deepest sympathy throughout the township and district for the bereaved relatives. The deceased, however, leaves with her widower and children the hallowed memory of a life strenuously spent in their service and the furtherance of their interests. The late Mrs. Rogers possessed many sterling traits of character, which won the highest esteem of all who came in contact with her. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Patterson, of Nerring, and spent all her life in the district, of which she was a native. She was also a respected resident of Beaufort for over 30 years. She had 12 children—nine sons and three daughters—all of whom are living. On Monday the flag at the Shire Hall was flown at half-mast as a last tribute of respect to the deceased. A deep note of regret was sounded at the meeting of the Ballarat Presbytery on Tuesday when it was announced that Mrs. Rogers, of Beaufort, had passed away. The Moderator-General of Australia (the Right Rev. John Walker) stated the deepest sympathy went out to Mr. Rogers and family in their great loss. The deceased lady, he said, had been a wonderful mother, and the way she had brought up her large family was remarkable. No fewer than seven of her sons had gone to the front, and it would be difficult to imagine greater patriotism in a family. They all deplored the loss of so valuable a life. A motion of sympathy with Mr. Rogers and family was carried in silence. The remains of deceased were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the funeral being attended by many sympathising friends. The hearse was preceded by 12 returned soldiers in uniform, viz., Capt. R. A. D. Sinclair, M.B.E., Sergt. E. S. Buchanan, Ptes. W. West, Wilson, A. and H. McDougall, H. Kay, J. Miller, W. Bell, A. H. Cougle, S. Bly, and H. Barrett. Capt. A. H. Ross attended to represent the Acting State Commandant (Brigadier-General R. E. Williams) and the A.I.F. The coffin was of polished oak with silver mountings, and the floral tributes of sympathy were unusually numerous and beautiful. The coffin-bearers were Messrs Andrew Fraser, Wm. Anderson, Jas. Kirkpatrick, Albert James, and Philip Rogers (brothers-in-law of deceased); the pall-bearers being Capt. Sinclair, Cr. W. H. Halpin (president of Ripon Shire), Messrs J. R. Wotherpoon, D. F. Troy, F. Ellis, and A. Parker. Rev. Robt. Jones, of Windermere, conducted a service at the late residence of the deceased, and also read the Presbyterian burial service at the cemetery. In the course of the brief address at the graveside, the reverend gentleman extended the sympathy of the Ballarat Presbytery to the bereaved husband and family, and referred to the occasion being unique by reason of the fact that the deceased was the mother of seven sons who had fought for the Empire. He urged those present to give these soldiers the benefit of their prayers now, and their sympathy when they returned. Capt.

Ross also delivered a short address, and officiating extended to the relatives the Acting State Commandant's sympathy. Mr. A. H. Sands, undertaker, Beaufort, carried out the funeral arrangements.

**NURSE A. STOKELD.**

I will be learned with regret by residents of Beaufort that Nurse A. Stokeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stokeld, of Ballarat (formerly of Beaufort), has fallen a victim to pneumonic influenza. Nurse Stokeld was on the staff of the Melbourne General Hospital, and had been engaged nursing sufferers from the complaint. She was taken ill about a week prior to her death, and Mr. Stokeld went to Melbourne to see her. She rallied, and it was hoped that the improvement would continue. Unfortunately Miss Stokeld suffered a relapse and passed away on Sunday morning.

**MRS. WM. DAY.**

Residents of Beaufort and district will regret to learn that the death took place on Tuesday, 4th inst., at the Melbourne Hospital, of Mrs. Martha Day, wife of Mr. William Day, of Beaufort. Deceased, who was 75 years of age, resided in Beaufort for many years, and was greatly respected for her many estimable qualities. She leaves a widow, one daughter (Mrs. Sharp), six grandchildren, and a number of great grandchildren to mourn their loss. The remains were interred privately at Coburg Cemetery on the 6th inst.

**MR. S. WEST.**

The remains of the late Mr. Samuel West, of Nerring (whose death was referred to in our last issue), were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery on Friday, 7th inst., the funeral being largely attended. The coffin was borne by Messrs R. Ward, J. B. Cochran, Adam Dalgleish, scurr, and Jas. Kirkpatrick. The pall-bearers were Messrs Geo. Topper, R. Fitzpatrick, and J. Ellis. Rev. W. C. Wood, of the Church of England, conducted services at the house and grave. Mr. A. H. Sands, undertaker, Beaufort, carried out the mortuary arrangements.

**BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.**

**Tuesday.**

Cattle—A light yarding, numbering only 109 head, came to hand for today's sale, and consisted principally of midding to useful descriptions, a small proportion good, and a few old pens prime. There was a fair attendance of the trade, and for quality competition ruled fairly brisk, at prices showing a slight improvement on the week's values. For other descriptions, more especially midding sorts, the demand was none too keen, prices, if anything, having a tendency to ease. Prime pens bullocks, £18 to £21; extra, £22 to £25; 5/1 good, £16 to £18; useful, £14 to £15; others, from £12; prime cows, £14 to £15; extra, £16 to £17/1/6; good, £11 10/ to £12/10/; useful, £10 to £11; Calves—38 yarded, including some good to prime vealers. The demand was not equal to the previous week, prices ruling lower. Best, to £10. Sheep—There was the number penned for today's sale, consisting largely of useful to good descriptions, with a fair proportion prime, a much larger percentage than last week, and a few old pens sorts, whilst merinos were not so well represented as usual. There was a large attendance of buyers, sales opening to very brisk competition for the trade and grade trade, if anything improving as they progressed, closing very firm at prices showing an advance of from 1/ to 2/ over last week's ruling values. Quotations as follows:—Prime wethers, 27/ to 29/; extra, 30/ to 32/; odd sheep, 31/ to 34/; good, 23/ to 25/; useful, 20/ to 22/; prime ewes, 24/ to 26/; extra, 28/ to 30/; useful, 19/ to 20/; good, 21/ to 23/; useful, 18/ to 20/; good merino wethers, 18/ to 20/; useful, 15/ to 17/; merino ewes, 22/3. Lambs—1856 to hand, and with a few exceptions consisted of prime to good descriptions. For all suitable trade lots the demand was very keen, prices showing a material improvement of fully 2/ on the rates ruling last week, closing very firm. For suitable lots to top up a much better demand also existed at advanced rates. Prime woolly, 26/ to 27/; good, 22/ to 24/; useful, 19/ to 21/; prime, 16/ to 18/; good, 16/ to 17/; useful, 16/ to 18/; others, from 11/6.

District sales.—14 bullocks, Mr. Donald Stewart, Wangan, to £17/12/6; averaging £16/9/8; sheep, Mr. Samuel Boyle, Lake Goldsmith, wethers to 20/1, averaging 19/5, ewes to 19/5, averaging 17/5; 7 lambs 13/9; 119 comebacks, Messrs Dyer Bros., Raglewate, wethers 20/10 to 34/; ewes 8/6 to 15/7; 2 lambs, Mr. R. Flynn, Haddon, 22/4; 44 cross-bred ewes, Mr. D. R. Hannah, Stockyard Hill, 31/2 to 24/2, averaging 27/2; 3 comebacks, Messrs Dyer Bros., Snake Valley, 26/9; 41 lambs (short), Mr. John Greenbank, Snake Valley, £1/5/1 to 18/4, averaging 21/3; 4 lambs (short), Mr. Leslie J. Greenbank, Snake Valley, 26/6.

The Methodist sale of gifts has been postponed indefinitely owing to influenza epidemic.

Deaths from influenza (14) on Thursday were lower than they have been for a week.

During the inspection of Dalgety's new warehouse on Friday, the visitors were attracted during the rest, signs by a wool-bale scale. "Try your weight, Mr. Mayor," suggested someone, and the city's chief magistrate bumped the beam at 231lb. Mr. Mayor, in reply, said, "I'm modest 180. Mr. J. C. Bennett 208lb. "It's only right the Mayor should carry most weight in the city," said a bystander. "No," replied Mr. Mayor, "it's the man on the land who does it!" pushing forward a representative of broad acres, Mr. Donald Stewart, of Skipton. Mr. Stewart's tally was 238lb.

At a meeting of councillors at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Thursday, Cr. Halpin (president) brought under the notice of the Council the fact that railway employees had interfered with the trees in Pratt street without asking the permission of the council. From two beautiful chestnut trees they had cut limbs as thick as his arm. One foot or two feet would have been enough to take off. He moved that the secretary write to the Railway Department pointing out that the limbs were cut off in an indiscriminate manner, and that when trees were such an ornament, they might consult the local authorities before touching them. Seconded by Cr. Beggs, and carried.

**SHIRE OF RIPON. PUBLIC NOTICE. INFLUENZA.**

THE attention of the public is drawn to the following extracts from the Health Act, entitled "Influenza Regulations."

No contact and no person suffering from influenza shall enter any public building or any place where persons are congregated.

All patients and contacts shall be isolated for such periods as the officer of health deems necessary for the safety of the public.

On the advice of the health officer and in virtue of the powers conferred by Influenza Emergency Regulations, 1918, the Council direct that all persons entering the Shire from Melbourne or any infected area (being an area within fifteen miles of any house, building, or place wherein a case of influenza has been reported by a proper Health Authority) shall forthwith proceed to their homes and remain there in isolation for a period of seven days.

The Health Officer advises every person to get inoculated. A notice will be posted outside Shire Office as soon as the vaccine is available.

W. H. HALPIN, Shire President.

**IS YOUR CHILD CONSTIPATED.**

If your child be dull and stupid and whether he is constipated. Nine times out of ten that is the trouble. Constipation arises from indigestion and sluggish liver, and a sluggish liver makes a sluggish mind. Chamberlain's Tablets set directly on the liver, cleansing the system of the constipated matter and bile which has made your child so stupid. Chamberlain's Tablets are an ideal remedy for children, and are pleasant to take. Sold by J. R. Wotherpoon & Co.

**IN TIMES PAST**

It has been our endeavour to make our Store a live business centre. We have always striven to give our patrons the keenest value for their money. But this time we are giving War Prices an absolute Knock Out.

**OUR GREAT SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE!**

**STARTS ON THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 30, 1919.**

It Continues for Two Weeks Only.

During the continuance of this Sale we will offer altogether exceptional Bargains, and we have confidence in cordially inviting inspection of our Fine Drapery Stock, which will be offered at prices which will mean a great saving to our clients.

A MONEY-SAVING EVENT.

**ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICE**

**J. R. WOTHERSPOON & Co.,**

BEAUFORT AND BUANGOR.

**WANTED, MAN,** with two or three drays or table-top waggon, to cart wood. J. T. GOOD, Wangan.

The Landholders of Middle Creek desire to sincerely thank the Beaufort residents who gave such great assistance in fighting the bush fires recently, especially the employees who devoted their half-holiday to this work. H. DUNN, jun., Secretary Fire Brigade.

**MISS EVA NICKOLS, A.L.C.M.** has resumed Tuition Music and Singing. "The Firs," Beaufort, 15th Feb., 1919.

**MISS EVA NICKOLS, Certificated** and Registered Teacher of Special Subjects, has resumed Tuition Drawing, Painting (Still Life, Nature, Life), Shorthand, and Typewriting. "The Firs," Beaufort, 15th Feb., 1919.

**BEAUFORT METHODIST CHURCH.** SALE OF GIFTS POSTPONED INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC. Notice later.

**KELLY & McDONALD, AUCTIONEERS, STOCK AND STATION AGENTS, BEAUFORT, LEXTON, CARRAN, BALLAC AND BUANGOR.**

**AGENTS FOR—DALGETY & CO. NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE CO. T. ROBINSON & CO. PTY. LTD. R. HORSLEY & SONS LTD. MT. LYLE MANURES. BUICK MOTOR CARS.**

**UNRESERVED CLEARING SALE.** WATERLOO ROAD, BEAUFORT (One Mile from Town). THURSDAY, 20th FEB., 1919. At 2 p.m. sharp.

**HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, HAY, MACHINERY, FURNITURE, AND SUNDRIES.** KELLY & McDONALD, acting under instructions from D. McKERRALL, Esq., will Sell by Auction as above:—HORSES.—Draught Horse, aged Buggy Mare, aged. CATTLE.—3 Cows in full milk, 3 good Heifers, 1 Steer, 3 Calves. SHEEP.—20 first Cross Ewes, rising 4-tooth. HAY.—5 tons of good Oaten Hay. MACHINERY, ETC.—Garden Plow, Harrows, Dray, Buggy, Garden Cultivator, 1 Breast, 1 Chain, 1 Chain and Horseworks, Crown Separator (22 gals.), Cherry Churn. FURNITURE & SUNDRIES.—7-piece Saddlebag Suite, 2 Chests of Drawers, Gutchess Chest, Overmantel, Tables, Whatnot, Bedsteads, Spring Mattress, Washstand, Chairs, Sofa, Dresser, Cupboards, Fender and Irons, Lamps, Carriage, Pictures, Washbasins, Crockery, Harness, Wheelbarrow, Stepladder, Barbed Wire, Fencing Wire, Wire Netting, 70 Droppers, 2 Double-barrelled Falling Gun, 1 Breech-loading Gun, 1 Pea Rifle, Spray Pump, 2 Crosscut Saws, Pot Plants, Cream Can (10 gals.), Saddle and Bridle, Oat Bin, Spray Mixture. Sundries too numerous to mention.

**KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneers, Beaufort.**

**INSECT BITES.** If an insect stings you on the hand, apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It will prevent any swelling or painfulness. Sold by J. R. Wotherpoon & Co.

**Hawkes Bros., BEAUFORT.**

**SEASONABLE GOODS.**

We desire to bring under your notice a few lines we have that are specially suitable for this season of the year.

**E.P. WARE, CARVERS, \* CLOCKS, etc., \* GLASSWARE & CROCKERY. BRUSHWARE (LADIES' & GENTS'). TOBACCO POUCHES. LETTER WALLETS. SCENTS & SOAPS, WATCHES ENAMEL BROOCHES, and PHOTO. FRAMES.**

Orders taken for Gold or Silver Watches and all classes of Jewellery.

**AGENTS FOR COOPER'S SHEEP DIPS, "JONES" SEWING MACHINE, ROYAL INSURANCE CO., HUPMOBILE CARS, BARNET GLASS TYRES.**

**BRONCHITIS.**

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a most effective remedy for all cases of bronchitis, whether acute or chronic. It is pleasant to take, and does not injure the system. Sold by J. R. Wotherpoon & Co.

**Kelly & McDonald, auctioneers,** will hold an unreserved sale of horses, cattle, sheep, and sundries, at Mr. D. R. Hannah's farm, Waterloo road, Beaufort, Thursday, 20th inst. at 2 p.m.

HARRISON KEITH'S QUEER CLUE;

AMONG THE "REDS." BY NICHOLAS CARTER.

CHAPTER I. THE BELL-ALARM.

(All Rights Reserved.) Fifty-seventh Street. I have been robbed. "Why don't you tell the police, then?" "Because I want you," was the quick reply. "You know me, don't you?" "Yes. What has been stolen?" "Hush!" The two men had got to the detective's room by this time, and John Dykeman, somewhat calmed by the quick reply of Keith, looked curiously at him. "There is no one here, Mr. Dykeman. What is the trouble? What has been stolen?" With his lips close to the ear of the detective, Dykeman whispered: "The Van Vonder diamond!" "What?" "Yes. It is gone—the stone placed in my care to cut. The diamond second in size only to the great Cullinan gem given to King Edward the Seventh by the African Transvaal. It has been taken—by magic. There is no other way to account for it." The speaker was striding up and down the room, slapping the back of one hand against the palm of the other, and digging his heel into the carpet, in his agitation. Outside, in the street, could be heard the panting of an automobile at rest. "What was it missed?" "Ten minutes ago." "But was it not put away for the night, with all the precautions that you showed to my assistant, Dick Rogers, only last week? It is in an iron-lined cellar, with sealed locks, electric alarms, and pretty much every device possible to insure its safety. How could it be gone, and how could you know it at this time of night?" John Dykeman clenched the other's arm as he asked anxiously: "Will you come to my house? I will tell you as we go along." For answer Harrison Keith stepped to the door of the room, and as he gently pushed his visitor into the hall, switched off the electric lights, leaving only the green-shaded lamp, turned very low, to cast an uncertain glow over the apartment. In another minute they had gained the street.

The automobile that the detective had heard chugging was still there, with the chauffeur, muffled in his bearskin coat and his face almost concealed by immense goggles, holding the wheel ready for action. "Home, Alphonse," in a hurry cried Dykeman, as he and Harrison Keith took their seats behind him. Away sped the machine, and Dykeman hurriedly explained to his companion that he had just returned from a musicale in Fourteenth Street, where beer and sausage, and other dainties of a Teutonic flavour had accompanied the music of an instrumental quartet of which he was a member, when the alarm connecting with the box in which reposed the diamond had rung violently, and had continued to ring while he ran through the room and jumped into the automobile which had brought him home. "You did not go down to the cellar, to see whether the door was open?" "Yes. I did. I examined the iron door carefully. It was locked, and I had left it nearly eight hours before, with my seal on every fastening. That is why I came to you, instead of spending any more time in the house."

"How long were you over your inspection?" "Not more than a minute. I should say. There is always an electric lamp in the lower hall, with a reflector sending the illumination full upon the door. The light was still going when I went down to look. For that matter, the hall itself is shut off from the rest of the house by a thick oak door, with two patent locks, of which I keep the keys, and, as this door was undisturbed, no one could have got at the light to turn it off."

The detective listened to all this with his head bent, as if he were in deep cogitation. It was a puzzle, indeed, what could have caused the electric alarm to sound, for he knew, by Dick Rogers' description, that it was a carefully constructed bit of mechanism, with the wires so protected that there was little chance for anyone to tamper with them. Besides, why should anyone do so, even if they could, unless in a spirit of mischief? There was no one in the house besides Dykeman, except his daughter, Wilhelmina, Hugh Allen, the diamond-cutter—who was beyond suspicion, as his employer testified emphatically—and two female servants, one a newly arrived colleen from Cork, and the other a Southern coloured mammy who had nursed Wilhelmina as a baby. "Are you sure none of these—your daughter, the diamond-cutter, or the women servants—were responsible for the alarm?" asked Harrison Keith quietly. "Quite."

"Why are you sure?" "Because Hugh Allen, the diamond-cutter, is locked in his bedroom, and his two assistants are not in the house."

"Who are these two assistants?" "One is Franz Straus, who has been in my employ for ten years, and who was with me to-night at the musicale."

"At the musicale?" "Yes. Franz plays the cello, and does well. I am the viola in the quartet, and there are two violins. Franz never thinks of anything besides his work and his cello. Hugh Allen's other assistant is Walter Collins, a lad of seventeen, who has been with me for two years. He lives with his parents, in Harlem. He went home at seven o'clock, as soon as the diamond had been put away in the vault."

"Well, I think it would be better to look in the vault, and see whether the stone is still there. You can open the door, I suppose?" "Not by myself."

"There is a combination lock, in addition to two other locks. The combination is secured with three sets of numbers. I have one set. The other figures are in the possession of the two men who gave me the job of polishing the diamond. None of us can open the door without the aid of the other two. As an additional safeguard, we carry a secret mark on the seals which protect the locks."

CHAPTER II. THE "IMPREGNABLE" SAFE. "Well," said Harrison Keith, smiling, "I wonder if it was you or me who frightened that young woman?" The auto slowed up as they reached the darkest part of the street, and Harrison Keith leaped out of the machine, straight at the throat of a man sneaking along in the shadow. There was a short struggle, and then, with a cry, the detective's fingers were too much for the stranger, but in a moment the latter was jammed up against the railings, gasping for breath. "What are you doing here?" demanded Keith.

Dykeman was by the side of the detective by this time, with a restraining hand upon his shoulder, as he said hurriedly: "It's all right, Mr. Keith. He is one of my special watchmen. The other is coming up the street."

The detective released his captive, with an apology, which perhaps would not have been so patiently received had not the watchman recognized his assailant as the noted expert of crooks and solver of great criminal mysteries whose achievements were famous the world over. "I am one of your watchmen, Mr. Keith. I always have two watchmen patrolling the street every night. They are not in uniform, and they do not stay immediately in front of the house all the time. But they are near enough to keep a close eye on the building, and it would not be easy for anyone to get in the front way without being detected," explained Dykeman.

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WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Two clerks were surprised one day by their boss, who, appearing unexpectedly, discovered them playing poker. The old man was very indignant. "Look here!" he bellowed. "How is it that I hardly ever find you fellows working when I come in?" "I really don't know, sir," said the younger of the lads mildly. "The less it's on account of them rubber heels you wear!" CARRYING ON THE IDEA. The teacher was giving a zoology lesson. "And this," said she, "is the neocortex. Look carefully at his animal's brain." The teacher said she had his animal's brain. "Yes," said the lad who was in the class. "An' wot's this one?" "That," answered the teacher, "is a giraffe." "Oo-er!" exclaimed the lad. "Just look at 'is bloomin' periscope!" TWO BAGGERS. The sweet young thing tripped daintily into the post-office, and filling in a telegram-form, handed it over the counter. The clerk glanced at it. There was one word—Yes! "Nonsense, please!" "What?" cried the young thing. "For one word?" "Oh, you can repeat that word half a dozen times for the same money!" laughed the clerk. "Yes, yes, yes, yes—yes," muttered the girl, seeing how it would read. Then she said, "But that would hardly do, you know. It sounds too eager. It's an answer to a proposal of marriage."

"Whisky has ruined the reputations of many men."

"Yes," replied Bottenham, "and at the same time it ain't so sure that a lot of men haven't done their share to ruin the reputation of whisky."

After being with the family for a number of years, Mary Jane suddenly announced to her mistress the news of her approaching marriage, and it was received with great consternation. "I hope," said the mistress, "that you have given the matter very serious consideration."

"Garn," came the reply, "you can't kid me that's an old cut!"

"See here, you swindler!" exclaimed a suburban property owner. "When you sold me this house you said that in three months I wouldn't part with it for two thousand pounds!"

The teacher had sketched on the blackboard what purported to be a deer. As the class did not readily respond to the request to reveal the identity of the animal, the teacher sought to prompt them. "Now, Tommy," she said, turning to the boy at the bottom of the class, "come, what does your father call your mother?" "Garn," came the reply, "you can't kid me that's an old cut!"

"Which points to the likelihood of those thieves being petreans, familiar with the state of the diamond now I believe," added Mr. Palmer-Robinson.

THE BULKY MAN. The bulky man strutted into the shop and asked to be fitted for a pair of boots. After trying on several, he complained to the salesman that they were all too narrow and pointed.

"That may be," grunted the bulky one, "but I am wearing my last season's feet."

THE ORATOR. The orator looked quietly at his tormentor for a moment, and then remarked: "Oh, put me down as an unsuccessful weak-carver."

THE ANSWER. The answer was not long in coming. It was this: "A power-magazine, especially if you contribute a Gory article."

THE REFORMER. The reformer toper was seen by his pastor, some time after his conversion to temperance, apparently directing his steps straight to the door of a public house.

In dire apprehension the pastor called after the man, who glanced round, but paused not, and disappeared through the doorway of the public house.

The indignant apostle of temperance waited, and in a minute or so the backslider came out wiping his mouth.

"Fun at the speaker's expense may be for you, but a sermon that place, why didn't you wait?"

"Well, to tell you the truth, sir," was the apologetic reply. "It wasn't a bit of use waiting for you; I'd only got the price of one."

ONE AGAINST THE BECKLER. At an open-air meeting in connection with a Northern by-election, a loafer, a familiar figure in the district, thought he would have a little fun. "Now, look here," said the pastor, "go away, man, an' do some work!"

"But I am as much and more a worker than you are," said the orator, with dignity.

"What do ye work at?"

"I am working in the present moment. I am working to get some sense into your head, my friend."

"Aa! reet, honey, but what ara you?"

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LITTLE ETHEL. "Mother, are you the nearest relative I've got?"

"Mother (who has just been refused a new hat). "Yes, dear, and you are father, is the closest relative you've got."

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"And Hugh Allen?"

The detective made up his mind to see the diamond in the safe going to the vault, and he had opened the door leading into the hall, shooting the bolt, and looking into the darkness outside the door.

"The electric wires pulled away," added Prince Malagofo.

"How could it have been done?" murmured Dykeman, as he thrust his hand into a small safe embedded in the cement on the floor of the vault as if to assure himself, by the sense of touch, as well as sight, that the diamond really had been taken.

"The diamond was in that small safe, as you see, in a chest six inches thick, with no knob or protuberance which would offer a receptacle for explosives. The vault has been built of steel and cement, twenty-seven inches thick, and the floor is of the same strength, resting on the stone foundations," went on Palmer-Robinson. "Can you explain this affair by any ordinary theory?"

"It does not appear to have been an ordinary job," admitted Harrison Keith.

"Extraordinary. I should call it," growled the prince.

"The vault was absolutely impregnable, so far as human power could make it so," declared Dykeman. "Only magic could have taken that diamond."

"I do not think so," said Harrison Keith, as he stepped into the vault and passed his hand carefully over walls, floor, and ceiling. "What is overhead?"

"The ceiling," answered Dykeman. "But there are twenty-seven inches of cement and steel between the top of the vault and the joists supporting the kitchen floor."

"H'm!"

The detective had taken a short hignum-vitae club from his pocket, and was tapping the ceiling of the vault thoughtfully at the same time, closely examining a curious crack in the ceiling which he had observed at the first glance, and which formed an irregular circle, with a diameter of about two feet.

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"Exactly, Mr. Dykeman," agreed the detective. "But, at the same time, it is no stronger than its weakest place."

"Which is its weakest place?"

"If you will leave me alone here for half an hour, I think I can find out."

"You can?"

"I believe I can. Also, I shall be able to tell you how the diamond was taken from the vault."

"Then, of course, you will tell us where the diamond is?" put in the prince eagerly.

"I do not say that, prince. Finding out how it was removed from the vault is only the first step. The discovery of the stone will come afterwards, in another way, what is the case of this Van Vonder diamond?"

"Four million dollars."

Harrison Keith whistled softly. "It belongs to my Imperial master," said Prince Malagofo.

"Bought by the czar, wasn't it?"

"That I am not at liberty to say," replied Prince Malagofo.

"I want you to venture into the private affairs of royalty, at least of all those of his majesty himself."

"Well, Mr. Dykeman, will you leave me down here alone?" asked Keith, turning from the prince, as if the dignity of the czar rather fatigued him.

"I want your promise that you will fasten that door at the top of the stairs, and that you will not open it until I request you to do so."

"I will do anything if you can solve this mystery, Mr. Keith."

"Thank you."

The detective stood at the doorway of the vault, calmly watching the diamond importer, with Prince Malagofo and Palmer-Robinson, as they went up the short flight of stairs, remaining in the same position as he heard the lock turning and the springs falling into place when the door had been closed.

"Now for an interesting job," murmured, as he turned towards the interior of the fortresslike vault.

"I will send you home in my machine if you like, gentlemen," suggested the importer. "That is, after we have had a report from Mr. Keith."

"You expect a report from him, then?" queried Palmer-Robinson, rather incredulously.

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"I sent my own machine away. It brought me here, but I decided to take a cab when ready to go home. I can pick one up just round the corner."

The three men then themselves into chairs when they got tired of standing at the window, and the prince solaced himself with many cigarettes, one after the other, while Palmer-Robinson and Dykeman smoked cigars.

The dim light of the lamp on the table enabled them to see each other indistinctly, as, wrapped in their own thoughts, they puffed silently for nearly half an hour.

The other occupants of the house, Hugh Allen, Wilhelmina, and the servants, had not been heard from. They were all asleep, blissfully unaware of the excitement below. Hugh was locked in his room at the top of the house, adjoining the laboratory where he worked on the diamond.

It was at the moment when he came forth, and could not have come forth if he had desired to do so. Wilhelmina, who slept on the second floor, over the music room, and the servants, on the floor above, were not in the habit of troubling themselves about anything after retiring to their respective apartments at night.

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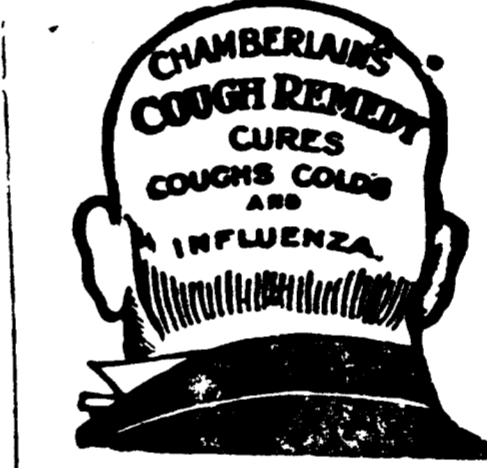
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SKIPTON.

Sign. F. J. J. Allan, who was on duty service for over four years, he arrived in Skipton. He was met at the railway station by a number of residents. On behalf of the Reception League he was publicly welcomed by Mr. A. Elder (president), who delivered a short address, after which these assembled joined in the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," led by three choirs.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. Trainor and family, who have resided here for a number of years, are leaving to take up their residence in Ballarat. Mrs. Trainor was in possession of a handbag containing a great deal of banknotes as a parting gift from her many friends.

Miss Barley, who has been in charge of a State school in the Ouyen district for some time, has been appointed to take charge of the Vite Vite school in this district.

Mrs. Lewis, of Stratham, who some months ago sustained a fracture of the thigh and had been under treatment at the Ararat Hospital, succumbed on Monday, 19th inst., to death. The deceased, who was a very old and respected resident of the district, is the mother of Mrs. S. Clarke, of Ararat, and two sons employed at Mr. Chinn's, Commercial Estate. The deceased, who had been resident in Victoria for sixty years, and was born in

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The land surrounding the dredges at Haddon has been sold by auction by Messrs. Chas. Walker and Co., auctioneers, to Mr. E. Flynn, for the sum of £200.

Landholders have been busy poisoning rabbits during the week, and, judging by appearances, "bunny" has had a very bad time.

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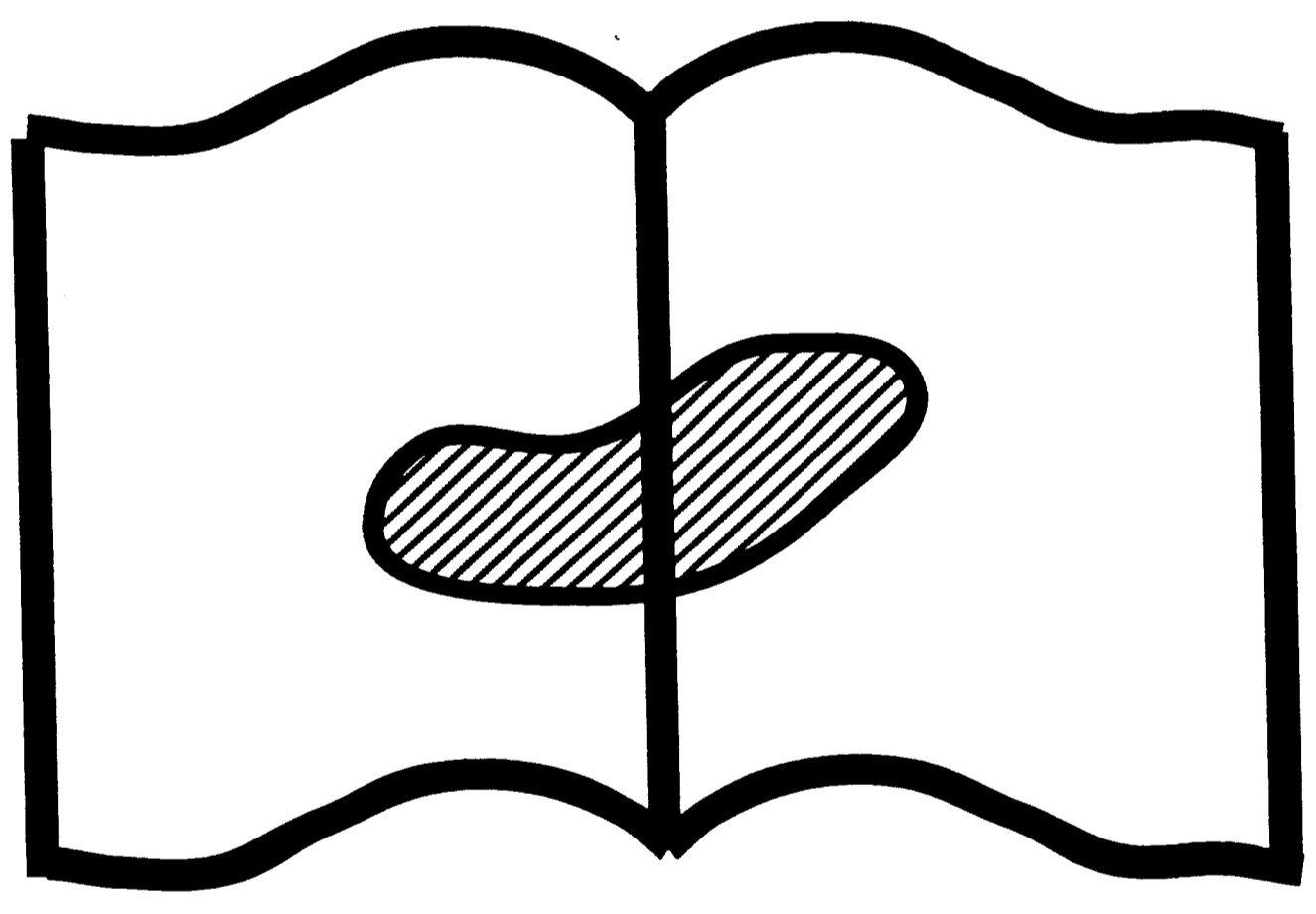
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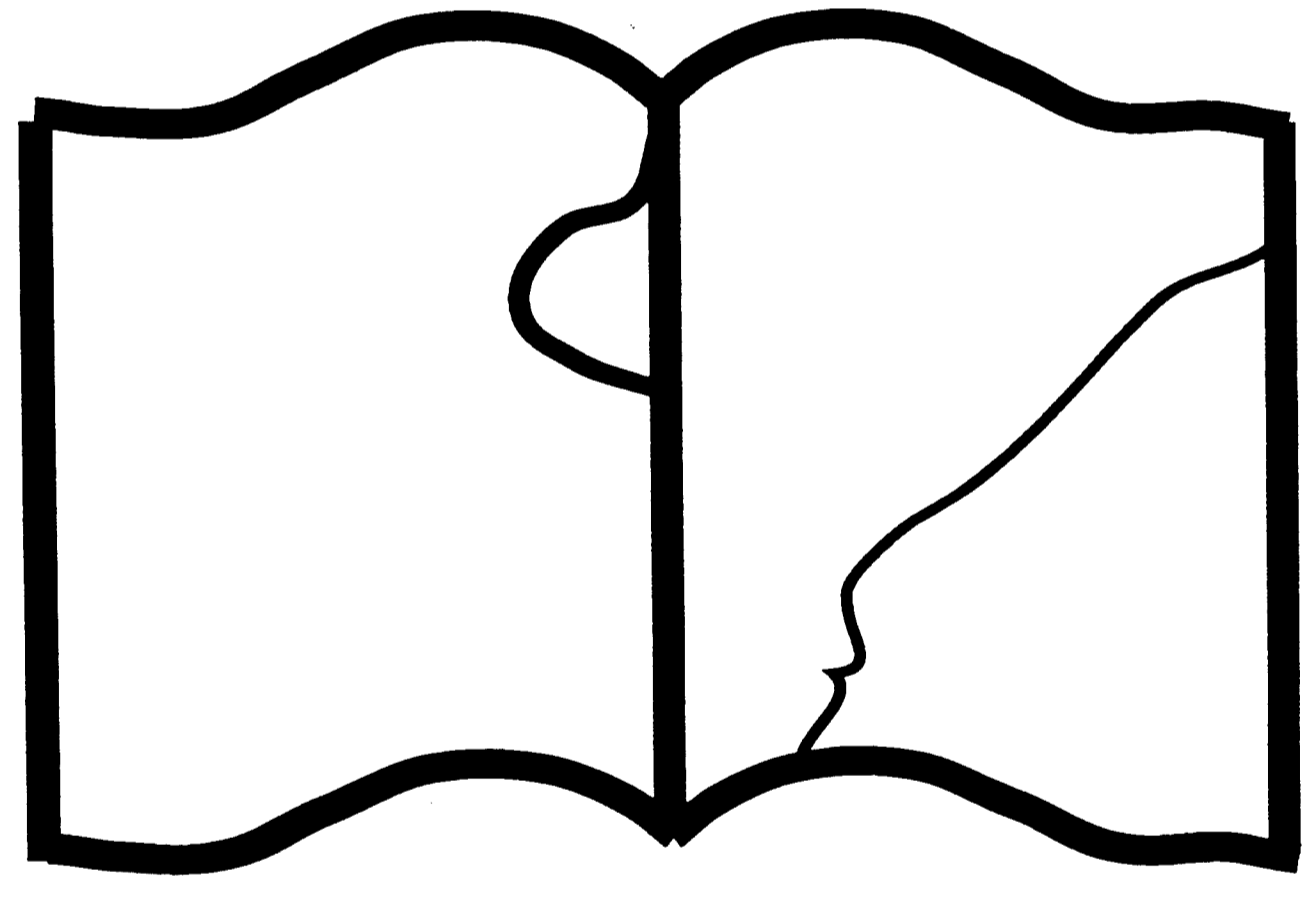
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Mrs. F. H. W. J. Allan, who was... arrived in Skipton. He was not at the railway station...

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DEATH. ROGERS. On 9th February, 1919, at 'Invergowrie', Beaufort, passed peacefully away, Annie, loved wife of Edwin Rogers, juror, and dear mother of Keith (Lieut., A.I.F.), Roy (Capt., A.I.F.), Eddie (Sgt., A.I.F.), Bruce (Air Mech., A.I.F.), Douglas (Lieut., A.I.F.), Alec (Pte., A.I.F.), and Annabel, Nellie, Archie, David, and Jean. 'Nearer, my God, to Thee.'

BEREAVEMENT CARDS. MR. and MRS. J. GEORGE and Family desire to sincerely thank their many kind friends for sympathy shown them in their recent sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM. HUGHES. - 25/12/18. Sacred to the loved memory of John Robert Hughes. J. H., B. H., S. H.

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Police Court. No cases were listed for hearing at the Beaufort police court on Monday. Band Rotunda Clock. The faces of the clock which surmounts the band rotunda at Beaufort are at present being renovated.

The Month's Rainfall. During January there was a very light rainfall, only 18 points being registered at the Beaufort post office, against 126 points for the same month last year.

Duck Season Opening. A fair number of local sportsmen went out on Saturday for the opening of the duck season. The birds were fairly plentiful, and a number of shooters obtained the regulation bag (4).

Motor Ambulance Improvised. A Talbot motor car belonging to Cr. W. H. Halpin, president of Riponshire, has been fitted up with an ambulance in order to convey patients to the local isolation ward, in the event of any cases of influenza occurring.

Soldiers Return. Ptes. Lyons and Stevens, of Waterloo, arrived in Beaufort by the express train on Friday evening, 14th inst., and were given an informal welcome at the railway station by a number of friends.

Influenza Epidemic. Throughout the State there are signs that the influenza epidemic is waning. No cases of pneumonia or other diseases have yet been reported at Beaufort.

Beneficial Rain. Pasture lands throughout the district, and particularly those portions recently swept by bush fires, will derive great benefit from the good down-pour of rain on Sunday and Monday.

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BUSH FIRE NEAR BUANGOR. A destructive bush-fire, the worst for 18 years, swept through portion of the Buangor district on Saturday. The outbreak started near the old railway crossing on the Beaufort side of Mt. Huddle.

Pte. Jim Mann returned to Lenton on Saturday. He was wounded several times while fighting in France. In Messrs. J. R. Wotherspoon & Co's. window is an enlarged photograph of Corporal T. Carver, of Beaufort, and his two nephews (the late Gunners J. E. Roberts and T. H. Roberts, M.M. and bar.)

Mr. N. B. Acton, secretary of Riponshire, recently received advice that his brother, Sgt. S. J. Acton, had been repatriated to England. Sgt. Acton was for a considerable time a prisoner of war in Germany.

Pte. J. C. Cochrane, son of Mr and Mrs D. Cochrane, Beaufort, has returned to Australia after a lengthy period of active service overseas, and is visiting the township. He was residing in Western Australia prior to enlistment.

Pte. Alex. Bell, second eldest son of Mr and Mrs Geo. Bell, of Beaufort, is likely to reach Australia this week, and will probably land on Monday. He enlisted as a member of Beaufort's second unit, and has been on active service for two years and eight months.

Influenza Epidemic. At a meeting of representatives of various municipalities surrounding Ballarat, held at the City Hall on Friday morning, 14th inst., to deal with the question of joint action in coping with the influenza epidemic.

FOR THE EMPIRE. The name of Pte. Bertie H. Peacock, Buangor (died of illness), appears in the latest casualty list issued by the Defence Department.

Mr and Mrs J. R. Simpkin, of Lenton, have been notified by the Defence Department that their son, Company Sgt.-Mjr. Les Simpkin, is expected to land on 1st March. He has been on active service in Egypt, Gallipoli, and Palestine.

Lieut. E. J. Jenkins, of the 23rd Battalion, has been awarded a bar to his Military Cross. Prior to enlisting about 2 1/2 years ago, Lieut. Jenkins was head teacher of the 'Chute State' school. He was on the torpedo 'southland', and fought both in Gallipoli and in France.

Pte. A. Lofls, of Granite Hill, Lenton, who enlisted as a member of Beaufort's second unit and left for the front 2 years and 8 months ago, is returning to Australia, having been invalided home. His parents, Mr and Mrs H. Lofls, expect that he will land on 25th inst.

The name of Corporal L. V. Dunn, both L.T.M.B., appears in a list of invalided soldiers returning to Australia on the 'Demosthenes.' He is a brother of Mrs A. R. Boyd, of Beaufort, and enlisted as a member of the township's second unit, leaving Australia 2 years and 8 months ago. His father, Sgt. R. Dunn, is also returning on the same transport.

Mr and Mrs P. Cuthfield, of Speke street, Beaufort, have been advised by the local records office that their son, Pte. G. A. Cuthfield, 58th Battalion, is returning to Australia on board the transport 'Delta,' which left England early in March, and will probably arrive in Melbourne on the 7th March. Pte. Cuthfield, who has been on active service for nearly three years, enlisted as a member of Beaufort's first unit. He has been wounded on several occasions.

Private Fra Craine arrived home on Thursday and was met at the railway station and welcomed. News has been received that Capt. C. N. Dean, of Emu Hill, has been decorated with the Belgian Croix de Guerre. It is not known (writes the Lenton correspondent) what the Ballarat 'Star' correspondent for a while it will have an effect on the grass.

Snake Valley. The honor roll at the Mechanics' Hall has been brought up to date. It contains 139 names of citizens who have 'done their bit' for King and country. About 30 have made the supreme sacrifice.

Several parties went from this district for the opening of duck season. Birds were plentiful, and the sports obtained fairly good results. Saturday was one of the hottest days for the summer. The district was enveloped in smoke. On Sunday a change came, accompanied with light showers. On Monday rain fell almost incessantly. At 10 p.m. 174 points were recorded. The downpour will do incalculable good, as water was getting very scarce. Potato crops will be benefited, and if the weather keeps cool for a while it will have an effect on the grass.

LICENSES REDUCTION BOARD. DEPRIVATION SITTINGS AT BEAUFORT.

The Licenses Reduction Board - Messrs. Rob. Barr, Chairman, Jas. Lock, and Thos. Graham - held a deprivation sittings at the Beaufort Court House on Monday morning, and heard evidence in reference to the following hotels: - Camp hotel, Beaufort (licensee, Marianne Halpin; owner, Elsie Hannah DeBaere); Commercial hotel, Beaufort (licensee, Wm. Jas. Lidgerwood; owner, Jm. Peter Schlicht); Eurambeen hotel, Eurambeen (licensee and owner, Catherine Kelly). The proceedings occupied 2 1/2 hours.

Mr Barr presided, and a continuation of the sittings held yesterday at Linton, when three cases were dealt with, viz., the Man of Kent and Prince of Wales hotels, Snake Valley, and the Royal Standard hotel, Linton.

Supt. McManamy, licensing inspector, was in attendance. Mr Barr, solicitor, appeared for the owners and licensees of the Camp and Commercial hotels.

There was no appearance of Catherine Kelly, licensee and owner of the Eurambeen hotel. Supt. McManamy - He had no information on the matter, but was not surprised to hear that she had been spoken to on the subject.

Mr Barr - He might appear later. Mr Ramsay - He saw Mrs Kelly last Thursday regarding the matter, and asked her what she intended to do. It seemed to him immaterial to her what happened. He would have liked the Eurambeen hotel to have been dealt with first.

Mr Barr - What is the reason? Have you got it in your mind that there are only 12 hotels in the district, and that they must be closed elsewhere here? Mr Ramsay - There were 12 hotels, and the board had sat at Linton regarding hotels there. He understood the board had power to close one-fourth of the hotels. From what he learned, one would be closed at Snake Valley and Linton. If Eurambeen hotel were to be closed, it might save considerable delay and trouble by practically fixing that this one of the three was to be closed.

Mr Lock - He did not see why they should anticipate that. These outside places had single hotels, and towns like Beaufort had four. There might well be one hotel closed in Beaufort and three remain, whereas if they closed the one at Eurambeen they deprived the people there of the only hotel accommodation they had. The same regulation did not apply here.

Mr Barr - In the absence of the party concerned, it would not be wise to assume that the hotel was to be closed. Mr Ramsay - He only mentioned the conversation he had with her. He did not want to say it authoritatively. Mr Barr - They might get the next week's licensing inspector and his witnesses regarding comparison of requirements between Beaufort and outlying parts and the Linton and Snake Valley sections. If they had the police evidence first, they would have an opportunity of hearing it, and it would give Mrs Kelly an opportunity to appear later on.

Senior constable G. Lovitt, sworn, stated that he had been stationed at Beaufort for 11 months, and had previously been for three years in Waterloo. He had been in touch with the influenza epidemic in 28 miles to Ballarat. Had there been a full meeting of the council the decision might have been the other way, but of the five present four were against joining.

Dr. Longden - They would not wait till the patients got pneumonia in influenza if they could help it. If the cases appeared to require it they would be far better sent to the observation ward.

The Chairman - The shires might arrange to have motor ambulances ready to their own districts. There would have been one in Beaufort if Riponshire had come in.

Dr. Spring - The staff that would be necessary at the wards would be four sisters at £4 4 a week each, six probation nurses for each ward at £1 1 a week, and four A.M.C. men - one a motor driver - at £3 3 a week. The sisters and the A.M.C. men would have to be engaged in any case, and the probationers could be drawn on as required.

Mr. Spry - Mr. Spry would come to £42 a week, and feeding would cost about £20 more. Also some payment would have to be made to the Hospital for services rendered, and one of two motor chassis would have to be hired to fit up temporary ambulances. It would probably be found that wages and board came to the vicinity of £70 to £75 a week. Every patient had to pay a fee, or have it paid by the shires. The Government would subsidise the work 2 for £1, therefore taking the maximum expenditure at £7 a week the shires would need £490 a week for six shires, and each shire would get an instance at a cost of £8 to £10 a week. It was hoped that very early cases, cases not yet diagnosed, would be sent to the High School. The expenses there should not be much. It would be done mainly by voluntary aid.

Cr. Donald Stewart was appointed chairman of the joint committee of management.

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To Supt. McManamy personally express an opinion on the matter at the Commercial hotel, but it was a cheap camp hotel, not a superior meal.

To Mr Lock - He saw Eurambeen hotel more easily than one at Beaufort. To Supt. McManamy - He was in agreement with alterations to the 3 take up the accommodation closed at Beaufort. He had little addition of those wanting accommodation, and other hotels could get two reasonably modern beds sufficient to accommodate 300. Golden Age tariff was all round with the exception to Mr Ramsay. It was sufficient inducement to erect a modern present time.

Mr Ramsay - It all size of the hotel built two hotels would do it. Mr Matthew Kelly, this stage, informed a mother was sure to get Matthew Kelly, was a son of the lion, been hotel. His mother house some for many years. Keeping an hotel was altogether practically with the constant to not give up for years at a board to the local s who inspected it yesterday. His mother was not. He had a conversation coming down on Saturday. matter entirely in his. His mother's house was horse on the road to S and Avere in the habit of staying in at night. through Strathmaitland out of the Ballarat number of farmers near Waterloo, north of Beaufort, and around Strathmaitland and forward. A house was a great comfort to them. They had an accommodation, till the mother's place, and there till they got to be more usually travelled. They had no need to go exactly where to go if they got there at night. The trade had side for years.

Mr Barr - It is not to get compensation into the owners? His was a mother's old associations better for his mother, and the hotel were closed here. Mr Barr - They would be not caused by closing one in Beaufort than your. Witness said he was give an opinion on the matter and do something better. He had never heard of anything of importance being done yet.

Mr Lock could not see in any of the hotels here evidence of a decent building. Mr Barr had yet to learn that the Camp hotel had done anything to meet the sudden traffic since. Senior-constable Lovitt (continuing) - He could not say what the ordinary tariff was.

To Supt. McManamy - Improvements could be made at the Camp hotel, but there was room available for it. He failed to see where the same improvements could be made at the Commercial hotel. Mr Barr - Four may be the hindrance to that.

Mr Ramsay - They had the peculiar position in Beaufort that what was considered the leading hotel was the first to go out. It was surrendered. Mr Barr thought that the position taken up with the board was that the Commercial hotel would be the first put out. Counsel then pointed out that owing to the number of hotels being closed, owners would rise to the occasion and do something better. He had never heard of anything of importance being done yet.

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eight for the public. There was a double bed in the room for the public, and then bedrooms 5, 6, and 7, which were for the use of the public. To Mr Lock—He would certainly say that the Camp Hotel could be done without more easily than one at Beaufort.

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CHILD CONSTIPATED. Children are dull and stupid when constipated. Nine times out of ten the cause of the trouble is the mother's neglect of the child's bowels.

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BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

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HARRISON KEITH'S  
QUEER CLUE;

AMONG THE "REDS."  
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PART 2.

"It certainly was not made public, admitted Dykeman.

"Would it not be well to question Hugh Allen?" asked the prince. "He should know something about it, it seems to me."

"I do not think he does," replied Dykeman. "He has never left his room to-night, I am sure. The door is still sealed, as I left it."

"Hum! Yes," said the prince. "The Russian was looking sharply at Dykeman from beneath his black eyebrows, with a sneering smile curling his lip. Obviously he did not acquit Hugh Allen altogether."

"I will wait till I hear from Harrison Keith. If he thinks it necessary to examine him, I will do it. The matter is entirely in Mr. Keith's hands," rejoined Dykeman, with a touch of asperity.

Prince Malogoff shot an ugly look at the diamond importer, but it was only momentary.

For five minutes longer the three men sat in the dimly-lighted parlour, smoking.

"Then came a sharp ring of the electric bell at the front door, and Dykeman himself went to see who called there at that time in the morning."

"What do you think of it, Prince Malogoff?" asked Mr. Palmer-Brinkman quietly, as Dykeman went out of the room.

"Hugh Allen," replied the Russian. "Who else could it be? He is the only person who has the secrets of this house."

"But he has not the secrets of our life—ours and mine—not the marks on the plate on the wall."

"It is a common mistake, or I am much mistaken," insisted the prince. "There is no one with that girl, too."

"But she is infatuated with him. You generally find that, when a man has shown his preference for a girl, she is flattered enough to pretend to return the sentiment, whether she really does or not."

"I know, but the difference is the same in America. Human nature is alike all over the world, so far as I have observed."

"What?"

"Well, I don't know how the girl could find out all her father knew, with a little more, and would be sure to tell her lover, if he handled her skilfully."

"That is as far as I have argued it in my mind. The remainder is easily surmised."

"You think the girl and Hugh Allen together are concerned in the stealing of this diamond?"

"No, I do not suppose the girl knows anything about the robbery, but I do believe she has given this fellow enough information to enable him to get hold of the stone."

"How?"

"Before the Russian could answer, Dykeman flung open the door of the parlour, and in something of an excited tone, announced:

"Mr. Harrison Keith."

The detective stood by his side, unperceptibly smiling, as he looked from one to the other.

"Why, how is this?" cried Palmer-Brinkman, while Prince Malogoff, lying another cigarette, remained in his seat, gazing steadily at Harrison Keith over the hand that held the cigarette in front of his mouth.

"I have come as I said I would, to let you know how the Van Vonder diamond was taken," replied Keith.

"You came in the front way, by the street-door, although we left you in the vault two hours below," said Palmer-Brinkman, passing his hand across his brow with a puzzled expression.

"Yes."

"How could you do it?"

"I took the same route as the thief."

"And how was that?"

"Into the coal-cellar under the sidewalk, and up through the chute. It was a grimy trip, and I have a lot of coal-dust on me. But I do not mind that, now that I have unraveled the mystery of the robbery."

"But you did not find the diamond, sir," croaked the Russian.

"Not yet. But I will."

"What is that in your hand?" asked Dykeman, pointing to a coil of wire carried by the detective.

Harrison Keith smiled, as he stepped to the table, and laid upon it his coil of wire, such as used in arm lamps, and a round steel plate, with a hole in the middle.

"This is the apparatus which enabled the burglar to make his way into the safe, after cutting his way through the cement underneath from the coal-cellar," explained the detective.

"Underneath?" exclaimed Dykeman. "I thought you were going to say entrance was gained from above. I noticed a crack in the ceiling. You say it, too, I know."

"Yes, I saw that crack. But it is not always the apparently likely which turns out to be the fact," answered Keith. "With this wire, which was doubtless attached to the electric light supply in the vault, the operator obtained a current of electricity by which he was able to burn his way into the safe almost as easily as if the steel had been lead."

"I don't understand," said Palmer-Brinkman.

"It is very simple. The experiment was made before a United States Government commission in Washington long ago with entire success. In my business it is necessary to keep up with new discoveries in safe-cracking, and I read the official report carefully. The operator there—  
he did the fellow who got the Van

Vonder diamond—attached two wires to the electric light supply. Then he fastened one of his wires to the safe, and the other to the carbon pile, or pencil. He inserted the pencil in the hole in the plate, like this I hold in my hand, and, protecting his eyes with a pair of black goggles, he produced a voltaic arc of immense power between the point of his stylé and the bottom of the safe. There is the explanation of the stealing of the Van Vonder diamond. It was taken out of the bottom of the safe. Then the round section of steel cut out was replaced, and—that is all of the story."

"The rascals actually hid the diamond from the coal-cellar," queried Palmer-Brinkman. "Why must they have labored at it for months?"

"They have had nearly a year," answered Harrison Keith dryly.

CHAPTER IV.  
TWO QUEER GUYS.

An hour later Harrison Keith sat again in his own room, under the green-shaded lamp, with a briar pipe in his mouth.

He was examining something in his hand, which was so diminutive that a casual glance might have left one wondering whence it was a scrap of lace or handkerchief.

As a matter of fact, it was a lady's pocket-handkerchief, of the finest material, edged with delicate lace, the whole so small and fine that Keith, after looking at it for a few moments, thoughtfully crushed it into one of his hands and hid it entirely between three fingers and his thumb.

He was alone, for it was two o'clock in the morning, and his assistant, Dick Rogers, slumbering peacefully up-stairs, had never had an inkling of the strange doings since he had wished the detective good night soon after the clock struck twelve.

Harrison Keith leaned back in his chair thinking—thinking.

"It seems impossible. And yet, here it is," he murmured, as he spread out the handkerchief on the blotting-pad on his table, and looked at the corner of his prize. "Here are the initials 'M.W.P.P.'—twisted into a peculiar design something like a true-lover's knot. Now, what do those letters stand for except Mary Winters Palmer-Brinkson? It may be only a coincidence, but—"

He was interrupted by the ringing of the front-door-bell, for the second time since midnight.

"What now, I wonder," he muttered. "I told Dykeman and the others that I would not do anything more in their case till to-morrow. Anyway, they have no right to bother me now. I want to go to bed. For two cents I wouldn't go to the door."

As if in protest against this half-formed resolve, the door continued again, more insistently than before, and as it was in his room, close to his ear as he stood up, it seemed to be cutting through his nerves, and made him utter an impatient exclamation which was as near profanity as he ever came.

"Confound him! Whoever he is!" he grumbled.

With these words he went to the front door and flung it open, facing two persons on the step whom he dragged into the hall unceremoniously. Closing the door with a bang, he marched into his room leaving the others to follow.

"Fully looks! What's bitin' youse, Mr. Keith?" cried one of the newcomers, a red-headed, lanky youth, whose feet and hands were too far through his trousers and sleeves respectively, but whose good-natured face, with its wide mouth, commended itself to the favour of the world at first glance. "We's only come ter put youse wiser ter some'tin', an' yer hands us a pill an' a shove ez de cop wuz in 'em 'oicks on de dip, an' youse had got de goods on us liftin' yer leather or clock."

"I beg your pardon, Mike. I did not mean to do it," answered Harrison Keith, with an apologetic smile. "I didn't know it was you, and I rather resent being called on at this time of night."

"Dat's all right. Me an' Dutchie here wuz down ter de Merry Wallpapers' hall in de Grand Central. Dere we got ter a couple o' guys wot had been swipin' so much suds dat dey had a gilt-edged souce on, an'—"

"Who was Dutchie?" broke in the speaker's companion angrily. "I vos not Dutch. I had taken out de first o' de papers, an' I'm wote to wote to de coast when I had some more o' em. Vat I wants to do is to—"

Harrison Keith put up his hands as a warning to his two assistants to stop their arguing, and both subsided—Mike Donovan, the lanky youth, taking possession of the Morris chair, and Hans Brinkman, the German, who was as faithful to the detective's interests as any one on his staff, sitting bolt upright in a chair against the wall.

"There is nothing to be gained by this sort of talk, you know," said Keith. "You are both good fellows, and I trust you to let sound horse-sense guide you in everything you do. Now, tell me what happened at the Grand Central Hall. I had an invitation to that ball of the Merry Dock-Wallpapers, but was too busy to go. I am glad you went, especially since you seem to have picked up something that may be useful."

"Well, one o' dese marks wuz a Dutchman, wit' blue spectacles, long hair, an' wuz in a coat all buttoned up, an' he was saggerd shirt-cuffs comin' down, over his mitts. He wuz a musicker, I should say, but he yuz so disguised wit' beer dat youse c'd'n't tell at de foist flash wot he wuz."

"Go on."

"De udder wuz a 'old guy, wit' white bears, an' hairs, an' he had on teal at de ends, ez of his blood didn't run all ter de good. You've seen old back numbers like dat, haven't youse?"

The detective nodded.

"I wondered wot dis ancient mug wuz doin' at de ball at foist, but I heard some one say dat he had a daughter dere, an' it wuz all clear.

De more speethly ez dese two guys wuz in de refreshment-room, where de beer flows, an' not actyally in de ball room at all."

"But what about them?" demanded Harrison Keith.

"All right, Mr. Keith, I'm comin' ter dat. De foist crack-out o' de box wot hit me in de listener wuz your name—Harrison Keith."

"Ah!"

"It wuz de ol' white-headed guy wot said it, in a wheezy whisper. It is likely dat most fellers wouldn't have heard it, but I've been trained fer by you ter get on ter anythin' wot breaks loose in de presence, an' I nailed de name ez soon as he toined it. He says 'Harrison Keith,' all right. Wot's more, Hans heard it, too."

Hans Brinkerman was about to asseverate at some length that he had indeed heard it, when Mike cut the ground from under him by going on with his story hurriedly.

"When I heard dese two blats makin' free wit' your name, I gives Hans de eye ter get wiser an' say nuttin', an' I listened fer more. It soon came. I gadderd dat de music-lookin' guy wuz wotkin' fer some one named Dickenson, or Dykeman, or—"

CHAPTER V.  
A FASHIONABLE AFFAIR.

The dinner-dance given by Mrs. Palmer-Brinkson, in her palatial home in Riverside Drive, the evening following the adventures of Harrison Keith in the home of John Dykeman, was one of the social events of the season.

There was not a room in the house that did not ablate with light, for it was the custom of the popular young hostess to make her guests free of her home in the fullest sense when she gave one of her rare entertainments.

From the red-and-white striped awning, under which daintily attired and gorgeously attired matrons made their way from carriages and automobiles to the broad steps of the mansion, to the attic windows of the servants' rooms, all had been arranged to make this occasion notable for its open-handed hospitality, and to give those fortunate enough to be invited the feeling that they were in their own home.

Soft carpets absorbed the sound of footsteps in the hall and reception-rooms, while the marble staircase facing the front door, which led to other stairways of costly inlaid wood above, was covered with crimson velvet.

There were clusters of incandescent lamps in the hands of bronze guards at frequent intervals on the stairs, while one of Hercules, heroic size, held a similar mass of electric lights in the great hall itself.

At the head of the grand staircase, facing the front door, stood Mr. and Mrs. Palmer-Brinkson, receiving their guests.

Mr. Winters, as Harrison Keith had called her to himself, never looked more radiant. She smiled at each one who came up the marble stairs as if she were more glad to see that particular person than any one else present that night, which is the secret of most successful hostesses.

And she had a word or two of badi-ange welcome for everybody.

Well might the dignified Palmer-Brinkson be proud of his wife, and proud he certainly was. It was often said that he was jealous, although he never would have acknowledged this. But, as he watched her speaking to her friends, it was easy to see how she won a charming girl, a low power, and from a family of no particular social pretension.

"Mr. Harrison Keith," announced the butler, and the detective—who certainly carried no suggestion of his profession in his well-ordered dress and composed look—went up the stairs and bowed low before Mrs. Palmer-Brinkson, who he took the pleasure of calling the hostess.

"Mr. Keith, this is indeed a pleasure," murmured the young wife, with a bright smile. "It is an age since we have seen you."

"It seems like aeons of time to me," was Keith's gallant response.

"You have not forgotten how to flatter," she said, with a smile.

"How do that," put in Palmer-Brinkson. "I have always regarded Mr. Harrison Keith as a remarkably truthful man—unpleasantly so sometimes."

There was a depth of gravity in Mr. Palmer-Brinkson's aspect and manner, a keen sense of the justice of the supreme court, with his wife, came up the stairs, and Harrison Keith passed on.

As he did so, he took from his vest pocket, apparently by accident, a small lace handkerchief, grimed with coal-dust, and placed it in the inside pocket of his coat. Notwithstanding that he made this movement casually, he contrived that the handkerchief should be seen by Mrs. Palmer-Brinkson, just as she bowed to the justice and gave her hand to his wife.

They passed on, but Harrison Keith lingered for a moment, as if he were contemplating the brilliance of the general arrangements. Mrs. Palmer-Brinkson bent toward him.

"Where did you get that handkerchief?" she asked, in low, tense tones.

"Handkerchief?"

"Yes. You held it in your hand for a moment, and then put it in your pocket. It looked like one I lost lately, and which I value much beyond its intrinsic value on account of certain associations. One feels that way towards things sometimes, you know."

He took the handkerchief from his coat pocket and held it towards her, but did not place it in her hand, although she appeared desirous of taking it. "And his face? His nose, for instance?"

"It is dirty. You would soil your white gloves," said Keith. "But I can show it to you without your taking it. There are initials in the corner. See?"

"Initials? Then it cannot be mine. I have no handkerchiefs marked in that way. On closer inspection I see it is not my handkerchief. I am sorry I troubled you."

With a graceful nod, she turned away from him, to receive more guests coming up the stairs, and the detective moved away to the large reception-room, from which a view of the dining-room could be gained.

He says the handkerchief is not hers, eh?" muttered Harrison Keith. "Why did she ask to see it? She must have recognised it somehow. I don't know how it is, but I cannot get it out of my head that the Van Vonder mustache up, an' dat commoonicated ed wit' de beard, an' fer just a dash dey wuz a'l' one side. I seen dat de beard was clean-shaved, an' dat de beard an' mustache wuz pony. I didn't mention dat before 'cause I knowed yer wot de on ter it."

"His whiskers were false, of course, Mike? Did you not notice that?"

"Sure I did. Oncet, when he wuz soppin' up his beer, he pushed his mustache up, an' dat commoonicated ed wit' de beard, an' fer just a dash dey wuz a'l' one side. I seen dat de beard was clean-shaved, an' dat de beard an' mustache wuz pony. I didn't mention dat before 'cause I knowed yer wot de on ter it."

"Very well. That is all. You and Hans go to bed, and get some sleep. I am going to bed, too."

So saying, Harrison Keith waved his two assistants out of the room,

and after five minutes' solitary cogitation, pipe in mouth, turned out his lamp and went up-stairs.

CHAPTER VI.  
THE STEEL-SEWN POCKET.

Hardly had the detective said this, when Lord Vascelles strolled into the little room, on his way to the cloak-room, which adjoined it.

He was a young fellow, with a well-curled brown mustache, was wearing a dark coat, and had his hands tucked into his pockets.

"Where did you get that coat?" asked Keith, looking at the young man's attire.

"I bought it in the States," replied the young man, with a smile. "It is a good one, isn't it?"

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detective.

"There was trouble in John Dykeman's eye, and he set an early opprobrium on the whisper of an anxious inquiry into Keith's ear."

"Close the door, Dick," ordered Keith, as he took the fur coat in his hands and began to examine the pockets.

"It won't fasten," replied Dick. "The lock and latch have both been taken off for repairs, I reckon."

"Never mind. Don't let anyone come in."

"That's all."

"The detective did not know just what he was seeking in Bridgeman's big fur coat. All he wanted was corroboration of his conviction that this nonchalant English lord really was the notorious swindler, safe-blower, and strong-arm man who had left his criminal mark all through the West, and who now was in New York for the first time in some years.

"The marks on him and his general appearance agree with the description I have of him," muttered the detective, taking from an inside pocket of his own vest the same notebook he had consulted so closely while Mike Donovan was telling him about the white-headed man in the refreshment-room at Grand Central Hall the night before.

"I do not see how there can be any doubt about it. It was lucky that Mike and Hans came across those two rascals. I had my suspicions that Beau Bridgeman was in this job, but soon as I saw that the volt was been cut through the vault, I knew the latest discoveries in science, and it was to be supposed that first of his trade to employ it would be him. I did not know it would be done in New York, however. I was expecting to hear that he had turned a trick in Chicago first. But this certainly is Beau, masquerading here as a British swell. I have to find out who has the stone now, or I would make an arrest and take