











LOVE IN A MASK; OR THE STERNE MYSTERY.

By the Author of 'A Bitter Bread.' CHAPTER XXI.—Continued.

CHAPTER XXII.—THE STEWARD IN THE PARK. CHAPTER XXIII.—Continued.

PENCING FOR A BRIDE.

The major came slowly down the steps of the manor, and reached the garden...

"I have no more to say," said the major, and he turned back towards the manor...

THE RULING PASSION.

"I would be long if I were to write to you now," said the major, and he looked at his watch...

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7. Before Messrs McLean (chairman), J. W. White, and J. J. Knox, J.P.'s.

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KING'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

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A CROPPER AND HIS CONSEQUENCES.

She was charmingly quiet. Every one said so, even her future mother-in-law... She was quiet, and her eyes were fixed on the ground...

THE FLIGHT OF THE HAV.

A perfect sale was blowing. It rained through the square and plunged into the sea beyond... A perfect sale was blowing. It rained through the square and plunged into the sea beyond...

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Law. We are in receipt of the following (condolence) song, "The Gallants of England..."

MADDOCK, JOHNSON, & JAMIESON. ARCHITECTS. MARKET BUILDINGS, 445 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE.

G. R. B. STEANE. LICENCED UNDER TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE. TOWNS HALL & CANNING ST., NORTHCOLE.

THE LEADER. PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY, 205 1/2 DECEMBER, 1896.

THE CHRISTMAS AND THE GRACES TIME. "Christmas is with us once again. In all Christian lands yesterday world..."

It is almost unbearable to think that this is the first time he had found his weight...

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MOA CROFT OR THE GHOST OF A CRIME.

By A. E. HOOPER.

It was a five-mile ride to Sleight Hall from the station, and with the snow lying thickly on the ground, it seemed doubly lonely. The driver looked forward to a brisk gallop along the road, but the sleigh was so heavily laden with passengers that it was impossible to do so.

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NATIVE OF NORTHCOTE, Baker, Grocer, and Produce Dealer, NEAR TOWN HALL, THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED BUSINESS in NORTHCOTE.

In presenting this Price-List I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the goods enumerated below are of the very best quality and brands.

ORDERS DELIVERED DAILY.

Terms—Weekly or Monthly to Approved Customers.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Broom, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Flour, and various oils and fats.

TOWN OF NORTHCOTE.

Annual Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 30th September, 1896.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE tables showing financial accounts for the Town of Northcote, including items like Rates Current, Arrears, and various public works.

Examined and found correct, excepting Bank Overdraft, £3337 5s., disallowed by us. W. G. SWIFT, Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Statement of Loan Account No. 2 for the Year ending 30th September, 1896.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE tables for Loan Account No. 2, showing transactions with the Bank and various loan disbursements.

Statement of Loan Account No. 3 for the Year ending 30th September, 1896.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE tables for Loan Account No. 3, detailing financial movements for the year.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Table comparing ASSETS and LIABILITIES, showing a balance of £34,110 8s. 4d.

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Announcements.

A. Tharratt & Co. BEG to inform the Public that they have bought the Business of J. CONNELL, Produce Merchant, of High Street, Upper Northcote, where they will continue the business of CORN, CHAFF, WOOD & COAL MERCHANTS.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL. J. Holmes Begs to inform the Public of Northcote that he has removed to more extensive premises, 225 High Street, next to Molyneux's Dairy Produce Store, thanking them for past favors and hoping for a further continuance of the same.

Perry & Grey, TOBACCONISTS AND HAIR DRESSERS, High Street, Northcote.

TOBACCO & CIGARS of the Finest Quality. A Choice Assortment of Fancy Goods WOLLS, STATIONERY, AND CROCKERY.

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BUSINESS MEN and Others may prove this beyond doubt by leaving their ORDERS at the LEADER office

As the Local Firm we rely upon the support of the local people, whose interests in common with our own, we endeavor to advance

CHANDLER'S Noted Cheap Depots, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE, AND 247, BRUNSWICK ST., FITZROY. Includes an image of a dog and text about 'To Farmers' and 'WALL PAPER'.

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209, 211, 213, High St., Northcote.

Finally examined, settled, and allowed at the adjourned annual meeting of the Council, held on the 3rd December, 1896. T. H. McLean, Mayor.

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