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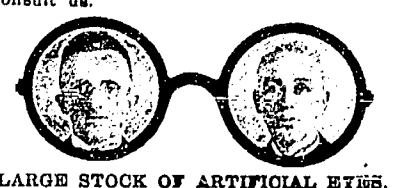
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CHAPTER X.—Continued.

He left Mr. Velvet's office feeling singularly confused and resentful. Why, he asked himself, should he be all this trouble about Jack? Jack had scores of friends and relatives. Should they not take their part instead of regarding the matter, as they did, with apathy, and deprecating any attempt to bring public notice to bear upon the case? Their idea seemed to be to avoid publicity and notoriety above all things. The police had the matter in hand and there was nothing more to be done but leave it to the authorities, pray and hope for the best.

The Vicars family rather favored the theory that Jack's body would sooner or later be found in the Holling woods (which, by the way, had been gone through as it were with a fine tooth comb). They talked of heart disease in the family (which never existed) and devoutly hoped that his death had been painless, and that in God's good time they would be permitted to assist at a Christian interment of his mortal remains.

That same evening brought Tony an invitation from Mrs. Champneys for the week-end at Meat House. She said that they were all so much looking forward to seeing him again, and that if he was not motoring down the best train was the 4.10 from Charing Cross which, unless they heard to the contrary, they would meet at Kingsmill at 5.40.

There was also a letter from Dolly. "Dear Mr. Rawson," she wrote, "thanks so much for the scrumptious lunch. I am afraid I must have appeared very foolish about my dreams and talks of ghosts. Please forget all about that part of it, and I beg of you not to refer to it to mother or father when you see them. I will explain when we meet. I am so glad you are coming down on Friday. You will, won't you? Mother is writing. I have such a lot I want to talk to you about. With kind regards, yours sincerely, Dolly."

Tony was quite extraordinarily pleased with this little letter and put it into his pocket-book. He particularly liked its tone of intimacy. And he was fondly elated at the signature—plain "Dolly." She might so well have signed herself "Dorothy Champneys," or even "Dolly Champneys." But plain "Dolly!"

CHAPTER XI.

The week-end at Meat House passed pleasantly. The weather was delightful, and there was a little, well-asserted crowd of interesting people—interesting, that is to say, to Tony, at any rate. Diana Champneys was a connoisseur in choosing her week-end guests. She never by any chance made a mistake. No one ever clashed. On this particular occasion all the girls seemed uncommonly like Dolly, and all the men, curiously enough, might have been Tony's own particular friends—men of his age and taste and set. It was altogether charming. Tony felt thoroughly at home. That was just the result that Diana had meant to achieve. She had the rare faculty of not only choosing the right people, but of leaving people alone.

And Tony began to like Mr. Champneys, who had cast his legal manner and become quite human. The future Master of the Rolls played a fast game of tennis and altogether made a merry host.

But he did not see quite as much of Dolly as he would have wished. Dolly was very much in demand, and a tete-a-tete looked like being impossible.

On Sunday morning most of the house party attended matins at Holting Church. Tony sat next to Dolly and joined with her in singing under the Lord and heartily rejoicing in the strength of their salvation.

During a rather prosy doctrinal sermon by Mr. Amies, Tony could not help thinking of that other service at which he and Dolly would have been present a month ago had things turned out differently. Perhaps Dolly, too, was thinking of the same thing.

After church Tony and Dolly walked back to Meat House together. They started off ahead of the others and walked quickly. It was Dolly's suggestion, and it gave Tony unqualified satisfaction.

"I want to avoid speaking to Mr. Stanford," she said. "I saw him in the church with Lady Stanford. I thought he was abroad. Oh, I do wish I could get over my repugnance to that man! He quite spoils my life down here. At the worst of it is that mother seems so fond of him. The whole world seems banded together to throw the wretched man at my head."

This was where Tony decidedly sat up and took notice. "I must confess," he remarked with admirably simulated unconcern, "that I, too, have no great predilection for that young gentleman."


"He's positively leathesome!" cried Dolly. "An abhorrent creature. I hate the sight of him." She broke off with a nervous little apology for her outburst. "I'm sorry," she said. "I ought not to say such things about our neighbors. But somehow there

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is something about you, Mr. Rawson, that— Again she stopped, confused.

"You don't mean to say," exclaimed Tony, "that the fellow is really offensive to you—that he presses at you—how do you know what I mean?" He, too, felt a little awkward.

"Oh, don't let's talk about the creature," laughed Dolly, to cover a sudden confusion. "I ought not to have said anything. Mother says I am always letting my tongue run away with me."

"My love," declared Tony, very grimly, "I'll soon put a stop to his game."

"Oh, no—no; you mustn't do anything! Please, Mr. Rawson!"

"You've only got to say the word, young lady, and I'll—break his neck." And he really looked as if the expression were not mere metaphor.

Dolly gave him a swift upward look, and a flush of crimson came for an instant into her cheeks. Their eyes met. Then she quickly looked away as she said half to herself: "Oh, I love to hear you talk like that. You look so jolly strong, and as if you really would do it, don't you know—just as if—"

Then she stopped confused, and commenced to talk rather at random and inconsequently on other things.

But Tony was having none of it. "Miss Champneys," he asked, with a forced calmness that was really impressive, "have you ever had any suspicions that this fellow—he had got into the way of calling Brian Stanford 'this fellow'—that this fellow knows anything about this disappearance of Jack?"

"Mr. Rawson," exclaimed Dolly, "what on earth do you mean?" It was most obvious that nothing was further from her thoughts than the suggestion contained in Tony's question.

Then Tony told her what he did mean. He did not tell her everything, but he told her just what he had meant. That Velvet persisted in his original theory that Jack had been murdered. He merely told her of the story of old Tom Fagg and his subsequent interview with Stanford, his manner, the impression he had left upon him, Tony, Mr. Velvet's investigations into the past—the quarrel existing between Vicars and Stanford—and he referred to the recent dramatic withdrawal from political life of the Under-Secretary of State for War.

Dolly was stupendously impressed.

"I wish I could tell you everything, Mr. Rawson," she said; "but, somehow, I feel I ought not to. It doesn't seem quite fair."

"And why not, pray?" exclaimed Tony, indignant.

"Oh, I don't know; but somehow I feel that it isn't quite right. You see, you are really quite a stranger."

"Don't be absurd, Dolly," interrupted Tony; and she did not appear to resent it, indeed, she did not appear even to notice—his use of her Christian name.

Then she told Tony all about Mr. Brian Stanford, told him of his persistent attentions and of her growing and unalterable repugnance to him. She told him all about the meeting outside Goppin's Farm on the very eve of what was to have been her wedding, an hour or so after she had met Tony for the first time. She spoke freely to him, just as she might have done to her own brother. She seemed completely at ease with him. They might have known each other for years.

As for Tony, he literally boiled with rage—jealous rage and indignation. Henceforth the Right Honourable Brian Stanford had a formidable enemy to deal with. Yes, it was jealous rage. Tony admitted it. Right or wrong, Jack or no Jack, he knew that he was head over heels in love with Dolly Champneys.

That night after dinner they played bridge till close on midnight, and when at last Tony found himself alone in his bedroom, a sudden resolve came to him to go out and take a brisk walk in the moonlight. It was a gorgeous night, with a full moon bathing the world in a bath of liquid light. The air was full of sweet scents. The rambler roses outside his window—fragrant Zepherine Drouhin and the silvery Conard Meyers looking like clusters of midnight dew and pearls—filled his room with fragrance. From the garden below came intoxicating odours of the night stocks and carnations.

The night called to him with insistent voice. He must get out and bathe in the moonlight. A nightingale was singing in the shrubbery.

He met no one on his way downstairs save a servant who was shutting up. He told her he was going for a short walk, and asked how he could gain access to the house.

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Mr. G. E. Robinson, of Preston, said that until the end of last year, 16 buses had operated on the route from Spencer street to Reservoir over a period of four years. In that time the population of the East Reservoir portion of Preston had doubled. This was the almost wholly to the fine bus service, which had been a prominent factor in pioneering East Reservoir settlement.

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In December last a deputation from Preston led by Mr. Jones to enquire how the bus service to be renewed. Mr. Jones replied that he could not comply since the Bus Advisory Board had ruled that the service be eliminated.

"Subsequently the Preston Council invited the Minister to Preston to hear respectful argument. Mr. Jones refused to do this."

Many former bus owners, said Mr. Robinson, were still out of employment, as were many of the drivers. Most of them were returned soldiers, who had put their savings into the enterprise.

What irked most was that the Carnegie bus service, which was similarly voted out by the Advisory Board as from January 1, was still operating.

When Mr. Robinson's statement was brought to the notice of the Acting Chief Inspector of Hackney Carriages (Inspector Elyth), he said: "We can only abide by the decision of the Advisory Board. In the case of the Carnegie service, the Minister has promised to reconsider the matter. Pending finality the service has been permitted to continue."

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Central Northcote
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Morning and Evening—Rev. A. C. Kallaway, M.A.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNHURST
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
11 a.m.—Rev. John Bates.
11 a.m.—Rev. W. J. Allwood.

ROBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 a.m., Very Rev. D. A. Cameron.
2 p.m., Sunday School and Kindergarten.

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NORTHCOLE METHODIST CHURCHES
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CHURCH OF CHRIST, HIGH STREET, NORTHCOLE
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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 17, 18.
MILTON SILLS IN
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BIRTHDAY WISHES. The best wishes for a bright and happy birthday to Hazel North (Mrs. 13), Aubrey Singleton (Mrs. 13), and the rest of the Corbers, Uncle Phil, and the rest.

KIDDIES' QUESTIONS. Why do we go to sleep?—No one is quite sure why we go to sleep, but I think the real reason is that while we are awake we make it our business to get as much rest as we can.

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THE FORGOTTEN PRINCESS. A long while ago a baby girl was born to a poor man and his wife. They called her Jane. She grew into a beautiful child, loved by all who knew her.

THE DEW MAN. The dew man came in the dark, dark night. And watered all the grass; He ruffled the feathers round and round. But no one heard him pass.

THE DEVIL MAN. The devil man came in the morning. He smiled; his smile was bright. He looked at the children and said: "Come up! Come up!"

THE WINNER ON POWER. The winner on power, please call for your prize. You will find it in a small box, with a key to open it.

COBBER'S CLUB. Three. Misses many slipping niggers nibbled needles, nibbled and nibbled into the night. Nibbled and nibbled into the night.

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HOODLUMS IN PARKS. The Northcote Council has received a letter from J. W. H. Byson, secretary of the Northcote Progress Association, asking for the removal of the "drunks" frequenting Park St. park.

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PARKS COMMITTEE. Mr. Mitchell moved the amendment to the Parks Committee, asking council to make representations to the Tramways Board regarding the proposed extension of the tramway line to High St. to Northcote.

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THE PETS and UNCLE PHIL.

#### BIRTHDAYS

On Feb. 28 Edith Threlkeld, David Bensley and Arthur Harris; on March 1, Albert Foote and Frank Ardley, and on March 2 Joan Harrison have a birthday. We all wish them a happy and joyous time from the Cobbers' Club.

Sid Singleton.—Please call for your prize on Friday. How many have you got now?

4 Carlisle St., South Preston

Dear Uncle Phil.—Will you please enroll me as a cobber in the Cobbers' Club? I am 13 years old and I have left school and I got my merit last year. I have a pet kitten and he is so playful, and while I am writing to you he is meowing and climbing in the fireplace. I call him Tiger. Love to the pets.

(GOOD) Zillah Dempster

(Welcome, Zillah. What are you going to do now? hope you'll have plenty of time to write to the club. Do you like pets? I do; I've got three now. Love from the Pets. Write again soon.)

#### POUNDS AND DOGS

Oh, I would like to ride across The prairies on a great wild horse; Alone across the prairies wide; Barbouck upon a mustang ride. I live upon a rocky ledge, high and led by a groom in Rotten Row. Oh, I would like a bulldog pup! I'll have one, too, when I'm grown up! I've got a dog, but, if you please, It is a weezy Pekinese.

And laughing and shouting a bark, I lead it up and down Hyde Park. To think that I should come to that— A Pekinese—a pony fate.

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#### KIDDIES' QUESTIONS

Why Do I Laugh When I'm Glad?  
 Will you be content if I answer that you laugh because you are "made that way"? Yet, though perhaps you do not think much about it, that is the real answer. If a bright light suddenly strikes your eye, you shut it because your brain is made to reply in that way. That is a simple way of replying. And laughing when you are tickled is really the same, only that instead of really just one thing, you do a number of things at once. You move many muscles of your face instead of merely moving your eyelids. You also move the muscles that you breathe with in an unusual way, and also the muscles that you make sounds with. It is this particular movement of all these muscles together that we call laughter, and it is really a reply to the tickling, just as drawing away your foot is a reply when someone tickles the sole of it.

#### RIDDLES

What two letters do not agree in a crowd?—C and D, because there is always a row between them.

What is the brightest city in the world?—Electricity.

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### PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB

#### MONSTER ANNUAL MEETING.

CLUB'S SOLID FINANCIAL STATUS

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR 1924.

The annual meeting of the Preston Football Club was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. The club's president (Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.) presided over a large and enthusiastic gathering, and he was accompanied on the platform by Mr. C. J. W. Webber, M.L.A., and Mr. Alf. Woodham, a vice-president of the V.F.A.

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