





A SECRET SERVICE

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Ruperra glanced cautiously around him. He betrayed no sign of the haggard-looking convict. He had encountered too many dramatic surprises in the course of his life to be thrown off his balance by anything that he could see, the warders had noticed nothing of what was going on, and it was imperative that this man should not be seen by any of them. Ruperra saw no reason to disbelieve him, then it would be his plain duty to do his best to procure Geoffrey Devant his freedom. He turned down to the door, pushing his barrow with the aimless, listless air of one who has lost all hope and all desire for anything but a life of idleness. "He is a man for whom I have a very high regard. I hope you have done nothing to disgrace him."

CHAPTER XXXII.

"Well, I have to," Denton explained. "As I told you before, these convicts are of considerable assistance to me. The man under the name of 'Tommy' is a very valuable man. He is a sort of second in command, and I should say he has seen fairly good service in his time. Most of those in the workshop are of this sort. They stay for long or short periods, according to the gravity of their crimes. The warders are soldiers, who also have to be drilled. Let's walk across and talk to Captain Barrow."

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Unto the Third & Fourth Generation.

By Marjorie Weatherly.

CHAPTER XI.

Father and Son.

"Alas! my son, you little know the sorrows that from wedlock flow."

Through the window of Richard's room... "Clark come into breakfast this morning..."

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THE SCHOOLMASTER'S WOOING.

By Hazel Dean.

The schoolmaster held up the cane, and wee little Walker held out his hand...

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THE GRIP OF BABY FINGERS.

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There was a curious resemblance between John Marshall, ironmaster, and the commodity he dealt in.

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BUTTER-FAT IN MILK.

It is possible to increase the percentage of fat in milk by varying the feed given to cows?

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PROFITS OF PIG-RAISING.

On many mixed farms there are vast quantities of unuseable material that are practically wasted each year.

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EGYPT'S GREATEST MISER.

There has recently died the man who is said to have been the greatest miser Egypt has known.

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OWALIA LODGE U.A.O.D.

The half-yearly meeting was held on Monday evening, the A.D. (Bro. T. Lydell) presiding over an excellent attendance of members.

CRICKET.

ST. KILDA V. NORTHOTE.

Northote batted first on a splendid wicket at St. Kilda. The batsmen were: Northote, 21; Northote, 10; Northote, 10; Northote, 10; Northote, 10.

Preston Citizens' Progress Association.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday last, there being a good attendance of members. A number of matters were discussed, the chief of which was the proposal to establish a Bacon Curing Factory by Messrs. Geo. Farmer and Co., in this district.

SOME SIMPLE ICES.

PLAIN CUSTARD FOR ICES. Ingredients: Yolks of eggs, one tablespoonful of cornstarch, 1 lb. of white sugar, one quart of milk.

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Local Government.

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South Preston Methodist Sunday School.

At the South Preston Methodist Sunday School last Saturday night, Mr. Victor Trotman, the popular chorist, gave a recital, 'The Strange Visitation,' by Miss Marie Corbell.

SECOND ELEVEN.

At the local park, where a good wicket had been prepared, Northote batted first on a splendid wicket at St. Kilda.

Preston Branch A.W.A.

The half-yearly meeting was held on Monday, Nov. 25th, the president (W. Dwyer) in the chair. An appeal from a contractor's firm was made.

SALAD AND POTATOES.

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STREET CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor. Sir—In view of the fact recently stated in pages of the 'Northcote Leader' that there was still some 60 miles of streets to be constructed in this district, any suggestion made that will materially lessen the cost, and at the same time add utility and appearance will be sure to be admitted to your pages.

THE CLUB ELEVEN.

The club eleven played St. Kilda Methodist on Saturday, and the result was a draw, 10 runs each.

Congregational S.S. Anniversary.

The twenty-second anniversary was celebrated last Sunday. The weather was ideal, and large congregations greeted the preachers.

TO MAKE GOOD BORRIDGE.

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Auction Sales.

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CHAPTER XXXVII.

The Letters.

Ruperra glanced keenly at the two men on the other side of the microscope...

penetrate the future. After all, this servant is not as humbling as he had expected.

CHRISTMAS ROSES

By RUDY M. AYRES. Author of "The Right Sort of Love," "Conquest of the Duke," "The Daughter of a Carrot," etc. (All Rights Reserved.)

When I first met Burnham, he and his wife were trying to keep up appearances on three hundred a year.

A VERSATILE MONARCH.

All historians agree that Peter the Great of Russia was a man of various accomplishments.

SWIMMING AT EIGHTY-TWO.

Mrs. Harckle, the Yorkshire woman of eighty-two, whose ankles near Llandudno have created a mild sensation.

A Lesson.

A schoolmaster in the country delivered the following address to the scholars:

Well-being and happiness are not an inheritance of which we take possession from the hour of our birth...

"You're not going out again tonight, Jim?" "I told you I was."

"I was thinking about your moment ago, I said, and so I had been, and then my eyes fell on the flowers so carried and I grew suddenly silent."

"What do you mean by that?" "I don't know, but I don't want to know."

"I'm not going to be any more of your kind, you know." "I'm not going to be any more of your kind, you know."

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General House Decorator. Above is the well-known establishment of F. PIKE, General House Decorator, GRAINER, SIGNWRITER, &c., PLENTY ROAD, SOUTH PRESTON.

Abhorr J. W. B. 1000. Account Adj. SWORN. Order Your Summer Suit from H. C. Saunders, The Old Established Tailor, 265 High St., Northcote.

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Xmas Sale of Millinery
Trimmed Hats from 9/11.
Untrimmed Chip Hats, White, Burnt, and Black, from 2/11

Corsets in all the Leading Models
P.D. from 5/11 to 12/9.
Warners from 5/11 to 16/9

Mrs. HOLLAND
118, 120, 122 Smith St., Collingwood
When it comes to the Latest in Fashions We are Leaders

MRS. POWELL'S,
High St., Northcote, and Clifton Hill
Why? Just because they find they can "dress better on less money"

MOTOR CARS
The Season during which Motoring is especially enjoyable is here.

REPAIRS & ACCESSORIES
Those who own cars will now be using them frequently and accessories will be needed.

PRESTON MOTOR GARAGE
PLEASURABLE MOTORING GUARANTEED
If you want anything in the Motor business Ring Northcote 324.

GEO. REID
Dairy Produce a Speciality
Try Reid's Famous Teas 1/- 1/3 1/6 lb.

MISS QUEENIE PARKER, A.C.M.
MISS CLARICE FREEMAN, A.C.M.
MISS HILDA MALMGREN

Elegant Comfortable Long-Wearing
The over-increasing popularity of HURST'S FOOTWEAR is due to the fact that Elegance, Comfort, and Longwear are the characteristics embodied in every Boot or Shoe made in Hurst's Factory.

Robert Hurst, 293a High St., Northcote
The holiday programme at this theatre was wisely planned for the season.

NOTICE
Owing to the holidays there will be no publication of the Leader on Saturday next, 3rd January 1914. WHALLEY BROS.

LOCALISMS
An additional train will leave Princes Bridge for Preston on Saturday at 9.10 p.m., from 3rd stop.

PRESTON INDUSTRIES.
Cr. Allechin said he would have been quite willing to give his vote at last meeting.

CONDUCT OF THE POLL.
W. H. Luly wrote to the Preston council on Monday evening asking if it was true that the ballot boxes used at the poll were the same as those used at the last election.

"THE HEART OF A GIRL."
NEW STORY.
The opening chapters of "The Heart of a Girl," by Henry Farmer, author of "The Adventuress," etc., appears in this issue.

CHURCH NEWS.
At the Northcote Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning the Rev. R. W. Lockyer officiated.

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY GRANTS LICENSE.
At the meeting of the council on Monday evening Mr. Farmer's application for a license to erect a new building was granted.

FIRE AT NORTHCOTE.
Just before midnight on the 26th inst. the residence of Edwin D. Miller, 10 Edwards street, Northcote, was partly destroyed by fire.

CEYLON SILK COMPANY.
THE CEYLON SILK COMPANY to advertise their Silks in Australia, forward on receipt of Postal Order value 2/6, ten yards of their famous guaranteed pure silk.

GOOD STYLE IN STRAWS.
HAVE you got your Straw Hat yet? Little longer than you are wearing to make sure of getting the correct style.

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QUEENSLAND BUILDING, 84-88 WILLIAM ST., MELBOURNE. Telephone 2854.

MR. ALEX G. DE LACY, DENTIST.
(SPECIALIST IN OPERATIVE DENTISTRY AND Diseases of the Mouth). Can be consulted at his private address, "Toronto," Martin Street, Northcote. Hours—Evenings by appointment. Evenings, 6 till 8 p.m. Sundays, 9 till 10 a.m.

MR. LESLIE C. WEBSTER, B.D.S., D.D.S., DENTIST.
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DR. STANLEY WILKINSON, DENTAL SURGEON.
566 HIGH ST., THORNHURBY. Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 9.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. And at 80 Collins Street (next Ogg, Chemist), by appointment.

DR. DENTON FETHERS, Has REMOVED to "Bondi," High Street, Preston, opposite the Church of England. Hours at Preston—9 to 11 a.m. 6 to 7.30 p.m. At 28 Collins Street—2 to 4 p.m.

DR. T. F. RIORDAN, late of Carlton, has commenced Northcote. Phone, Northcote 481.

H. O. DYTE, DOCTOR OF OPTICS, DETROIT, MICH., U.S.A. CHEMIST.
SIGHT TESTED FREE. Glasses a Speciality. 561 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE. Phone, Northcote 31.

INCOME TAX ACT 1913. Returns prepared by J. T. DOWLING, ACCOUNTANT. "Montana," 50 Helen St., Northcote.

MRS. B. EDMONDS, Licensed Dairyman.
Pure, Fresh Milk, direct from our own cows, delivered twice daily in Preston and surrounding districts.

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An elderly man named Richard who was taken to the police station on Monday evening, 22nd December, for the offence of playing a gramophone in a public place, was:—Constable Frawley with behaving in an offensive manner in a public place.

CHIEF OF POLICE IN CHARGE OF A HORSE.
GURK Currier, who presented a butler's appearance and had his hair swathed in bandages, was charged with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart.

PIGGERY LICENSE REFUSED.
Dr. Hodgson wrote to the Preston council on Monday evening intimating that he had purchased 100 acres of the Levington Estate, adjoining the Merri Creek, and stating he would like to keep pigs.

BOWLS.
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OAK HILL ESTATE.
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CHAPTER I.

Affairs, financial affairs in particular, were at a more than usually low ebb with the Price family.

Queneau was beginning to hate the very name of London, and the fact that she was beginning to hate London was being dinned everlastingly into her ears.

Money was his crying and his whine. He called it marrying "well," but he meant marrying money.

Had her father been the only proponent of the marriage, she would have had no objection to it.

And the strain and burden of all this was borne by her mother, the greater share falling on Queneau Price's shoulders.

At the moment Queneau was young for such a position; but the nature of her life, without impairing her delicacy or dulling her faith in romance.

Then as the light of a street lamp caught his good-looking, clever, ruddy boyish face...

"Queneau," he said excitedly, for the man's hands were clasped together in his grasp.

"Sweetheart, do you realize what it means?" His low tones were intense.

"Copper boom!" shouted the newsboy. "Copper! Prices all risen!"

"Mamma! she is always calling; but she never comes, and those in despair need an acute frenzy.

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His mouth went a little blue, but he was full of sentiment, but not false sentiment.

"I want to see you, Queneau," he said. "I don't want to see you in a private way."

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HEALTH NOTES.

THE NOSE AS A HEATING APPARATUS.

No stove or furnace that was ever made by man can equal in efficiency the human nose.

All air that is breathed into the lungs should be at a temperature of nearly 20 deg. Fahrenheit.

The entire surface of the inside of the nose is composed of a membrane that pours forth a fluid called mucus.

Children should be taught to use a tooth-brush and some good dentifrice after every meal.

It is rarely, if ever, that palpitation is due to any disease or weakness of the heart.

A new anaesthetic has recently been discovered, and is said to be a great improvement over the old ones.

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THE HOUSEHOLD.

SELECTED RECIPES.

Barolo Pudding.—Beat the yolks of four eggs with a cup of powdered sugar.

Transparent Pudding.—Beat four eggs very light; then add one-quarter of a pound of sugar.

Sausage and Potato.—Chop sausage left-overs fine; then boil and mash six potatoes.

To Sweeten the Breath.—Children should be taught to use a tooth-brush and some good dentifrice after every meal.

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TRUE ECONOMY.

Economy and economy are two much-used words, but sometimes we find they are not applied.

It is much more convenient to have one good dress well made than three or four dresses poorly made.

Buying something one does not want and possibly will never use just because it is cheap is another form of economy in which some people indulge.

Nature's remedies and methods for curing the ill of man, beast, or soil are always the best and most economical.

Through preparation of seed bed, the best results are obtained when good cultivation is vitally essential.

The value of straw as a fertilizer varies. No definite statement can be made regarding its value.

Never sleep or stay in a close room. When indoors remain in the sunniest and best-ventilated room—once, if possible, which has no carpet.

Have a room to yourself when possible, and, at any rate, have your own bed.

Do not bed early and sleep at least eight hours. Avoid draughts, dampness, dust and smoke.

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Loan Accounts for the Year ending 30th September, 1913.

Table with columns for LIABILITIES and ASSETS, showing financial data for Loan No. 1 and Loan No. 2.

A. DEAN, Shire Secretary and Treasurer. Audited and found correct—R. A. W. BALFOUR MELVILLE, F.O.P.A., Government Auditor.

The foregoing Annual Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 30th day of September, 1913, was finally examined, settled, and allowed by the Council of the Shire of Preston this 1st day of December, 1913.

SHIRE OF PRESTON

Annual Statement of Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1913. Local Government Act 1903

Statement of Rates. A GENERAL RATE of Two Shillings in the Pound Sterling for the 30th September, 1913, was made by the Council on the 23rd day of December, 1912.

Table with columns: Riding, Net Valuation, Amount of Rate, Arrears of Rate, Current Rate Collected, Arrears Collected, Total of Arrears, Rates Abandoned.

Assets and Liabilities

Table with columns: ASSETS and LIABILITIES, listing various financial items and their values.

Receipts and Expenditure

Table with columns: RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE, detailing income and expenses.

Special Improvement Charge, No. 1 Account.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Special Improvement Charge No. 1.

Special Improvement Loan No. 1 Loan Account.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES and ASSETS for Special Improvement Loan No. 1.

Special Improvement Charge No. 2 Account.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Special Improvement Charge No. 2.

Special Improvement Loan No. 2 Loan Account.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES and ASSETS for Special Improvement Loan No. 2.

Statement of General Contracts

Table with columns: Balance from last year, Amount of Contracts, Extras, Amount Paid, Balance.

Statement of Contracts, Loan No. 2

Table with columns: Amount of Contracts, Extras, Amount Paid, Balance.

SHIRE OF EPPING.

Annual Statement of Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1913.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Table with columns: ASSETS and LIABILITIES for Shire of Epping.

Statement of Rates.

A GENERAL RATE of One Shilling and Threepence in the Pound to 30th September, 1913.

Table with columns: Riding, Valuation, Amount of Rate, Amount Collected, Amount Uncollected, Rates Abandoned, Total Arrears.

Building Account

Table with columns: RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Building Account.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure

Table with columns: RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE, showing financial data for Shire of Epping.

EXPENDITURE

Table with columns: EXPENDITURE, detailing various expenses.

JAMES RYAN, Shire Secretary. Audited and found correct—R. J. ROBERTSON, F.O.P.A., Government Municipal Auditor.

A VALIANT WOMAN.

Not very long ago an old woman died in the hospital of St. Nicholas du Port whose name was Antoinette Lix; she was a veteran of two wars and had been an officer in the French Army.

Antoinette was one of a family of five born in Alsace. Her mother died at her birth. With her four brothers she learned to ride, to dance, to think, to work, and to do everything as she was a boy. She became an expert with the foils and with the rapier.

She studied, too, and her knowledge of languages—English, German, Polish, besides French, which was the language then of Alsace—got her, in 1862, the place of tutor in a Polish family. She was to teach three girls to become "little men" like herself.

At Raon-Elaphe she won the gold stripe in a fight with German outlaws. A few days later came the Battle of Bourbouis. Tony Lix fought with the fire of ten men. Every now and then she would stop fighting to give first-aid to the wounded and carry the Battle of Bourbouis was the beginning of the end for the French, and for weeks Lieutenant Tony and her little company, worn out and without one unwounded man among them, marched and counter-marched, until the tenant Tony had been wounded by a bit of shell, but she refused to go to the hospital.

Perhaps the most promising venture in sawdust utilization in Canada is the manufacture of ethyl (or grain) alcohol. The sawdust is then treated with sulphuric acid under suitable conditions, resulting in the formation of sugar, which is then fermented to produce alcohol.

Well Known. In a private sitting-room at the hotel sat a party of merry-makers. Suddenly there came a knock at the door, and an attendant, entering in a great hurry, announced: "The compliments of Mr. —, the author, who is in the next room, and he says you are making so much noise that he cannot write."

A wealthy American lady once consulted an English friend about having a coat-of-arms. She explained that her husband was a pork butcher—but he had royal warrants among his ancestors.

LINKING UP THE OCEANS.

What the Panama Canal Has Cost.

When the Panama Canal is opened for sea-going traffic in a few months' time, a task which some years ago was deemed impossible will be achieved, and the great Atlantic and Pacific Oceans will be linked together to form a continuous waterway.

The French engineer's undertaking was begun in 1881, but after only 12 miles out of the 54 were completed and millions had been wasted, the work was abandoned in 1889, to be resumed by the United States in 1903.

COMMON TOWEL DANGERS. The dangers of the common drinking-cup and the common towel have been receiving the attention of doctors in a recent examination of public drinking-cups found in various parts of London showed the presence of germs of pneumonia and diphtheria, as well as other disease-producing germs.

SQUARE BOTTLES BEST FOR WINE. Square bottles have been found the best for holding wines which are bottled in round bottles, and it was not known there was any difference in the taste of wine aged in square bottles or round ones.

TO KEEP HEALTHY. An American paper comments as follows on the best articles in a rival paper. The sarcasm is equally applicable to our medical alarmists here: "Drink water and get typhoid fever; drink milk and get tuberculosis; drink whiskey and get rheumatism; eat soup and get Bright's disease; eat meat and encourage appendix; eat oysters and get blood poisoning; eat vegetables and weaken the system; eat desert and get paralysis; smoke cigarettes and get catarrh; drink coffee and obtain nervous exhaustion; drink wine and get the gout."

Prevention of Neuralgia. A novel discovery for the prevention of neuralgia has been reported at the annual meeting of the Society of Clinical Surgery, held in New Orleans. The discovery is a method for the injection of alcohol in the nerve ganglia at the base of the skull.

SAWDUST'S MANY USES

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SURPRISING THE UNDERGRADUATES.

The Rev. W. Cowan, in his book, "The Humorous Side of the Pulpit," gives a warning to preachers who read sermons they have not written themselves, without taking the precaution of going through them carefully beforehand.

STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS, LOAN NO. 2

Table with columns: Amount of Contracts, Extras, Amount Paid, Balance.

PRESTON DRILL HALL.

A new drill hall erected at Town Hill... Preston, for the Preston troop of boy scouts, was officially opened...

NORTHCOTE PICTURE THEATRE

It has been a week of changes at the theatre. Regardless of expense...

BY KEEL AND WHEEL.

The lefty range that runs parallel with the coast... the Mora race, who have their villages in the wild...

Stott & Bastings

Northcote Property Exchange... HIGH STREET (corner Normanby Avenue).

Amusements.

THEATRE... OPP. TOWN HALL... EVERY EVENING AT 8.

Amusements.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE... OPP. TOWN HALL... EVERY EVENING AT 8.

Local Government

TOWN OF NORTHCOTE... NOTICE TO HOUSEHOLDERS... Notice is hereby given that on and after Monday, January 5th, 1914...

KING'S COLLEGE.

The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes were held at the school...

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

Before Mr. Cole, P.M., and Mr. J. Barron, J.P. FACTOR'S ACT PROSECUTION.

Amusements

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ARREST FOLLOWS COLLISION.

On Saturday evening last, at the intersection of High street and Arthur street...

CHEAP ROADS.

Sir, When carrying out some works along the Riverbank...

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Council Club Hotel, PRESTON. GILBERT T. POWER.

Stott & Bastings... NORTHOTE PROPERTY EXCHANGE.

HATTAM & HATTAM, Northcote's Busy Drapers.

J. F. BIRCH'S... Leading Hatter and Mercer, 170 Smith St., Collingwood.

NEW YEAR GIFTS... THE HOUSE FOR EVERYTHING.

Walker's Fancy Repository and Toy Shop, 205 High Street, Northcote.

MAYER'S QUALITY SHOPS... 219 High Street, Northcote.



Walker's Fancy Repository and Toy Shop, 205 High Street, Northcote. Includes text about toys, dolls, and other delights.

MAYER'S QUALITY SHOPS... 219 High Street, Northcote.

Various small advertisements and notices, including 'Cooking in Hot Weather is pretty rough on your Wife', 'Begin to Patronize Mayer's Ham and Beef Shops TO-DAY!', and 'MELBOURNE NORTH PROVINCE'.

