

Diamond Cut Diamond OR, THE ROUT OF THE ENEMY.

CHAPTER XXXV.—Continued. That was the verdict that went forth and that it was that the hand of God struck him down, and set her free from the unbearable yoke and burden of his unconscious companionship. Rose need never be afraid of him any more. There was nothing to be done but to surround him with such care and attention as were necessary to secure his bodily comfort. A trained attendant was easily found. A few simple prescriptions to diet and exercise learnt from the London physician who interested himself with more than ordinary kindness in the sad lot that lay before the beautiful woman who had bent her head for ever upon Longway Road, and the old garden, and the summer-house upon the wall, and went forth to seek a new home, humble in size and surroundings, and lying secluded in a green-wood way in the bosom of a green western English county.

ADVENTURE AT NIAGARA. How a Party of Tourists Were Nearly Carried to Their Death.

When the "ice-bridge" over the gorge below the falls forms at Niagara, tourists are likely to flock to it, since from it a superb view upward and upon the cataract can be had. From this ice-bridge, indeed, the cataract appears to be falling from the very skies. On the 21st of last January the ice seemed very strong in the great gorge and more than a hundred people, mostly tourists, had ventured out upon it. They were moving about, or standing and looking at the falls, when some of them became aware that the ice was heaving, and soon all of them heard a groning and crushing sound. Presently they saw that they were moving down-stream.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT. What the Legislators of the Country are Doing at Ottawa.

THE RAILWAY BILL. The bill to amend the Railway Act was taken up in the Railway Committee. The Minister of Railways explained the purpose of the bill at length. He said that the first clause made provision for a number of requirements that the committee had been in the habit of inserting in each railway bill that came before it. They were designed to protect the public, and had relation especially to the construction and operation of telegraph and telephone lines. Another clause incorporated in a general provision the usual regulations respecting the construction and operation of bridges. A further provision gave additional protection to railways in the interest of public safety. It provided a penalty not exceeding \$50 or two months' imprisonment for any injury to notices or other railway property. The same penalty is provided for anyone who enters upon a train with intent fraudulent to be carried without paying fare. A new provision was one giving the Railway Committee of the Privy Council authority to require the erection of a station at any point it deemed proper. Mr. Blair argued that experience showed the desirability of this provision, in order that railways might not be allowed to hold up towns by locating stations too far away from them. The final clause of the bill gave the Railway Committee power to frame rules to apply to all railways in the Dominion. This was the result of complaints of railway employees. There were many reasons why there should be uniformity with regard to operations. Uniformity would afford additional protection in the operation of railways, and would do away with the difficulty of employees of one getting employment on another.

QUEEN WILHELMINA. London Truth receives from "A friend in the court of the Netherlands" a pretty story of Queen Wilhelmina.

The Palace of Soesdyk, in which she entertained the members of the Peace Commission, was presented to Wilhelm II, by the states general, "in token of admiring gratitude for his bravery at Waterloo." The picture-gallery at Soesdyk contains a series of huge paintings of the battle, illustrative of Napoleon's defeat. The young queen visited the palace to give orders as to its preparation for the commission. When she saw the historical pictures she directed them to be taken down and put out of sight until her French guests had departed. The royal Dutch maiden is said to have a strong will and quick wit, but she appears to have also the warm heart and kindly tact which have made the English queen beloved in all nations of the earth. Another significant story comes to us, the account of the celebration of the silver wedding of Duke Carl Theodor of Bavaria, and his wife, a princess of Portugal. This royal couple, having great wealth and simple tastes, have given their lives to the service of the poor. Duke Theodor is one of the most skilful oculists in Europe, and has converted part of his Castle of Tigernesse into a free eye-hospital, where he treats not only royal patients but all of his countrymen who cannot afford to pay a physician. His wife is his trained assistant. The duke and duchess are beloved by all Bavarians, and their silver wedding in April was a popular holiday. The world has not yet done with kings and princes; but their real power now rests, not on arbitrary tyranny but on the same human qualities which make the humblest man beloved.