ELLIOTT; RUTH

A PROPHECY FULFILLED.

A TALE OF SOCIAL LIFE IN CANADA.

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PART II.

" Peaceful was the night Wherein the Prince of Light His reign of peace upon the earth Legan; The winds with wonder whist, Smoothly the waters kist, Whispering new joys to the mild o ean Who now hath quite forgot to rave; While birds of calm sit brooking on the charmed

But see, the virgin blest Hath laid her babe to rest : Time is, our song should here have ending. Heaven's youngest teemed star Hath fixed her polished car,-Her sleeping Lord, with handmaid lamp attend-

ing; And all about the courtly stable Bright harnessed angels sit, in order service-

It was a bright April morning, and the sun shone cheerily into the east windows of Villa Maria Convent, whose stately towers keep sentry on the southern slopes of old Mount Royal.

The bell for early matins had rung out on the clear morning air; the whole convent was early astir; there seemed to be unusual bustle. The Sisters were moving quietly about; each one devoted to some particular duty or directing preparations and decorations in the grande salon, for it was to be graduating day at this grand old educational institution for young ladies.

Many of the notables of the good city of Montreal had been invited, representatives of its wealth, culture, and refinement, and nowhere perhaps could one see gathered together a better representation of the old aristocracy especially-who were once the Seigniors, or landed proprietors, of the old Province of Quebec, than at one of these annual gatherings.

La Grande Dame et la filles made it almost a religious duty to attend on these occasions, and this one, it was expected, would be of more than usual interest as His Excellency the Governor General and Lady ----were to be present.

While the good Sisters and their domestics were busy with the preparations in the grande salon for the fitting reception of their guests, in another portion of the great group of buildings which make up this Convent, preparations were going on with no less of interest or activity. This was among the pupils. Some who were to take an active part in the day's proceedings were earnestly! revising their tasks. One's voice could be heard in a recitation whose thrilling modulations fell pleasantly on the ear; another further on was taking a last look at the author from which she was to give a reading; anon two are recapitulating a dialogue; then a merry, light-hearted laugh would ring out in the long corridor as some bright young spirit would make merry with the

From another half open portal poured forth sounds of music of entrancing sweetness. Listening one could distinguish that it came from the harpsichord, and that the touch was one of exquisite delicacy, and the selection a reverie of remarkable beauty.

With bated breath we pause to drink it in, when almost imperceptibly the music has changed to a raphsodie celestiale, and a torrent of silvery notes comes pouring forth which carries the listener away in rapt delight. Whatever pupil that'is, we conclude, is sure of a triumph.

We are asked to descend to a lower hall, and from a half open door peals forth the ravishing strains of "The Convent Bells," a selection of great beauty, which is being rendered with a masterly touch and precision that confounds our previous ideas of human capabilities of musical rendition.

We are opposite the door, may we not enter, our manner said, as plain as if we had spoken our thoughts, but anticipating our wishes the good nun who had been detailed to conduct us through the convent before the hour for assembling, motioned us to look in.

On an elevated dias, and in front of a tiara of rich sofas and chairs, stands the piano, and near by one of the sisters, the musical instructress, a foreign lady of great skill in this department.

"It was she to whose exquisite playing you have been listening," said our guide. But she is not alone; with her are three of the young lady pupils. One has a violin, another stands resting her hand upon a large, golden harp, the third, who is to perform on the piano, is receiving her last instruction and the good sister has been illus trating to them modulation, or the cadences and emphasis, to be attended to in their execution of the selection.

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the daughter of a prominent member of the our heroine. Bar. Her rich brown complexion, and her First on the programme was a fantasia on full, large, velvety black eyes, her regular the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger, the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the piano by Madamoiselle Loranger the being remonstrated with the being remon black hair falling in studied neglige about her finely moulded shoulders makes her at once distingue, brilliant, and attractive.

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She is more s'ender than the first; tall | Elliott, la blonde Anglaise. and graceful; of quiet and gentle mien, thrilling effect, we are almost irresistably genuine and enthusiastic. about to exclaim, "what an angelic Clad in becoming colors with a simplicity creature," when a finger in warning raised as artless as her character was earnest and by the good nun who accompanies us an angelic Clad in becoming colors with a simplicity had better look after Ruth, for I fear this cial development of the Blackstones, in marrying him every precaution will be young lawyer means to come to start the government, and that accompanies to young a determinent to young lawyer means to come to start the government, and that accompanies we had better look after Ruth, for I fear this young lawyer means to come to start the government, and that accompanies we had better look after Ruth, for I fear this young lawyer means to come to start the government, and that accompanies will be suited to young lawyer means to come to start the government, and that accompanies we had better look after Ruth, for I fear this young lawyer means to come to start the government, and that accompanies we had better look after Ruth, for I fear this young lawyer means to come to start the government, and that accompanies we had better look after Ruth, for I fear this young lawyer means to come to start the government accompanies.

of their lovely daughter.

The third is the beautiful Miss Harrington. Her father is the portly senator, and head of the great milling firm of A. W Harrington & Co., who carry on extensive operations in wheat and flour in the North-West, as well as in Montreal, counting their capital among the millions. It is the hospitable roof of her father's stately home on the hillside that shelters Sir John Macdonald Premier of Canada. She also is bright and beautiful, but a rippling smile plays over her face, and a genial sparkle lights up her eye, which indicates her to be like her father, who is fond of good jokes, mirthful vivacious, and the life of her circle.

All the girls are her friends and interested in her success. Each performer will a pear in a solo, as well as in the trio they are now met to finally rehearse. Miss Harrington's mastery of the viola is complete, and her finesse, "although an amateur," will bear comparison with the best masters. Volunteered our conductor, "we will wait minute or two here to allow you to hear a passage executed."

We obey, and are well rewarded for tarrying. First there is a magnificent prelude on the piano, which subsides into an accompaniment to the harpist who next renders a brilliant passage in a wondrous manner, and then joins in an accompaniment to the fair violinist whose execution and rendition of a most difficult part was a trio, all proceeding together, and each vying with the others in delicacy and perfection of execution in which the lights and shades or modulations were simply entranc-

presentation of the "three graces."

have many unique experiences; but this ters, so that he might without a suspicion said she had already told Mr. Bently so and who lies himself in ambush for the spoils. surpassed in exquisite delight anything our of flattery compliment the ladies of Villa had explained to him, that, much as she re- Father, you have taught me to despise reportorial soul had ever enjoyed. Strange Maria on being experts in the art of esthetic spected him, and felt flattered by his pro- slanderers, and yet you are caught by the thoughts are always suggested by strange culture; and the young ladies now closing posals, yet that duty to herself, and to an- first web they spin to blight my hopes of environments; so, in this case one could not | their academical career and going forth, he other who possessed her affections, forbade | happiness, you remember what Pope says, help thinking what a training school for hoped would fill the honored places in happy her accepting even his attentions. earth born spirits in which to fit them to homes for which their wonderful attaintake their places in the great angelic chorus ments eminently adapted them. The bene- which had spread over her father's face she and orchestra of heaven.

whose quiet, modest mien has quite disturb- convent resumed its accustomed quiet. ed our usual calm serenity, and we feel a That evening in the Elliott mansion "a which I would regard as dishonorable." loused reportorial sympathies.

conducted to seats in the grand salon. Soon pupil of the Convent of Villa Maria. Among only the ordinary power of woman's will, good if you will. I for one will obey the His Excellency drives up, and as he enters, the guests on that occasion was the gifted but also the unconquerable power of woman's scripture injunction and; painful though the accompanied by Lady — and his aides de and brilliant young barrister, Arthur love, which camp, the pupils, who have filed in and are Blackstone, who had recently been admitalready in their places, two deep in the form | ted to the Bar. of quarter circles at each side of the dias, His college career had been one of great Solomon says of it "Love is stronger than will not perjure myself before the altar if

the dias, an address of welcome is read in brightness, and on his cheek a strange deli- love, it would utterly be contemned." the English and French languages, by two cacy of blush, that when lighted up by aniof the pupils, and Lady - presented with mation made him not merely interesting but a handsome bouquet, by a third, of rare fascinating to the feminine observer, but to flowers culled from the convent's own con- those who had the faculty to enable them to servatory, for which fitting replies are made look beneath the surface it indicated the by His Excellency. The programme of the hectic flush of constitutional depravity, or day is then proceeded with, which consisted what in this case seemed most probable, the first in reading a report of the condition and outward expression of the secret vice of inprogress of the institution, giving an outline temperance, (possibly acquired at college), of its history, the attendance for the year, thus far successfully concealed, and as yet the names of the graduating class, the names not suspected by his most intimate friends; I'll have none of it. Then as a stock breedof prize winners, commendatory remarks or time will declare which. special mention of various pupils in special branches, &c., &c. This over, the list of | Elliott that he had had, for, although close names of prize winners was called, and as each blushing maiden advanced to the dias and was presented by the Superioress stating in what they excelled the prizes were handed to each, with a few commendatory remarks by His Excellency, marking it as a red discovered to be most agreeable neighbors letter day in their history. This was followed by the presentation of diplomas, and mingle in all social gatherings. To say that following on this, a valedictory by one of young. Blackstone lost his heart on that the young lady graduates on the possibilities eventful night would be to but feebly exof human attainments. It is superfluous to press what really did happen. say that the audience was very appreciative and complimentary, and showered applause upon the successful ones. An address to the pupils by His Excellency and especially or no one else; indeed his absent-mindedto the graduates then closed this portion of ness became quite noticeable. He would knock the exercises. The programme of entertainment furnished by the pupils and graduating graph, mix up his briefs, forget to take class began.

The pupils divide our interest between limited, I must with the readers' permis- important point in a case and thus failing to and appreciate the difference between the to any foolish love-match arrangement to be trusted to them and the grand assembly hall, for this sion omit much of interest that transpired; secure a missing link, unintentionally play Bentleys and the Blackstones; both good whereby these who are not fit to be trusted but the performances of the "three grand salon of the convent. But first of the pupils. They appear to be introduced as such by the Lady Superior, and in short he was in love, and that seriously. chance to choose. Zounds! but it does make means, and squander it in riotous living. between the ages of seventeen and twenty; indeed they well deserved the designation, as He raved about her when alone, attempted my blood run warm to think these women and are apparelled with rare simplicity and the plaudits of the audience, and the showneatness.

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Beside her stands a blonde of singular of the poet Frechette by an English pupil, recalling him from dreamland and making larger in business no matter to the him diligent in business no matter to th beauty; it is unmistakably an English face; which displayed a masterly control of the her eyes large and blue, aqualine nose, French language, an accomplishment likely vent in spirit be ever afterward by the money, why I and inexperienced in the world's displayed a masterly control of the bim diligent in business no matter how feryes large and blue, aqualine nose, French language, an accomplishment likely vent in spirit be ever afterward by the money, why I and inexperienced in the world's displayed a masterly control of the bim diligent in business no matter how feryes large and blue, aqualine nose, French language, an accomplishment likely vent in spirit be ever afterward by the money, why I and inexperienced in the world's displayed a masterly control of the bim diligent in business no matter how feryes large and blue, aqualine nose, French language, an accomplishment likely vent in spirit be ever afterward by the money, why I and inexperienced in the world's guess I'd let her have her way, and chance wiles; you will not be advised; you will not

and as she bends her head towards her stepped upon the raised dias; her appearance golden harp and touches its chords with was the signal for an outburst of applause, like the signal for an outburst of applause, like the head towards her stepped upon the raised dias; her appearance into the market. But then he saved it. But foreseeing what was common the saved it. But foreseeing what was common to the saved it. But foreseeing what was common the saved it. But foreseeing what was common to the saved it. But foreseeing wh

creature," when a finger in warning raised as artless as her character was earnest and by the good nun who accompanies us ensured sincere, she at once captivated all hearts, is the strictest silvage.

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Blackestones a good enough fellow, of course, in his place; and that is in a business relation purely.

That's just where I would like to keep thim; but, confound it, if my Ruth proves the city. princely merchant, and farmer, and now bank president, Mr. Elliott of Dorchester Road.

Her parents will be among the assembled guests of to-day, and they will be justly proud guests of to-day, and they guest for the city.

Mro Bently, Jr., was also one of Ruth's admirers has persistent as her mother; heady, and as persistent as her mother; well have to make the city.

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as to make it seem as if everybody was en- ner in the great dry-goods house of Bentley grandfather's family." tranced in a reverie of absent thought, and & Son. had for the time forgotten that they, or she who ravished their ears with such exquisite Mr. Elliott and his good lady, and they strains of sweetest melody, were of the earth, soon found means to let their daughter

earthy! elicited an enthusiastic encore. A response Bentlys, to a matrimonial adventure (if such having, contrary to the custom, been per- were proposed) with a dashing young barmitted at the special request of their Excel- rister, however brilliant, but with only lencies, she gave on reappearing the "Trau- cheek to recommend him. His brightness, merei" of Schumann and "Les Pleurs de Mr. Elliott sagely objected, might soon be-Autumne," that exquisitely sympathetic come recklessness; besides he could not composition of Rees.

evoked, was the delighted Superioress that exhausted. as she retired a second time she exclaimed, presence."

their training been. But the heart still ed as a rising member of the Bar. He also lingered around the fair Saxon pupil.

nounced to conclude the programme, and as a 'jolly good fellow.' warmly thanked for the pleasure their meri- wife. torious performances had given himself, as Young Blackstone lost no time in seeking he was sure it had the whole company.

A distribution of special prizes for special merit followed, and again our fair heroiue is what surprised at so early a proposition found among the roll of honor as having and said that, as it was a matter that sera marvel of perfection, and surpassed in ing for the last the medal, for the first being sideration. effect the other two; soon this changed into awarded a diploma, and for literary composition, honorable mention.

His Excellency in presenting the fair re- opposition, retired exulting in the thought cipients of honors with their special prizes that his proposition had not at once been ing his utter want of confidence in her judg. took occasion to remark that seldom in one's summarily rejected. life did it occur that one was permitted to They have finished and retire by a side witness such a happy blending of the good morning, and remonstrated with her in you be so cruel? You do Arthur Black. entrance, and as our eyes follow them we and the beautiful, or in such marked degree vain. She said that she could not accept stone injustice, but some one has been cannot help regarding them as the living re- as it had been their's to see that day; or to the young gentleman her father wished her prejudicing you against him, it is some listen to such exquisite renderings of the to marry—as she could not love him, her foul slanderer, some spider of society wear-Press reporters are a privileged class, and most difficult compositions of the great mas- heart being devoted to another; and she ing his pretty web of lies and sneers, but diction having been pronounced by the exclaimed, "Dear father, much as I love Other pupils take their places and con- Bishop of Montreal, the grande salon became you, and would like to have pleased you in tinue the rehearsal of their several parts, a scene of friendly confusion caused by everything, I feel it to be due to myself to but our thoughts follow the beautiful trio, hand-shaking and congratulations, and marry the man I love, and share his forand are centered upon the English blonde, gradually the guests scattered and the old tunes with him, rather than one for whom I

strange unrest in our usually dull and cal- few friends " gathered by special invitation

This was the first introduction to Miss neighbors, they had seen little of each other for years, and had not even spoken before, but his family had been climbing, and now, by the charm which success in money getting always brings, the Blackstones were and most worthy people, so they began to

That night he dreamed of the beautiful Miss Elliott, and next morning as he walked down to his office he could think of nothing over the ink bottle, write the wrong parahome with him some important paper or To be as brief as possible, as our space is take some other in its place; overlook some but the performances of the "three graces," directly into the hands of his antagonist; enough in their way, but when one has the with money should obtain possession of your introduced as such by the Lady Superior and in short he was in large living. ers of bouquets fully proved, we cannot pass displayed his infatuation to such an extent Father and son, the Bentleys must be worth special benefit. This soon matures by limit without remark, since it affects the future of the reglect all this are and son, the Bentleys must be worth special benefit. The one who will preside at the piano is without remark, since it affects the future of as to neglect all things else and absent him
at least ten millions; but what is wealth to ation, for it is payable as an endowment, or at least ten millions; but what is wealth to ation, for it is payable as an endowment, or at least ten millions; but what is wealth to

some degree of asperity, and nettled young Blackstone. It had the effect however of be's got the money, of course; when against my better judgment. I know I may be be's got the money, of course; when against my better judgment. Next followed a reading from the French fithe poet Frechette by an English pupil, recalling him from dramland and making the money, of course; when against my better judgment. I know the poet frechette by an English pupil, recalling him from dramland and making the second aspertly, and nettled young he's-got the money, of course; when against my better judgment. I know the poet freehette by an English pupil, recalling him from dramland and making the second aspertly, and nettled young he's-got-the-money! There's just the dif-Next came the announcement of a selection on the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invited to the selection of t tion on the harp, from Chopin by Miss tended without the formality of an invitaElliott, la blonde Anglaise.

England, when I was a boy. And who was the other fellow's grandfather? Why a comthe other fellow's grandfather? Why a comtion into five o'clock teas; and later on Mr. the other fellow's grandfather? Why a comElliott, in addressing his wife, character bushes a she will, you may depend on it, and there's an end on the she wont, she wont was coming I have In answer thereto our heroine blushingly stepped upon the raised dias; her appearance ized his frequent visits as "protricted months and afterwards a protricted months and afterwards a lit. But foreseeing what was coming I have huckster in the market. But then he saved it. But foreseeing what was coming I have huckster in the market. But then he saved it.

Her music held the audience so spellbound prudent business man and the junior part-told that grandmother had been cook in his

Young Bently was a great favourite with know that they would prefer that she The piece being finished it was pronounced should form a matrimonial alliance, if at to have been a most masterly effort and all, with the old, and reputable family of see how anybody could find nervous fuel These efforts were rewarded by a shower enough to continue burning at that rate of bouquets that fell at her feet in rich pro- very long. He did not like oversmart men, fusion, and she retired, by common consent and geniuses, as a class, had not much conthe most graceful and exquisitely beautiful tinuity; they were like candles of tallow. creature it had ever been their lot to see. and resin, being extra inflamable they burn So much pleased with the enthusiasm she ed more brightly, but were all the sooner for a few years, until I am satisfied it will

But young Blackstone was a partner in sotto voce, to Lady -- "It is no marvel, the old and respectable legal firm of Catchshe is known among us as 'la angel de la em, Pluckem, & Cheatem; and being a convent,' such a charm is there in her firm with a large clientel, he was fairly launched on the sea of life and had golden Other performers followed in dialogues, opportunities for acquiring experience in his recitations, readings, &c., all marked by profession, and because of his high reputaexcellen e of rendition, so thorough had tion as a student, soon became distinguishbecame a popular favorite at the clubs, and A trio by "The three Graces" was an- was regarded by the young men of his set

when they appeared an ovation greeted In love he proposed apace, and in spite of them, and at the conclusion, by His Excel- the strongly expressed prejudices of her lency's special request, the three were pre- parents, Ruth Elliott, in only a few months sented to him and highly complimented on from the time of her graduation with high be, as she would sweep away the cobwebs their attainments in the art of music, and honors, had engaged herself to become his from the corner of a room.

> the approbation and consent of her parents to the engagement. Mr. Elliott was some-

achieved marked distinction in music, liter- jously affected the future well-being of his pruden in you own interest to with hold any ary composition and good conduct ; receiv- daughter it would require the greatest con-Young Blackstone, having been warned by Ruth, that he might expect her father's

Her father called her into his library next her indignation, and exclaimed, "How can

Touched by the look of disappointment entertain no other feeling than respect,

to join in a welcome-home to the beloved this mesalliance, and that in opposing her in do not, and I will be his wife. Discard me The guests are beginning to arrive and are daughter and talented and accomplished it, he would have arrayed against him, not if you choose and tell me you do it for my

" * * * * Is known To be a lovely, and a fearful thing."

all standing, join in singing a stanza of a brilliancy; he had beaten all competitors; death, many waters cannot quench love, swear I love him above all others. Keep welcome song, the company also standing. had won every medal for which he had com- neither can the floods drown it; if a man the money, he will not need it. He is al-Their Excellencies having been seated on peted. In his eye there was a strange would give all the substance of his house for ready distinguished at the bar, and you will

Looking at things from the practical standpoint of worldly preferment and advantage, Mr. Elliott mused thus to himself: "I wish in her hands. those Blackstones had never been admitted to our circle; this is what comes of being tering expectations, my dear, ventoo sociable; I was opposed to it from the first but then one has sometimes to sink one's prejudices about caste in this country, and give way, and now I am asked to give my daughter to one of this plebian race. No. er I ought to know that the common herds often develop some ancestral trait not looked for or desired, that mars all its excellence. So with this plebian blood; it is almost sure to run to excesses one direction or another. And then there's that old Saxon he should ill treat you?" proverb, come down to us from the old days when wild boar hunting was the sport of noble sires; and purse bags made from boar's ear skins, were valued as a princely trophy. A silk purse cannot be made from a boar's ear,' so neither can we expect ambitious plebians to be ladies and gentlemen in one generation. No, my duty is plain, I must hold in trust for you a legacy of \$500,000. oppose this wild venture with all the firmness I can command, even at the risk of being considered harsh. If in the end I have to yield, why I will have done my duty But what she sees in him to love I can't con-

"Why did she love him! curious fool, be still, Is human love the growth of human will?

"Why cannot she see her own interests, would be more. But I will not be a party self unnecessarily,—as his senior partners a girl in love? And young Bentley, well, at her death; when received that also will thought—from his office, and local to his office.

"Tho' wig and gown "But young Bentley's at least of gentle of view, how necessary it is to be careful of Conspire to keep the monster (truism) down." the most favourable comments of the Grande Dames assembled.

This suggestion was not made without birth; and that goes a long way with me. your interests. And yet you will persist some degree of asperity and made without birth; and that goes a long way with me. tractor under the government, and that achabits of young Blackstone, and I am per-"Upon my word, Mary," said he, "you counts for the sudden, and phenomenal so-

land. But if she'd a chosen Bentley her child would run no chance of second a journeyman barber who learned This seemed to him prudent, as he was a child would run no chance of ever being that his wife had twins.

Ruth having returned to her father's library, after just receiving an impulsive bil. let-doux from Blackstone, her father resum.

My dear Ruth, I fear you are actuated in this matter by mere sentiment, and not by your usual good sense; but as you decide you will have to abide; for society recognizes but one exit from the stage on which you are about to play part, and that is death! Mine will be the shame, the disappointment; yours the suffering, should you find in a few years that your idol has turned to clay; your hopes been blighted; and you a drunkard's wife !"

After a considerable pause, he resumed, "But you will not blame me if I should reserve the portion I had in. tended to endow you with at your wedding be safe to entrust your husband with its management; for it is quite certain, that loving and trustful as you are, you would at once hand it over to him under a false sense of duty, and instead of being used for your mutual advantage, would probably be used to hasten his own destruction."

She sat in mute astonishment, she had not anticipated being subjected to so trying an ordeal, but having a profound and filial respect for her father she did not venture to combat his fears, knowing they were inspired by his love and anxiety for her welfare however much she differed with him and would like to have swept away his prejudices, unjust as she believed them to

"It may be strange news to you," he resumed, "but I more than suspect the young man you have chosen is guilty of secret tip. pling. Indeed I have been creditably informed he has been thus addicted ever-since his student days. For this reason I deem it material advantages he might expect to gain from this alliance until he has proved himself worthy of you and of my confi-

Stung by her father's last remarks, showment, as she thought, she could not restrain for we have often read these lines together.

'The world with calumny abounds, The whitest virtue slander wounds: There are whose joy is, night and day, To take a character away: Eager from rout to rout they haste, To blast the generous and the chaste, And hunting reputations down, Proclaim their triumphs through the town.
What minds in such a base employment Tofeel the slightest self enjoyment."

Seeing that she was set upon effecting No matter, father, I believe in him if you separation be, am prepared to leave father and brother and cleave only unto him. shall be to him a faithful wife, because I yet be proud of him. If the worst comes to the worst I will not return to trouble you," she sobbed hysterically, and buried her face

" But it he should not meet your flattured Mr. Elliott; "suppose the worst should come, and he should fall into drink ing habits, and become reckless, what then! Suppose it should turn out that I have been correctly informed that his best efforts have been made under the influence of stimulants and that his brilliancy should be of the ephemeral type that soon goes out mid darkest night, and the place that once knew him should know him no more; or, if because he should find that I have with held your portion "I will endure it," she said." I will bear

anything, if needs be; it is my choice for the love I bear him. "Nonsense, child, that is all scntiment.

in practical life you will learn to think differently. But I have not said all to you! wish. It is my duty to inform you that I Would I not be betraying that trust if I placed it in peril by transferring it to one in whom right, or wrong, I have no confidence, and look upon as a mere adventurer? The interest of it it is just that you should have, and some day this will be at your disposal, as also the portion I intended for you, which five years ago amounted to \$60,000, and now Besides, your mother has all along maintaindivided between you and your brother who was named in his will as sole heirs.

"Now, do you not see, from a business point suaded that if you are determined to persist

SVIL 3 (TO BE CONTINUED).

Instantaneous photography proved itself

LATE DOX The Salvation Ar Winnipeg. William Foster, o inted Justice of County of Brant. Prof. McIntyre, P. Young Ladies' Colle The Reign of Dy At a recent sessio Council, a resolution appointment of a permission.

The other night the New Brunswic John, and on the fol found frozen to deat George Cunningh of Ameliasburg tov in a cow shed on ceased was nearly trouble is said to ha micide.

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his 13-year old daug

sentenced to ten year and to be imprisoned to commence at the A locomotive struc way bridge which s recently, threw him over the side of the b he fell into the river below, and remark

swam ashore and was ly injured. A young man of W Oliver Ferrier, return bor's house, a mile home, one stormy dazed and blinded by in the wrong direction ward was found dead from his parents' resi

The ladies of the K lately had fun over t eminent professors. "Why does Prof .and then they go off and tee-haw over the were not aware that cavern of suffering. answer? No. Well, his head." A singular story

N.B., where the shi

wrecked. It is very work in her, especi noises were heard in last week, which no the men believe the v seems to be some tata the Squando was in years ago, the captai the first mate, severi from the body with was hanged, and his of imprisonment. subsequently killed the two following the vessel. It was and sailors who arri that she was haun body. The Norwegi two watchmen to night on board was that they saw a he the cabin, that the off them, that hand-s the deck, and that a laid on their faces, a depart; and subsequ they saw a boat man ing around the ship, appearing and disa vessel is now withou can be found to st night. The Ministe ed an investigation wreck.

Mr. Perki A colored man car

fice, and shuffling h tor's window, asked graft f'm here to my "Certainly," sai you write?" "Sartain, sah!" "Well, here is a sage on that."

fully for some time. message to the oper "Kin yer read asked. "Oh, yes," said make it out." And "To MARTHA JAN

The colored man

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minute." He took the mes across the inky sp and then presse age not the surface Here! What that for ?" asked Ha! ha! Do said Mr. Perkins see dat great big

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on's Nerviline, medy. It cure the head, scia t it is equally remedy.

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