

The WOMAN with TWO SMILES

by Maurice LeBlanc CREATOR OF ARSENE LUPIN

CHAPTER 38

RAOUL WENT into a tiny room that served as a pantry. There was a space between the pantry and the kitchen, holding a cupboard which Raoul proceeded to open. It led to the cellar stairs. They went down.

"Now, for your information, you should know," said Raoul pompously, "that a self-respecting house always has three exits; an official, another visible but concealed, and a third both concealed and invisible, to serve as a retreat for honest folk continually persecuted by the police. Thus, while Gorgere's merry men are looking out for us at the garage, we'll emerge from the bowels of the earth. What do you think of that, eh? I bought this house from a banker."

They went along underground for about three minutes, then went up a flight of stairs, coming up in a little empty house, with shuttered windows, standing in a busy street.

A large touring car was at the curb outside, with the engine running, under Courville's vigilant eye. The back was loaded with luggage.

Raoul gave final instructions to Courville, handed Clara in, took the wheel, and the car pulled on its way.

An hour later, a crestfallen Gorgere reported to his chief. They agreed to keep everything concerning Arsene Lupin secret, and should anything leak out in the press, deny it.

Next morning, Gorgere turned up very pleased with himself, to announce that the girl who had been arrested—not Clara, but the one who had been arrested and then set free—had spent the night at the marquis' flat, and that both had left Paris that morning.

Next day, the police heard that both had arrived at Volnic chateau. From very reliable sources, it was known that Jean d'Erlemont, who had owned the chateau for the past 15 years, had just repurchased it through the intermediary of a stranger whose appearance corresponded with that of Monsieur Raoul.

Gorgere and his chief immediately drew up a plan of campaign.

"Maitre Audigat," said Antonine, "what you say is very flattering but—" "Don't call me Maitre Audigat, mademoiselle."

"But you don't suppose I'm going to call you by your Christian name, surely?" laughed the girl.

"I should be overjoyed," he said pompously, "it would prove you had granted my heart's desire."

"I can't grant or refuse that so soon—I've only been here four days—I scarcely know you."

"When do you consider you will know me sufficiently well to give me an answer, mademoiselle?"

"In three or four years' time, perhaps... Is that too long to wait?"

Audigat looked desperate. He knew perfectly well that he would never get the longed-for answer from this vision of beauty, who, had she so wished, could have considerably brightened his dreary existence at Volnic.

There was nothing more to be said, and Maitre Audigat took his leave, draped in his dignity and looking crestfallen.

"You believe in the man who came here, godfather. It's impossible to doubt him."

"True... true... He's a clever fellow, I admit... and I must own he made a great impression on me."

"So great, that you're hoping to see him again, and learn the truth about all the things you don't understand. What does it matter whether he calls himself Raoul or Arsene Lupin if he gives us our wish?"

She spoke with animation. The marquis watched her in surprise. Her cheeks were flushed, her eyes shining.

"You won't be angry with me for what I'm going to say, Antonine?"

"No, godfather."

"Well then, I'm wondering whether you wouldn't have been kinder to Maitre Audigat if circumstances had not brought a certain Monsieur Raoul on the scene..."

He broke off suddenly. Antonine's

rosy cheeks had now flushed scarlet, and her eyes refused to meet his.

"Oh, godfather," she exclaimed, trying to laugh. "What absurd ideas you have!"

The marquis rose. The time was five minutes to four. Followed by Antonine, he took up his station on the right wing of the chateau, from where he had a view of the massive nail-studded door at the end of the tunnel under the entrance tower.

"That's where he'll ring," he said, adding laughingly: "Have you read Monte Cristo? Do you remember how he makes his appearance? Some people who've met him in different parts of the globe are assembled waiting for him to lunch with them. Several months previously he had promised them he'd be there that day for lunch, and their host swears that he feels certain Monte Cristo will turn up. Then 12 o'clock strikes. As the last note dies away, the butler announces: 'The Count of Monte Cristo! We are waiting with the same faith, and the same anxiety!'"

The bell under the tunnel rang. The caretaker went down the terrace steps.

"TO BE CONTINUED"

Using Climbing Plants to Beautify the Homes

There are many dwelling houses in Canada which could be made much more attractive looking by the judicious use of climbing plants. A house which lacks any pretence of beauty in architecture may have much of the stiffness taken from it by planting a vine that will break the monotony of a straight wall. Verandahs, summer-houses, fences, rocks and old stumps of trees covered with climbing plants will so change the appearance of the place that it will hardly be recognized by the person who has known it before.

There are so many good, hardy, native climbers all over the Dominion that it is not necessary to go to any expense in procuring something which will produce the desired effect.

Neither is there any lack of information for those who desire it. For many years numbers of climbing plants have been tested at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa and at the other Dominion Experimental Farms throughout Canada and much information has been obtained as to the relative hardiness, attractiveness and usefulness of practically all kinds of climbing plants, with particular stress on their suitability in different districts. This information is at the service of everyone.

Climbing plants usually make rapid growth when once established. Best results, however, will be obtained by preparing the ground well beforehand. As a rule the soil about buildings is poor, and if such be the case it will well repay anyone to remove it where vines are to be planted and replace it with soil of a good loamy character, thoroughly mixing well-rotted manure with it. The choice of plants is wide and varied according to climatic conditions. There are Virginia creepers of several varieties, clematis (Western Virgin's Bower, the Virgin's Bower of Eastern Canada, Jackman, Japanese Traveller's Joy), Peas, Honeysuckle, climbing roses, wisteria and other varieties of climbers.

Amherstburg Echo:—The jail at Mooretown is to be sold by auction because it has held no prisoners for forty years. Turnkeys at Sandwich had to wash dishes because there were no prisoners to do it. There was no cook in the Winnipeg jail because of a lack of prisoners of that category. The world's improving!

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Silly Chain Letters Not Doing Well in the North

During the past week or two the foolish chain letters have been fairly flooding the North. Word from New Liskeard, Halleybury, Kapuskasing, Ironquels Falls, Cochrane, Cobalt, Sudbury North Bay, Kirkland Lake and other places tells of the receipt at these places of these letters. The Advance made reference last week to letters of this chain type received here. It is pleasing to note that in most cases the chain has been deliberately broken. At best these chain letters are silly, and at the worst they are mean fakes. Many innocent people get roped into the fake chains which bring in considerable money to the promoters. To avoid being mixed up in any of the frauds, it is well to break the chain as soon as a letter of this type is received. In connection with these chain letters it is impossible to know who started the series that may be received. The names on the letter may be all bona fide or they may not. There are always a few who will fall for a game of this kind, but it is interesting to note that in the North the majority have broken the chain and so stopped the game. In many centres in the South the chain letter scheme has achieved the proportions of a mania and as a consequence of this the plan has been adopted by a large number of confidence men and crooks to further their own purposes. They rope in perfectly innocent people who have no part in the scheme and by the use of their names they interest still others. In the hands of a skilful confidence man the scheme is made to work in very clever manner and it is almost impossible to trace the "chain" to the people who are actually making money out of it.

"Norwegian Pudding" is a Nourishing Food Dish

Government booklets and pamphlets are supposed to be dry and uninteresting but this is certainly not true of The National Revenue Review, issued by the Dept. of National Revenue at Ottawa, nor yet of The Fisheries News Bulletin, published by the Dept. of Fisheries. From the latter publication for the current month is taken the following on "Norwegian Pudding":

"Experience has made the people of Norway fully alive to the health-building properties of fish foods and one of their favourite dishes is made by steaming together some raw fish, bread crumbs, milk, eggs, butter and lemon juice. This "Norwegian Pudding," as it is some times called, has the double merit of being rich in nourishment and delicious to the taste, and it has the further merit, from the standpoint of a busy housewife, that there is nothing complicated about the process of making it.

"The ingredients required are a pound of fresh fish, two cups of soft bread crumbs, a cup and a half of milk, two eggs, a quarter of a cup of butter, a dash or two of lemon juice, and salt and pepper as desired. The method of preparation is as follows: The fish should be chopped up fine or run through a food chopper, using the finest cutter; the crumbs and milk are mixed together and cooked until the mixture leaves the sides of the pan, with frequent stirring during the cooking time; after the two eggs have been beaten they are added to the cooked crumbs and chopped fish, the butter is put in, and all these ingredients and the seasoning are thoroughly mixed. Then the mixture is put into a mould or other container and steamed for an hour. At the end of that time it is ready for serving. Any good fish sauce may be served with it.

"If preferred, the mixture may be baked as a fish loaf. If this is done, it should be shaped into loaf form with the hands and rolled in finely sifted bread crumbs, sprinkled on the top with cooking oil, and baked in a slow oven for forty-five minutes."

Jury Says Death Due to Pneumonia Not to Fumes

The coroner's jury investigating at Sudbury last week the death of John M. Lennox, shaftman at the Bilmac Gold Mines in Shiningtree, returned a verdict to the effect that the accident was due to pneumonia and not to nitrous fumes from the blasting powder used in the mine. The evidence showed that some weeks ago Lennox was taken ill at the mine and rushed by plane to Sudbury hospital. Because he had done much coughing and vomiting in the mine just after a blast, there was suggestion that his illness was due to nitrous fumes from the blasting powder. The jury on this account was drawn from experienced mining men so that the matter might have the fullest and fairest investigation. Dr. Uolack who first attended Lennox was of the opinion that the illness came from the nitrous fumes. Others took a contrary view. The experts in explosives and some of the doctors and others gave expert testimony to show that there was not enough acid in the fumes to cause death. The doctor performing the post-mortem on the body found as a result of his examination that death was due to bronchial pneumonia. The chief inspector of mines, D. G. Sinclair, also thought that the nitrous fumes would not be sufficiently strong to cause the death. After hearing all the evidence the jury came to the considered opinion that pneumonia, caused by previous weakness of the lungs, and brought on by prolonged fits of coughing, possibly actuated by nitrous fumes caused by blasting was the cause of the death of Mr. Lennox.

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Watch and Battle Against the Ravages of the Moths

Reports last year were to the effect that moths were a special nuisance in this district and were causing more than the usual amount of damage. There were many requests as to how to deal with these pests. Possibly the following from a Quebec provincial newspaper may be of value:—

"Watch and battle" should be the motto of every housewife at this time of the year, and "cleanliness" the watchword. With reasonable precaution much of the hectic worry about this little creature, the moth, may be removed from daily thoughts and night dreams. Moths has a preference for soiled clothing, particularly clothing that has not been cleaned well of perspiration. Of course, it is understood that no one would store soiled clothing, but an article of wearing apparel intended to be worn occasionally might be hung in a storage closet, where other things were stored for the summer months. The moths also like dust and fuzz—this is that they are often found burrowing in upholstery crevices, baseboard and floor cracks. Clean clothing, while not absolutely immune from the ravages of moths, does not fall prey readily. However, it is advisable when storing clean clothing to spray it or enclose in the parcel box.

trunk or drawer, some moth expellent Ordinary turpentine is disliked by moths, and here it may be remarked that a spray of turpentine into cracks and crevices, around nail holes, and at top and bottom clothes racks (that is, racks fastened to walls) is a worthwhile preventative. If all these places are cleaned well of dust gatherings and then well sprayed the moths will not sign a lease for abode there.

The drawers, boxes, trunks or closets in which clothes are to be stored must be gone over carefully, well cleaned, and then sprayed. If the best results are looked for in storing clean clothing even under the most favourable or other conditions. That is, faultless spraying and pre-attention of the article to be stored will not give absolute assurance of safety if the storage place itself is not in order.

Garments to be stored for the season should be brushed thoroughly and hung out of doors for a day, exposed to the sun. Another method, and perhaps a better one, when it is possible, is to steam-press to destroy any insects that may be present. This can be done with a damp cloth and hot iron. When the clothes have been brought in from outdoors they should be carefully examined to see that no moth has entered.

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