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PAUL BRERETON, a famous wealthy "It may play a minor part in your Barnwell?" FLIGHT LIEUTENANT RONNY VE- mine that is sold it comes to 200,000 "Oh?"

VONS, who is very much in love. ... SONIA, who may not have been much demanded. of an actress but had other and

a good doctor, but a charming wo- lovely colour!" man.. . . She was in love with Brerewhich Paul Brereton painted in Paris.

perhaps greater qualities.

#### CHAPTER VI A LADY INVADES

chauffeur alighted and opened the door | more than thirty-eight. of the car and a lady even more spectacular than the car itself alighted. "My dear Paul!" she greeted him. "How are you?"

'If it isn't the famous Rebecca!" he said. "Come in."

"Exquisite!" she said, surveying the fact." lounge from the doorway. yet as thoroughly trained as she would eyes." be when she had been with Miss Mc-Kechnie for a few weeks, was obviously surprised to find a different lady.

"China tea," said her master. "You're looking as delightfully prosperous as ever, my dear Rebecca," he want on. "Sit here. You can see the, tulips."

"No. I'd rather watch you. You may not be as beautiful, but you are definitely more amusing. "We haven't met since that day at

San Remo." "No. You cleared off the next morning without a word to any of your friends. I wondered at that time what

you were running away from," she said. "Was I running away?" "I think so. Was it by any chance

from me?" "My dear Rebecca! You do yourself an injustice."

"Or is it a compliment? I'm not sure which. Still, you did go and here I track you down in rural England-living like a hermit."

immense solemnity. "Poor old gentleman!" she mocked.

ing good-bye to just now?" "Wasn't she charming? She's studying chemistry at Oxford.'

"What?" "Chemistry at Oxford, Rebecca." of things, Paul. I've always looked on politely—not outside France, anyway. most amusing liar I know. Now try tled down here. You're not going to again. Let's have another start. Who be married?" she asked sharply.

was the little girl?" "An Oxford undergraduate reading chemistry—and a particularly charm- most incredible folly,"she said in a re ing one. She's been here for the last lieved tone. hour looking at my pictures.'

"I imagine she must have interrupt. folly,' then?" ed the process of laying the bones "Not necessarily. Not if it is intelliamong your own people!

Here's the tea. I'm awfully sorry, but most crass folly." I've had one cup and I cannot possibly "Don't worry, Rebecca," he smiled. swallow another."

away among your own people while I rather fond of me." have some. By the way," she went on | "So I was. So I am." as she poured out her tea. "I didn't | "Quite so," she said. "I felt certain laughed. "To-morrow I shall be thirtyknow you had any people. I've always of it when you disappeared into thin regarded you as that luckiest of mor- air that day. I really thought you had wonderful brandy—I refuse to admit tals—the man without ties or relations" run away from me." "Have you, Rebecca? How's the new | "Why should I? We were just good

lady's face, Paul. I've told you so be- friend I should bore you to distraction. fore. Oh, the book? Excellently. A And you would me.'

"I read Henry Richardson's notice." "It—it was libellous!"

legal sense, I mean." "You seem to agree with him," she sooner or later one or the other—or enjoyed it thoroughly.

stormed. in San Remo.'

"You read part of it!" "About a quarter," he admitted. There was a silence. "I don't pretend to write for the precious little coteries of highbrows; I write for the people."

"Your art is in tune with the heartbeat of humanity," he suggested with a moment before she said: "It's been ample, a lady called on me whom I intense seriousness.

"You can laugh, Paul. And your may as well go." friend Richardson can laugh. You look upon my books as drivel?" "Don"t you?"

word you write. Every best seller that disadvantage." was ever written had that same curious sincerity. But it doesn't after the fact that it is drivel, my dear Rebecca." "I'm not going to quarrel with you, Paul, although I can see that you are doing your best to annoy me. What do

you mean exactly by drivel?" "By drivel I mean rubbish. You give false value to everything and very much overestimate the importance of love."

artist. At 48, as far as a man may, he life, but, generally speaking, it doesn't. "Yes," she said. understands woman. Certainly far Besides, 200,000 people cannot be wrong "Paul Brereton speaking. I'm a bit and if six people read every book of under the weather and need a tonic."

"Sorry, Rebecca, but I hadn't noticed | Cosmopolitan with me this evening?"

ton, and the woman in the picture ing the window?" she suddenly asked. that is convenient? We might get a "A woman I painted once in Paris," bite somewhere."

She crossed to the picture but he re- amusing. Frankly, I had not assocmained sitting on the low seat by the lated you with a music-hall." door, quietly watching her. She was- "I'm a man of very catholic tastes, Paul Brereton waited on the steps he had never considered the matter doctor. Then-au 'voir until six-thiruntil the shining car drew up. The before - thirty-five? Certainly not tv.

her shoulder.

"No?" "Cynical,"

He rang the bell and the maid, not the table: "She has very beautiful a doctor." "Very," he agreed.

"You must learn a great deal about cently waved. women by painting them," she said

"I thought that you writers had own or with another woman." agreed not to use that word any more. "What does it mean, by the way? I've often wondered.'

have that effect on me." "Or on me, Rebecca."

"Why haven't you married?" "I've never had time. You see, Re-

pecca, I've been a very busy man." "Nonsense. I'm certain that there's education and training you are at least romance at the back of your life There's probably a good plot in it, too, she added as an afterthought. "Romance!" he said, wistfully. "Shall hall for my entertaiment? It doesn't

tell you the tale of my life, Rebecca? "If I thought there would be a shred of truth in what you said I'd love you "Yes. I've come to lay my bones to. But I should like to know the story among my own people," he said with of that woman in the picture over know?"

"Who was the little girl you were say- be very interesting." "She was a model?"

"In so far that I painted her, yes." "You're in a most maddening mood, this afternoon. Quiescent! You accept everything I say. I've never "I'm really afraid you are losing grip known a man who could be so rude so

"No," he said evenly. "Men of your age are capable of the

"You regard marriage as 'incredible gent. For a man like you to go and

"Most effectively, Rebecca. Ah! marry a chit of a grl would be the "It was probably only my vanity, but up."

"Well then, go on putting the bones in San Remo I thought that you were

"You should never slam a door in a 'Nonsense!" she snapped. "As a

wonderful press! The first edition was "That is true," he agreed. "You arming smile.

mean that if you wanted a friend you "Twenty thousand!" he exclaimed would naturally turn to a woman, as should not be afraid of the years." I should to a man.'

both-go and fall in love."

with the other." "Oh?" "We are artists . . . and they are said, breaking a pleasant silence. always a race apart."

"That is meant to be ironic?" "It was ironic, my dear Rebecca." She contemplated him in silence for good seeing you again. And now I dislike."

AFTER REBECCA, DR. MARY He went cut with her to her car. of myself.

"Ferhaps its just as well, Paul. "Of course I don't!" she said angrily, could have been very fond of you. And "No. You wouldn't. You mean every it places a woman at such an infernal

be at a disadvantage for long." "I think you're right. Good-bye."

She turned as her car reached the main road but Paul Brereton had already entered the house. He was, indeed, turning over the leaves of a telephone book.

"Cheriton one two five," he said, and moment later added: "is that Dr.

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to come to the second house at the it. Stand up. I can't see it if you sit | "Why not?" she answered without DR. MARY BARNWELL was not merely in a heap like that. Rather nice. A hesitation. "I've no urgent cases on

> "Who is that woman over there fac- | "Then I'll call for you at six-thirty if "This is all very sudden, but it sounds

coat and her hair had been very re- ship suffered by another liveryman who

thoughtfully. "You know, Paul, you out in months," she said as the car said, "but I don't think that on payintrigue me," she said as he lighted her glided forward. "I go to town one ment of \$10.00 a year they should be evening a week, but usually on my allowed to use the advantages of other "Whose fault is that?"

"To make one curious. Few people frightened of me, but nervous." the one about which no man need be nervous." "What is my type?" "Obviously . . . the intelligent. In

the equal of the men with whom you come into contact." "Then why did you suggest a music

represent a very high intellectual standard.' "Because I thought you'd like it." "I do like it. But how did you

"Most artists have a feminine streak "So would I. I fancy that it would in their make-up. Call it intuition. 1 struck me that you must get very tired of being dignified and intelligent." "I do."

He had suggested Picot's casually but he had evidently telephoned, for they were expected and their table ready when they reached Chez Picot. Their you as the most skilful as well as the You haven't told me yet why you set- dinner was perfectly chosen and perfectly cooked.

"You are charming in this subdued light," he said over coffee. "I suggested the colour of the shades to Picot last year. He is very grateful." "So are all women of my age. It's a

very mericiful light." "You think you nieed mercy?" he asked with a smile.

"Superficially . . . yes. The human skin gives a woman away badly in spite

of all the beauty parlours and make-"You don't look a day more than twenty-eight, to-night."

"I don't feel a day more," she five again but to-night—after that that age . . .

"Ine years like great black oxen! tread us down And we are broken by their passing feet."

He quoted the couplet with a dis-

"Nonsense! An intelligent person The meal over, Jones was waiting to "I didn't mean anything of the kind, take them to the theatre. The whole "I don't think so, Rebecca. In a I meant that friendship between a man evening moved effortlessly. The show

and a woman is impossible because was broad and amusing and they both The night was warm and soft and "I haven't read the book. I read But, of course, there is no possibi- the moon was coming up out of a deep part of the one you so kindly gave me lity of either of us exhibiting such a azure sky and breasted the long hill lack of self-control as to fall in love that marked the beginning of the

"You are quite an experience," she

"You're so sure of yourself." "In certain circumstances and with certain people. This afternoon, for ex-

"Go on," she urged. "Nothing. Only that I wasn't so sure

"She's in love with you?" "In her way. Actually, she lives in a life-long romance and the real object of her affection is herself."

"My dear Rebecca, you would never In the darkness of the car she nodded: "Eut why were you not as sure of yourself? Surely you had all the

"Perhaps! But she irritated me. She was far too obvious." "Poor dear!" she laughed. "But I do see what you mean.

"I knew you would." "Was that why you asked me to come o-night?"

"Partly. That wretched woman always leaves me at a loose end. I never feel like working when I've been talking to her. She is resentful of my work and is generally a nuisance." "You're the least bit frightened of

"Oh, no. But her amazing vitality is listurbing. She's more like a battleship than a woman.'

"Good gracious!" she suddenly exclaimed. "We're nearly home!" The car drew up with silent efficiency at her door.

"It's been delightful," she said. "Thank you. We must make it the first of a series." "I'm a member of a play-producing It is planned to get pictures of all

come?" she asked. "I should like to very much."

crossed the hall to the stairs he noticed gress had been made in the matter of a message on the pad by the telephone. "Mr. Raymond Murray rang up at

8-11. He wished to see you." Twice he read Libby's peculiar point- and that Mr. Brigham had agreed to ed writing before it dawned on him the use of the rink for market purwho Raymond Murray was. He was the actor he had met at Lady Selwyn's —the vicar's son.

What did he want, he wondered.

council in Timmins twenty years ago, work done on the local improvement J. P. Bartleman asked for the town's plan and if the debentures could be approval for a new townsite near the sold the work would be an economy. town. His request was referred to the The matter was left over to another "It was learned with regret on Monboard of works for investigation. John | meeting. Councillors Morin and New- day that Mrs. J. O. Belanger, an old Graboski asked the council to do some- ton moved a resolution to provide bet- resident of the North Country, who for . . And what about my frock?" she, "Yes. I wondered if you would care thing about the read at the end of Elm ter accommodation for the town offices, some 12 years had her home in Haileythree lots he owned and on which he for the chief of police and using the Ontario hospital after an illness that to the town engineers department. The purposes. The matter was left over to 1928 until last year she had her home of art and music supervisors. live issue before the council was the the next meeting, estimates of the cost in Haileybury, where she was always connection John Dalton gave the coun- need for a truck for the town engin- and had a host of friends cil an interesting half-hour. In re- eer's department was brought forward "Born on July 25th, 1876, at Levis. ferring to the matter at the time The by Councillor T. F. King. The town Quebec, Mrs. Belanger was the former on Wednesday afternoon, with the ser-Advance said:—"Mr. John Dalton told engineer and the clerk were author- Rose Ann Dawson, a daughter of the vice in the United Church conducted the council he had been negotiating ized to see about the purchase of a late John Dawson and Philomen Gir- by Rev. A. P. Addison and interment in from him in the cemetery. "I might Twenty years ago Timmins was a late Mr. Belanger, for many years a number of old friends attended the as well sell the lots I have in town for great baseball town, no other summer station agent on the T. & N. O. Railway services and a great profusion of floral "I don't like her," Rebecca said over Brereton's car was outside the doctor's business," said Mr. Dallon, who prohouse. Jones was driving. Brereton ceeded to point out that despite the community, though football was grow- came first to Northern Ontario in 1907 went up the steps to the front door and high taxes and the heavy investment ing in favour all the time. Twenty when Mr. Belanger was appointed a maid ushered him into the hall where of the liverymen they seemed to have years ago The Advance had the foll- agent at Heaslip, and during the interinsufficient protection. "Twenty-five owing reference to baseball, direct and vening years had their home at Dane, Few women are. It's a rather curious "I thought you'd be punctual," he cars can come and park right before indirect, and its interest here:—Timhe cars can come and park right before mins has started the baseball season finally at Haileybury, as Mr. Belanger mins has started the baseball season Slowly she turned and came back to "Of course. It's second nature with from my door and under the present system I have no protection," he said. She was wearing a short, white fur He also referred to the special hardat present is in the hespital. "I'm not "This is the first time I've been taken complaining about the jitneys," he people's property that pays a heavy share of the taxation." If some were "Mine, I suppose. Generally speak- allowed to use the streets for business. ing men seem to be-not exactly all would have to have the same privilege. In reply the Mayor and some of "How trying for you. Your type is the councillors agreed that there was some hardship inflicted by the present plan of allowing jitneys to stand anywhere on the street. Also, with the growth of the town, the plan would be a danger and inconvenience to the general public. Accordingly the council decided to provide a place where jitneys

His house was in slence and as he Newton asked the council what proproviding a market for Timmins. The reply was that progress was being made poses. Mayor McInnis brought up the

question of the need for improvement in the main roadways of the town. He had asked the town engineer to estimate on the cost of permanent paving. Queen's hotel, Third avenue, was \$24, 720.00; Pine street, from second to Fourth, \$21.060.00; the total cost thus being \$45,780,00. The mayor said the At the regular meeting of the town business men were anxious to have the

well, showing that when it comes to baseball this town takes first place on railway. the map. Some weeks ago The Broke Hustler, Iroquois Falls' own paper, inaugurated a baseball contest, and in the answers submitted, Chas, G. Cummings, of Timmins, took first place and places were won by Scully and McCoy active part in all community affairs. used were generally correct and fitted also three brothers, Louis Dawson, in the puzzle for the most part. C. G. Sherbrooke; Arthur, at Levis, and God-Cummings came nearest to giving a frey of Montreal, and two sisters, Mrs. perfect solution and so was awarded Alfred Couture, New York and Mrs could stand waiting. A by-law to this first place. Umpire Smith had com- John Young, Levis, survying, together effect will be passed at the next meeting of the council and this by-law will plimentary reference to the solutions with five grandchildren. be rigidly enforced." Councillor L. S. of Messrs. Scully and McCoy."

# of Mrs. J. O. Belanger at Haileybury

Members. Plans for Recital and Party.

In referring to the funeral of Mrs. Belanger, The Haileyburian last week had the following:

street, so that he would have access to They suggested securing a new residence bury, had passed away in a Southern wished to build. This was also referred upstairs of the town building for office began back in September 1940. From matter of the jitney stand. In this cf various plans to be ready then. The active in church and fraternal affairs Try The Advance Want Advertisements

'Mrs. Belanger was actively connect-

ed with the United Church, was a member of the Eastern Star and up to her last illness was a faithful worker for the Red Cross. For a time she served as chairman of the public school the prize of \$15.00; second and fourth board at Elk Lake and always took an of Timmins. Third and fifth places "Surviving Mrs. Belanger are four were won by Iroquois Falls baseball sons and two daughters and two of her fans. Jos. F. Smith acted as judge sons are on active service, Maurice in for the contest and gave an interesting Newfoundland, and Arnold with the review and criticism of each of the Royal Canadian Engineers overseas. winning answers. The contest was the The other members of the family are: solution of a baseball problem propoun- Albert, in Kapuskkasing; Mrs. P. Wilded by Billy Evans. None of the ans- liams (Pauline) Toronto; Mrs. J. H. wers gave exactly the solution that Sandwith (Jasqueline), Schumacher, Billy Evans suggested, but the plays Stanley of South Porcupine. There are

"The funeral was held in Haileybury

#### Kirkland Public School **Board Reduces Estimates**

As often happens when town councils find it desirable to reduce taxes, Kirkland Lake town council recently re-Excellent Reports Given by quested the public school board in that town to drastically curtail its expenditures for the year. School taxes are a large part of the municipal taxation in Northern towns, because the people References was made in The Advance here have always desired the best in last week to the death of Mrs. J. O. education, and have been willing to The estimate from the station to the Belanger, several of whose sons and pay for it. After discussion with the daughters are prominent residents of township authorities, the Kirkland Lake the North. From the early days of the public school board agreed to cut \$25,-North until a short time before her 000 off its estimates, but it added the death, Mrs. Belanger herself had taken apparently reasonable suggestion that an important and useful part in many the township itself might well enough of the beneficial activities of the North. make a similar reduction in township costs. The public school reduction was made possible to the extent of \$18,000 by the fact that this amount had been placed in the estimates to take care of decreases expected in government school grants. The rest of the reduction of \$25,000 in the budget is to be effected by eliminating the special course in French and also the services

ard. She was married in 1901 to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. A large Mrs. Belanger was held and the sympathy felt for the sorrowing family.

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