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Magnificent Line of LADIES' BAGS  
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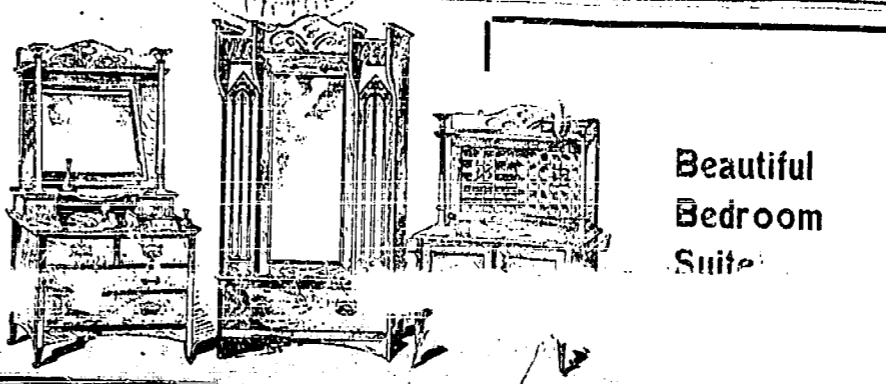
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THE NAME THAT MEANS DISTINCTION IN YOUR SUIT  
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Saddle, Harness, and other goods.  
Has a Long Record as...  
Buggy Harness from 24 10s upwards. Gig Harness, 25 10s. Dray Harness, 25 10s upwards. Collars from 12s 6d to 22s.  
All Classes of Bags, Portmanteaus, and Braces kept in stock. Whips, Bits, Sponges, all Best Brands of Hames, Back Chains, Tug Chains, Plough Chains, Dressings by Best Makers, Axle Grease, and all other Stable Requisites kept in stock.  
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Cutlery of every description—Razors, Solitaires, Pocket Knives (from 1 to 75 blades) Razors in cases, Carving Knives and Forks up to 6 feet long. Cutlery ground & set daily. Optical Goods, Brushware, &c. Umbrellas of every description in stock, silver or gold mounted, or made to order. Repairs and Re-Covers a Specialty.

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I bought a lovely razor, And tried it on my chin, It cut me well while shaving And drew away the skin! It put me to such torture That I had to give it up, I vowed and vowed I'd never use it again, My beard grew long and longer, It troubled me each day, I had a little razor, I used it just like a razor, I was worse than any toady, With my ragged crop of hair, At last I got a razor, From Woolhouse's noted shop, And quickly tried its action Upon my ugly mop, As if by magic it glided, And truly I declare, In an instant on my visage I'd not a single hair.  
The razors made by Woolhouse Are really made to shave, If once you try their action For more of them you'll crave, In Melbourne nothing to boast them, You are sure to be found, If you seek in every quarter, For many miles around, If your razor should get blunted And shaving gives great pain, Go straight away to Woolhouse, Who'll put them right again! Then shaving will be pleasant, You'll really agree, If you buy the best from Woolhouse, (Who well has treated me, Since then I go to Woolhouse, My razors for to buy, Now others have in Melbourne Such a large supply! All sorts and kinds in stock there You certainly are to meet, Their shops are found by any Who seek along Bourke Street.

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Above is the well-known establishment of **CHAMBERLAIN, SIGNWRITER, &c.**  
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The old saying that "the best is always the cheapest" is highly exemplified in Bedroom Suits here illustrated.  
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This Suite is made in Walnut Ash or Oak, free from splits or warp, and consists of 4ft. 6in. Wardrobe, with large bevel plate glass, cut through padlocks, and large draw 4ft. 6in. Table, with large bevel plate glass, two drawers, and four large round metal turned legs.  
Every furnishing requirement can be seen at **CLAUSCEN'S**. An Illustrated Catalogue forwarded on request.  
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Milk straight from our own Farm. One Cow's Milk for Invalids and Children Orders promptly attended to.  
The Favor of your Patronage and Recommendation respectfully solicited.  
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HIGH STREET, THORNBURY,  
and will conduct the business on the same successful and popular line.  
All Goods stocked will be the Absolute Best.  
Verdure (there will be taken in regard to all Meats and Small Goods).  
**HINT TO HOUSEWIVES:**  
When the table is short of something tasty, something appetizing, always remember  
**INGHAM'S**  
North & West Ward Folks.  
When you want something nice and tasty for Lunch or Tea, go where you are sure to get it, namely, to—  
**MRS. DOWLMAN'S Ham & Beef Shop,**  
411 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE (Opp. Dennis Street).  
Cooked Meats and Small Goods of every description and the "BEST THAT ANY MANUFACTURER."  
CONFECTIONERY AND SUMMER DRINKS.  
Also Smokers' Requisites.

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Corner of HIGH and DUNDAS STS OFFER NORTHCOTE (opposite Tram Terminus, Preston).  
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Executed in the Brightest and Most Effective Style at the  
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It has been said—"Why doesn't Harry Saunders advertise more than he does?" The reason is that his fit, style and workmanship speaks for itself.  
The Latest Spring and Summer Patterns in stock.  
LADIES' COSTUMES A SPECIALTY

Plenty Rd. & Garnet St., Preston  
**Arch Wilkinson**  
TAILOR & MERCER,  
Is now showing New Goods for the Spring and Summer Seasons.  
A splendid range of Suits.

**MRS. ROCK**  
Estimates that she has opened as a MILLINER  
In one of the New Shopping Centers, High Street, Northcote.  
Latest Style in Spring and Summer Millinery.  
If you want a useful, becoming hat at a moderate price come in and see our selection.  
You are sure to be satisfied both as regards price and style.  
**MRS. ROCK, HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.**

**MRS. BELCHER,**  
COSTUMIERE,  
"BRATHOR," GADD ST., CROXTON.  
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**COME!**  
Where the Tree Ferns Grow  
If ever in doubt how to spend a pleasant hour, take a run on the Northcote Tram to the Grand Ait of Thornbury, and to  
**Williams' New Continental Tea Rooms**  
Where you can get always a Delicious Cup of Tea, a Cool Drink, or a Lovely Ice Cream, and all "under the Shade of the Sheltering Fern."  
Come and See for Yourself and it will invite you to come again.  
Refreshments and Confectionery of all kinds.  
BIRMINGHAM—  
**WILLIAMS',**  
RIGHT AT THE TRAM TERMINUS

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**The Regal**  
88 Smith Street  
Near Dept. St.  
Because they can have a Nice Lunch or Afternoon Tea  
High Class Pastry and Confectionery



















PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 6th JANUARY. Present: Crs. Crisp (president), Steinkamp, Alkin, Pateron, Heathwaite, Robertson, Warr, Bricknell.

GR. HOWE'S BEREAVEMENT. Before business was proceeded with by Cr. Alkin made reference to the death of Mrs. H. P. Howe.

SPECIAL GRANT. Mr. J. G. Mombrey, M.L.A., wrote intimating that a special grant of £100 had been made to the Shire of Preston towards main road maintenance.

WATER FOR WALLACE STREET. George Launer wrote apologising for the delay in providing water for Wallace street.

SEWERAGE WORKS COMPLETED. The Metropolitan Board of Works wrote stating that the work of sewerage construction had been completed.

RENEWALS OF LICENSES. The following applied for renewal of their licenses: Mr. D. P. Scrimshaw, U. Handley, H. Stimpson, J. Howe and Co., V. Braithwaite, T. Broadhurst, W. Zwar and Co., Gilbert Bros., T. Hardenuch, Watson and Pateron, H. Heenan, Morgan and Jeffries, and J. Howe.

GAS CO. AND ROADWAYS. The Metropolitan Gas Co. wrote stating that all the roadways through which they had taken their mains had now been put in a passable condition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. Cr. Pateron (chairman) submitted the report recommending: 1. That accounts amounting to £24 7/6 be passed for payment.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. The report was submitted by Cr. Alkin (chairman) recommending: 1. That accounts amounting to £48 1/6 be passed for payment.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. Cr. Braithwaite submitted the report recommending: 1. That the estimate for 1912-1913, considered by the committee on 27th Dec.

respect of which the council is authorized to expend the same; that the net amount of the estimate for 1912-1913, and that a general rate of two millings in the pound is necessary to raise the required sum of £7487 12/-.

ENGINEER'S REPORT. Mr. Dean reported a recent quotation for a swimming bath 12ft. by 6ft. 2in. at the shore end, and 11ft. at the other end, viz. £1000.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT. Mr. Howe reported having inspected the mutton since the previous meeting: Cattle 64, sheep 816, pigs 614.

EARTH'S INFLUENCE ON THE SUN. The manner in which the comet's tails are driven off in a direction away from the sun is proof that there is a repulsive as well as an attractive action exercised by the sun, and the streamers and rays of the corona testify to a similar effect.

THE size of Sirius is believed to be 2500 times greater than that of our sun. One million and a quarter of men are occupied in digging coal for the world.

Barley is very prolific. It yields 60 to 120 grains for every grain planted. Potatoes and peas are long-lived at the rate of about half a second a century.

After London, Calcutta is the largest city in the Empire. Glasgow comes third.

The death is announced, in his 88th year, of Lieut-Colonel William Henry Snell, the "father" of the Honourable Artillery Company.

During the last ten years the United Kingdom has made nearly 6 times over 15 times as much as France in regard to the woolen trade.

The store held their first monthly meeting for the New Year in the club room on Tuesday evening. The balance sheet in connection with the Christmas competitions was received and adopted.

The competitions were a credit match, when a large number of young aspirants vied with each other for prizes of position, many valuable prizes being won by them.

IRRITATED BY WARM WEATHER.

Sores That Discharge and Spread Awful Disease Permanently Cured by Zam-Buk

Mrs. E. McLaughan, of 31 Hodgson Terrace, Richmond, Melbourne, says: "My husband was troubled by a serious skin disorder which first broke out in the form of a rash and then developed into small pimples.

After he had been using Zam-Buk a little while the discharge became less pronounced, and the sores assumed a clean appearance. He continued using Zam-Buk until the sores were completely healed, and since then he has never been troubled with them; thank entirely to Zam-Buk."

Every home and farm needs Zam-Buk, the over-ready and over-useful painless healer. Of all chemists and stores.

When Quality Counts that Gets the Order.

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TEA EXPERTS.

"A tea expert," it is said, "has to know the characters of the waters in all parts of the country—the soil, the land, the climate, the peaty, the woody, and so forth. For instance, tea brewed for use in London would not give the best results in Birmingham; Brighton takes a different class from Newcastle; and a tea which is liked in Bristol would not give the same flavour in Middlesborough."

Wanted to Sell. BEDROOM Suite, large also, bevelled mirrors; 62in. Garden Hose, Dower, 8 Kemp street, Oxtford.

Lost and Found. LOST—Gold Chain Bangle, three on 1/2 gilded links and three plain, between Northcote and Preston, lost between 21st and 22nd Dec. Good reward. Miss A. Smith, St. George's road, Northcote.

Wanted. CARETAKER Preston Methodist Church. Particulars from J. C. Nankerville, 18 Station street, Preston.

GENERAL, sleep home; references of character necessary. Apply Mrs. W. Mylles, Oakover Road, South Preston.

CHARWOMEN (2) to clean windows and floors new State School, Wake street. Apply this morning early at school.

Good Building Lays. Good Drainage. Handy Tram and Station.

Plans To-Day or any day at STOTT AND HASTINGS' STOTT AND HASTINGS' STOTT AND HASTINGS'

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PICTURES to interest, to thrill, to Admire, to Amuse, and to instruct. PICTURES that Appeal to your Emotions and your Sympathies.

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A Great Dramatic Special, THE VEILED PROPHET, and also, by universal request, THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE.

And a Host of other Picture Gems. TICKETS EVERYWHERE—6d, 1/1, 1/6. REMEMBER—TUESDAY NEXT.

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BALLROOM DANCING. Mr. W. COOMBER, 40 Finch St., Northcote.

MEETINGS. SHIRE OF PRESTON. PRESTON DISTRICT SCHOOLS PICNIC.

A PUBLIC MEETING, convened by the President of the Shire, Cr. C. Crisp, J.P., will be held at the Shire Hall, Preston, on THURSDAY Evening, 10th January, at 8 o'clock.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES. MR. THOMAS BARKER and Family desire to return sincere thanks to their many friends for the expressions of sympathy, cards and letters, telegrams, and floral tributes received during their recent and bereavement.

TO LET.—D.F. Brick House, 6 large rooms and conveniences; high position; near tram; 17/6 week. Nool, Miller & Co.

MRS. CONSTANCE LEVEY wishes to notify the residents of EPPING and district that she has commenced business as a DRESSMAKER and LADIES' TAILOR in Epping and respectfully requests a perusal of their esteemed patronage.

Mount Pleasant Dairy, WEST STREET, PRESTON. Wm. A. Keartland LICENSED DAIRYMAN.

Pure Milk delivered twice daily to all parts of Preston and A. District.

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Costumes. 50 White Muslin Costumes, must be cleared, assorted styles, well trimmed; regular prices 8/11, 10/6, 12/6. Sale price to clear 4/11.

Infants' Dresses, &c. Children's Print and Zephyr Dresses; were 1/11, 1/5 each. Sale price 1/1.

Corsets. Kabo Corsets, the most fashionable corsets for present wear; all marked down.

Walking Skirts. Black Walking Amazon Cloth Skirts, perfectly made & neatly trimmed; were 10/6. Sale price 7/11.

Underclothing. Ladies' frilled Calico Undershirts; were 1/-, Sale price 8d.

Dresses. 30 pieces of Cotton Shantung and Striped Poplins, all shades; were 1s and 1s 6d; must go. Sale price 8d.

Visit Hattam & Hattam's Summer Sale

DRAMA TENDERS REDUCTIONS! SALE CONTINUOUS FOR FOUR WEEKS.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM

THOMAS J. DOWD & COY.

The Foremost Tailoring Store of this District

From a weather point of view the summer has only just commenced, but that does not alter the fact that we are at the end of our financial summer season, and for this reason our usual Summer "Clear Out" Sale is in progress.

LADIES' PERFECTLY-TAILORED COSTUMES! The lowest sale price we have ever executed our regular and famous line of £4 4s Costume at is £3 10s.

We Guarantee to Save You at Least 20s. If you place your order Now. This is a big consideration, but a bigger consideration is that we guarantee to each customer the highest point of Clothes Perfection.

THIS IS THE BEST VALUE EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC in LADIES' HIGH-GRADE TAILORING. However, we cannot exceed the limit of 50 Costumes at this price; after we have reached that number, which we expect to do in a few days, the price will be £4 4s.

398 QUEENS' PARADE, CLIFTON HILL

Phone: Northcote 300.



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A RAY OF HONOR.

The Story of a Lover's Quarrel with a Real Cause.

Footsteps sounded on the gravel path leading from Byron Cottage to the studio in the garden. Peter Ash by glanced up from the carved oak chest over which he bent. The studio door was open, and against the sky, where the rain of a sunny autumn day still lingered, he saw the silhouette of a man's figure.

Lord Lutterworth passed on the path and called softly: "Ethne—Ethne!" The crouching figure by the chest turned wildly round. The great north light window was closed. Lutterworth hurried the door. His eyes lit on the heavy curtains in the corner where unfinished canvases were stacked. Lending foot on a lip, he crept to them and slipped behind them. They still vibrated when Lutterworth strode in and a girl's clear voice rang out in the stillness.

"You, Reggie! What a dear surprise—the hidden man heard her light footsteps on the path and Lutterworth's heavy steps as he went to the window. "Reggie, you're angry!" The tones were almost incredulous. On the threshold of the studio a girl stood, staring in, with astonished, uplifted eyebrows.

"Not angry," said Lutterworth grimly, "but jealous." "Jealous!" she echoed, and laughed, the shadow passing from her violet eyes. "Of whom, may I ask, sir?" He put his hands behind his head and stood very erect, staring down at her. He had been engaged to her for three months. Ethne's presence had inspired on the delay. She was poor, an orphan, a worker; he a peer, a highly wealthy and (till he met her and peered through his cousin, the Home Secretary, till the harassed politician appointed the young man his private secretary) a dandy.

"Ethne, it's not true!" he repeated dully. "It is true," said the girl slowly, "but Diana has no right to tell you. I begged her to be discreet—Ethne!" "Oh, it's not a love affair," she returned, a patch of angry color in each cheek. "Yet he calls and writes," he said sternly. "May I know who he is?" "I'd prefer not to tell you," she answered, frankly. "Don't press me, Reggie. Indeed, it's better that you should know."

"Let me judge of that," he returned, frowning. "There need be no secrets between us, Ethne. You are true, very little if you think it necessary to keep things from me—to conceal—deceive—"

"Deceive!" she swung round on the word. "Jealousy doesn't make you polite. Reggie, don't be absurd. It's you who are the jealous one. Tell me, in an hour I must leave here. To-morrow my chief goes to the Riviera. I've to go with him for the first fourteen days. I hate mysteries, Ethne."

"I can't," she protested. "The secret isn't altogether mine. Besides, it might involve you. It would put you in a false position. Reggie, there is nothing to be jealous about. You are just like my word. One day I'll tell you everything."

"Do you care for this man?" he asked, his eyes on the floor. "In a way, but not the way you find him. Reggie, I'm very fond of him. Leave it there. Don't let us discuss it any more. You are to go."

"I've said nothing of the kind." "Excuse me, I'm a liar," she said, and her eyes filled with tears. "You're quite right not to trust me. Of course I have to find another lover when you're away. Of course I can't enough to write love-letters to one man only. It was very kind of Diana to warn you."

"I'm beginning to think it was," he interrupted passionately. "I can't imagine why an innocent person should—"

"Innocent!" she repeated. "Who said I was innocent? Haven't I been trying to tell you that I am guilty? Didn't you say that I had admitted it? It only remains to pass sentence, and then the hearing trials' over. As you seem to imagine yourself my judge, perhaps you'll pass judgment on me, Lord Justice Lutterworth."

"No wonder you wanted three months to make up your mind in it," he said harshly. "You've proved very conclusively how little you care for me. I suppose you were wondering whether you could stand being married to me, whether I were worth it."

"Why not be explicit," she said smiling. "Why not say, whether Lutterworth loves and twelve thousand a year and being 'my lady' were worth it? For that's what you mean, you know. Oh, don't deny it! You've put things very clearly."

"As you persist in purposely misunderstanding me," he said, stiffly, "there's nothing for me to say." Again silence fell. Neither of them moved, and the hidden hearer bobbed the heavy curtains held his breath.

"Shor, mo the letters," said Lutterworth at last, reluctantly. "Ethne stood staring at the top of her shoe with which she tapped the carpet. Two unshed tears rolled down her cheeks and dripped to the floor. The flush died down, her lower lip trembled and she caught at it with her teeth. And then at last it raised her head.

"Very well," she said tremulously. "But, remember, I tried to prevent you. It isn't my fault." She went to the chest, throwing open the lid, and took out a letter. "Do you still insist?" she asked, refusing to meet his eyes. She sighed and gazed in his gloomy depths.

"A light, please," she muttered, tearfully. He struck a match and crossed the studio to her side. He watched her rummage amid the miscellaneous things which the chest was filled. "I can't find them," she muttered, wildly searching. "They're not here."

"But you kept them there and said so," he reminded her. "They are somewhere here or in the cottage. I'll catch a later train to London. I can wait till you discover them."

Lutterworth stared at the man in astonishment. "Then, then, why—why betray yourself?" he burst out. "Peter turned to Ethne, who had hidden her face in her hands and was silently sobbing.

"She believed in me—been a good girl," he said slowly. "I meant to burst this wall open. It's locked, you see. But you interrupted me, and I took the lock behind the curtains. I thought you wouldn't be long, you two. And then I heard—Ethne loves you. And she said—she said she loved me, her husband, by robbing her of all her happiness. The money didn't matter. You're rich, and she's marrying you. Besides, I'm crook. Do you think I wanted to come out and give myself away? Do you think I didn't pray and how you'd kiss and make friends? Why, it was my one chance. But you didn't; you just got farther and farther apart, and—"

He shook his head and smiled whimsically. "Well, it was up to me to act, and though I'm crook, that's a ray of honor in us all, I guess."

He came forward to the table, flinging down the wallet. "The letters are here," he said. "I guess Ethne won't mind you reading them now—that is, if you like reading news."

He glanced at Lutterworth, blinking, and asked: "What're you going to do?" "Reggie drew out his pocket book, and laid three five-pound notes on the table in silence; then, without looking at Peter, he said:

"I'm going to beg Ethne very humbly to forgive me. If a certain person's wife, I will slip away in the night, not forgetting what I've left on the table."

But when, rosy with blushes, Ethne pushed him from her, and many minutes had passed by, they were alone and had the table by the unopened wall and the three banknotes.

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MY LAST HAUL.

A CRACKMAN'S ROMANCE.

"To perdition with the paper!" I rudely cast the newspaper aside in annoyance. An announcement therein had caught my eye, and savagely opened an old wound. "To-morrow, Miss Ethel Grantham will marry the wife of Percy Ritchie, multi-millionaire, of New York city—such was the nature of the announcement.

"Three years ago I had known Miss Grantham; more than that, I was her lover, and her love was vowed to me. But, because I had no riches to back me up, her proud parents interposed, and kept her from me. Now, to-morrow, she would wed a foreigner with money—an American millionaire!

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"I tried to make her think. "Why?" I asked. "But she answered at once, her eyes coming brighter and braver. "I am so unhappy—so wretched. They want to marry me to a man I never love. Oh—oh, do you say I'll marry. I'll never be happy. I'll always be true to you. Oh, only save me from him—she shuddered as she thought of him—save me from him! Please—Please!"

"I understood now, and I was sorry for her. Yes, I would promise to marry her, to satisfy her, and later, when she regained her little composure, I would ask her the whole story. I promised."

"I must go at once then," she announced, in husky tones. "No one must see us, or they will follow me. I shall lose my freedom. Follow me!" she commanded. Out of the room we went down the hall, and opening a door on the right she led me to a side door, which opened on to a lawn.

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did not recognise me, because of my disguise. Immediately an idea struck her, and she resolved to show her true self. She was so careful for the husband they were forcing her to take. Rather than him, she preferred to marry a common burglar."

"The rest is none told. We are man and wife. Soon take separate ways. I'm happy as my term. I have begun a new life! My dream of crime and dishonesty is ended for ever. Strange things happen in this world, they say. Well, my last have been very strange. But, ah, it was price- less."

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WANGANUI RIVER.

A Favorite Holiday Tour in New Zealand.

By Tom L. Mills (Pres. Aust. Provincial Press Assoc'n, and Editor "Star," Feilding, N.Z.). During my just- concluded visit to New South Wales and Victoria, I was surprised and at the same time greatly delighted to find how keenly interested and curious representative Australian were concerning people, people and places in New Zealand. When in Sydney I met Speakear Willis, the best- known man in Australia, and it was told him that I came from the other side of Tasman Sea, he exclaimed: "Ah, come and meet my wife and son who are coming over to New Zealand in January. I should like to hear your advice on the tour. Mr. George Black, another member of the N.S.W. Parliament, also bringing his wife and children, will be in the group, as will be Mrs. Black, who will visit us in January. In Melbourne I met a Federal group of politicians, and quite a number of them, including Premier Fisher and his wife, expressed the hope of coming over as soon as public duties would permit. There were also men and women in business and private life who showed a keen interest in information regarding our health and tourist resorts of our "right little, little islands."

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THE DANGERS OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

By W. Black.

A little matter which often worries the fancier is the way in which his pet claws so pale, grow, and shed their claws periodically; that is to say, they cast the old outer case as soon as the new claw beneath it is ready for use. When a cat is seen to be dragging her claws down the bark of a tree, or the back of a chair, she is not really sharpening them, but is getting rid of those which she no longer requires. All members of the feline family do this, which is why the lion, tiger, leopard, and the wild dog have large logs of wood in their claws.

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A quaint document has been given by Judge Ashmun, of the Supreme Court at St. Louis, in an application for divorce by Mrs. Quinn. The judge directed the husband to be called to the witness stand, and to give his own version of the facts of the case. The judge's maxims for a wife are as follows: "Don't quarrel with your husband when he is out of the house. It is a waste of time and money. If you must quarrel, do it when he is at home. It will have more effect. Don't let your husband know you are trying to boss him. Have your own way by letting him think he is having his way."

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Parisians were recently surprised to find that a young man of one of their favorite newspapers had drawn a drawing of a supposed inhabitant of Mars. The drawing was the work of a young man named Martini, who had been studying the subject of the planet Mars for some time. He had been particularly struck by the reports of a supposed inhabitant of Mars, and he had drawn a drawing of what he thought he would be. The drawing was a small, round, bald-headed creature with large, prominent eyes and a long, thin neck. It was dressed in a simple, loose-fitting garment. The drawing was shown to a group of scientists, who were all struck by its accuracy. They had never before seen a drawing of a Martian, and they were all convinced that it was a very good one. The young man, Martini, was very pleased with the result, and he had shown the drawing to his friends, who were all very impressed by it. He had also shown it to his family, who were all very proud of him. He had even shown it to the press, who were all very interested in it. He had been very successful in his career, and he was very happy. He had a lot of money, and he was very popular. He was a very good man, and he was very kind. He was a very good friend, and he was a very good neighbor. He was a very good citizen, and he was a very good son. He was a very good man, and he was very kind. He was a very good friend, and he was a very good neighbor. He was a very good citizen, and he was a very good son.

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Theories of the Cause of Cancer. During the last few years medical research has had great success and made great strides in certain directions, chief among which is that of the discovery of the underlying cause of certain diseases.

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Welcome to Rev. B. Howison. A denominational welcome to the Rev. B. Howison to the pastorate of the Northgate Baptist Church on the evening of the 15th inst. in the presence of a large gathering, among which was a representative conference from his recent pastorate at Williamson.

Good Results from the Cold Bath. The profession is gradually coming to understand that the value of cold bathing in certain cases depends upon reduction of temperature, is much more dependent upon the reaction which the body produces. This reaction equalizes the circulation of the blood, stimulates the nervous system, which may be depressed by the disease.

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Northgate Rifle Club. At Fort Melbourne last Saturday the above club were shot at 200 and 300 yds. The following were the top scorers:—(1) Talmae 85, (2) D. G. Jones 81, (3) G. Talmae 70, (4) W. D. Jones 65, (5) W. D. Jones 60.

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CHAPTER XXIII.

The Blackmailing of Hilson.

After his interview with Madame Uclivet, the crafty Retief left the hotel considerably elated. It seemed to him that the key of his future was clearly in his hands. He carried out her desire purpose of vengeance for her sister's wrong, there was only one man upon whom that vengeance could fall, namely, Stephen Hilson. He believed that Madame Uclivet was aware of this, and so he had not repudiated his statement, that belief was confirmed.

Retief's knowledge of the crime had been largely gained from Newtyle, the private detective, and was confirmed by the information which he had chosen to supply. From what he had learned, Retief believed that only one of the two men could have murdered the beautiful but ill-fated daughter of Madame Uclivet, and that was the man, Horace Avillar, who beyond the reach of Zeno, he knew, the other, Stephen Hilson, was not. The death of the latter, he reasoned, would benefit him in more ways than one, in the first place, his knowledge of the crime about to be committed would enable him to bring a new force to bear on Madame Uclivet, which she would be unable to resist, and he would thus, after all, secure the forged signatures. With those in his possession, he could raise a large sum of money, and with the country. It had also a vague idea of inducing Zeno to leave her mother, and share his exile, and in due course would make the proposal to her. Of his accomplices, Retief knew of many shady, even criminal transactions, he took no thought; he would leave him to follow out his destiny, which would probably be to meet the husband of Lady Catherine, or of Winifred.

On the whole, the "dealer in curiosities" was pleased with the position of affairs, and, feeling a bit generous or selfish, as the reader may think most appropriate, entered the Luxurious House, in Piccadilly, and in the luxurious smoking-room of that establishment treated himself to a bottle of champagne. As he sipped the sparkling wine, he smiled as one who held the winning card in what was a desperate and a losing game.

The same day Sidney Auston sought an interview with Hilson, and it was arranged to take place at three o'clock in the afternoon.

As he had been out of town for a few days, therefore had not seen Retief, and knew nothing of the movements of Madame Uclivet or Zeno, nor the latter's deadly resolve, indeed, he had no idea of the existence of Retief, whom he felt was becoming a drag on him—more especially where Hilson was concerned. In the presence of Retief he had shown a certain amount of interest, but in his heart readily undertook the task, resolving to carry it out in his own way, and to his own advantage. The man Retief was not a man to be trifled with, and he knew more about the Coram-street mystery than anyone was aware, and believed he could induce Hilson to pay a large sum of money, as he would pay it, since Newtyle, then, as a reward for his faithful services, he would ask Hilson for Winifred's hand in marriage.

At the appointed hour, Retief entered the office of Messrs. Hilson Ltd., and without delay was shown into Mr. Hilson's private room, appointment.

"What is it, I am sure," said Retief, as Auston entered; "look at the watch. Glancing at a memorandum lying on the writing table before him, he concluded:

"What is it? I am sure; make haste."

Hilson probably expected Auston's visit, as was often the case, to end in a request for money, and his words were long as long as throwing cold water on such an application.

Drawing forward a chair the latter sat down, facing the speaker, the writing table was pushed away, and Auston glanced round the handsomely-furnished room, as if to assure himself that they were alone, then he began:

"It is both a painful and unpleasant subject which I have to bring before you."

"I have faced much that has been unpleasant, but now let me see what you refer to. Out with it," said Hilson in his blunt, direct way.

Slowly Auston pulled off his gloves, laid them very carefully on the table before him, then he said:

"I desire, Mr. Hilson, you recollect the death of that very beautiful girl, Leonora, who resided in Coram-street?"

"The words of Auston were clearly unexpected, but without hesitation Hilson replied: "I do. What of that?"

"What I am saying you recollect that this was one of those suppressed cases which are never brought under the notice of the police; that no inquest was held on the body of the murdered girl, nor was any individual charged with the crime."

Hilson's brows gathered in a dark, ominous frown. "What has this to do with the subject of our interview?" he asked.

"Because it is the subject which brought me here, and which I think claims your attention."

Hilson's brows knitted, and he bent his dark eyes on the speaker.

"Proceed," he said, and Auston continued:

"I have been waiting for an opportunity to speak," replied Auston; and he would have said something more, but Hilson interrupted him by saying:

"I do not like the way you have acted in Lorraine's case. I doubt if you have been honest, or that you are acting altogether in good faith. I will have the matter sifted to the bottom, and if this man is guilty, as you say, he must suffer."

"Mr. Hilson, you are mistaken," replied Auston, speaking with some heat. "It is not I who accuse Mr. Lorraine, it is facts that bring the crime home to him."

"What do you think of your behavior the least commends itself to me," answered Hilson. "Meanwhile, so this man Newtyle, got those papers and bring them to my house. But this is no sufficient to enable him to do this, he is willing to hand over all documents in his possession bearing on the crime."

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"Were you acquainted with Horace Avillar?"

Again Auston reluctantly admitted that he was, and had not met him frequently.

"Do you know what led to him being mixed up in this Coram-street business?"

"No, I came in reply, and Hilson asked further:

"Are you aware of what caused my visit to that house?"

"No, I am not," returned Auston, who did not like the line his questioner had adopted.

"Have you formed any theory as to the cause of Horace Avillar's disappearance?" continued Hilson.

"I believe he fled to escape with the consequences of what happened in that house in Coram-street," replied Auston, adding after a minute's hesitation, "I am one of those who hold the belief that the man who committed the crime, though, for the sake of his wife, I have never expressed such an opinion."

"Your assumption is wrong. I know that Mr. Avillar, when he disappeared from the presence of his newly-made wife, drove to Charing Cross railway station, and took the boat train for Dover. I have seen the man, but his companions were I do not know."

Austen listened with rapt attention to the words of Hilson, and when he had finished, he said, with a deep breath as of relief, but made no reply.

After a little Hilson said again:

"This Newtyle recognizes the futility of insisting on a proceeding, no money can be got by such a proceeding, so he turns round and accuses me. Well, I am not a man likely to be an easy prey for a blackmailer."

"I understand that such a charge would do me incalculable harm, to say nothing of the sin it would cast upon my name and dignity."

"Apart from that," were those papers which Newtyle holds to pass into the hands of an unscrupulous journalist, it would be even worse than a direct charge against me."

Hilson, who was well aware of the danger to which Auston referred, answered:

"This man again, and get those papers which he holds upon you, and warn him that I will pay no exorbitant sum, also that he must leave the country and travel to Canada, as I will arrange to have him arrested."

Austen assented to this, and was preparing to depart, when Hilson said:

"By the way, I mean to give that young man, your friend, Eric Lorraine, a position in my office."

At his words Auston turned sharply towards him, astonishment showing in every line of his face.

"You surprise me," said Hilson.

"How can that be?" asked Hilson, in return. "Lorraine has always appeared to me to be a friend of yours."

"I have known him since the death of Hilson's wife, and bit his lips with annoyance, for it would place him in a very unfavorable light if he said anything against a man he had treated as a friend."

"I am surprised that you should again take Mr. Lorraine into your employment. He speaks so freely, while his eyes gave one questioning glance at Hilson, and he looked at Retief with a certain amount of contempt, as if he were a man who had been deceived by his words might receive."

"It is now Hilson's turn to be astonished, and he questioned Auston sharply, and he replied, rather hesitatingly:

"The latest report is that the Holborn branch office had cashed a cheque and appropriated the money; told him of the extraordinary similarity between the handwriting and his, Hilson's."

This led to Mr. Hilson summoning one of his managers into his presence. This man had been in charge of the Holborn branch when the incident occurred, and, therefore, had no difficulty in recalling the details.

"I remember the incident, Mr. Hartley, and I am sure that you introduced it into my office fully at the time. What was the young man's story?"

"Now it so happened that between Mr. Hartley and Auston there existed a certain amount of ill-feeling, and the latter had never taken any trouble to conciliate Hilson's employees, but treated them with a lofty disdain. In what way he treated them, Lorraine said regarding the lost cheque, Hartley stated that one of the clerks in the Holborn branch, said that the house where Mrs. Avillar, a well-known society lady, that he met Miss Hilson there, and amongst the guests was Mr. Auston."

"His words caused the eyes of Auston to blaze with anger, and it was with difficulty that he suppressed an oath. Hilson observed this, and, slightly dissenting, he listened to the explanations of Auston, who strove in his most insinuating manner to minimize the effect of Hartley's words. In this he was not successful, for the manager, who Hilson once aroused were not easily allayed."

"Since Mr. Lorraine left my employment, how does he occupy his time?" Hilson asked.

"At present he is secretary to Mr. Retief," replied Auston, confidently, for he felt this was a master-stroke.

Hilson's brows knitted, and his dark eyes were fixed on the speaker with a look that sought to read his thoughts, but, taking no heed of his remark, said:

"It is preferable that this young man should first rob me, then make his way into the society of my wife and daughter, being received as a friend in my house."

"He passed for a well-to-do something, his eyes flashed a keen glance on Auston as he said:

"Was it not you who first introduced Mr. Lorraine to my daughter, and Auston was compelled to admit that he had done so."

"You knew of his disgrace at the time, and have remained silent all along."

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Surprised by the action of Retief, this would probably have troubled Lorraine more but for the fact that his coming interview with Stephen Hilson overhauled everything.

Thus released, Lorraine in the afternoon made his way to Hyde Park, where he encountered Winifred. He could not conceal his pleasure at meeting her, and with the exception of a few minutes spent in conversation, while he believed guilty of a crime.

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CRICKET.

NORTHCOVE V. NORTH MELBOURNE.
1st ELEVEN.
Northcove resumed their innings with 9 down for 25...

SECOND ELEVEN.
This match was in an interesting position when play was resumed last Saturday...

PRESTON V. YARRAVILLE.
This match was started on the Preston oval last Saturday before a large crowd...

1.0.B. competition.—Northcove v. North Melbourne.
This match was commenced on Saturday last on the ground of the former...

Northcove Rifle Club.
All Post Melbourne last Saturday members about 300...

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20.
Present.—Crs. Crispo (Pres.), Robertson, Howe, Allichin, Warr, Bricknell, Braithwaite, Stanlake, Connolly, Sanatorium.

Library Committee.
Geo. C. Winnett went intimating that Crs. Crispo, Howe, Robertson, Allichin and Warr retired from the library committee...

Finance Committee.
Cr. Patterson (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—
1. That accounts amounting to £43.12.2 be passed for payment...

Public Works Committee.
Cr. Allichin (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—
1. That accounts amounting to £230.6.3 be passed for payment...

Cr. Howe (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—
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Preston Children's Annual Sea-side Excursions.

TO BE RESUMED.
The adjourned meeting to consider the advisability of resuming the Preston children's annual excursions was held at the shire hall on Thursday evening...

Property Sales.
Both and Hastings will sell the 8th brick wall, 17 ft. high, 10 ft. wide, 10 ft. deep...

Northcove Branch A.W.A.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 30, at 8 o'clock...

Memorial to Captain Cook.
A new bronze statue of Captain Cook which had been presented to the shire by the late Mr. W. G. Howes...

Shipwreck of the King.
Captain H. H. Campbell, known in the Navy as "Bobby" King, has been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral...

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Local Government.
TOWN OF NORTHCOVE.
LOAN ACCOUNT No. 2.
MENDERS ARE invited to till 4 p.m. on Monday, 3rd February, for Erection of Sheds and Bins for the Corporation Show Crashing Plant on Darwin Creek, Northcove.

Information or Complaint for an Offence Punishable Summarily and Summons Thereon.
In the Court of Petty Sessions at Northcove.
In the Central Bailwick.
By Alfred Thomas Hutton, Cattle Ringer to the Mayor, Councillor and Burgess of the Town of Northcove, Informant.

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