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SYNOPSIS.

George Anderson and wife see a remarkable looking man come out of the Clermont hotel, look around furtively, wash his hands in the snow and pass on. Commotion attracts them to the Clermont, where it is found that the beautiful Miss Edith Challoner has fallen dead. Anderson describes the man he saw wash his hands in the snow. The hotel manager declares him to be Orlando Brotherson. Physicians find that Miss Challoner was stabbed and not shot, which seems to clear Brotherson of suspicion. Gryce, an aged detective, and Sweetwater, his assistant, take up the case. They believe Miss Challoner stabbed herself. A paper cutter found near the scene of tragedy is believed to be the weapon used. Mr. Challoner tells of a batch of letters found in his daughter's desk, signed "O. B." All are love letters except one which shows that the writer was displeased. This letter was signed by Orlando Brotherson. Anderson goes with Sweetwater to identify Brotherson, who is to address a meeting of anarchists. The place is raided by the police and Brotherson escapes without being identified. Brotherson is found living in a tenement under the name of Dunn. He is an inventor. Brotherson tells the coroner of his acquaintance with Miss Challoner and how she repulsed him with scorn when he offered her his love. Sweetwater recalls the mystery of the murder of a washerwoman in which some details were similar to the Challoner affair. Challoner admits his daughter was deeply interested, if not in love with Brotherson. Brotherson gives the police a plausible explanation of his conduct. Sweetwater plans to disguise himself as a carpenter and seek lodgings in the same building with Brotherson. He watches the inventor at work at night and is detected by the latter. The detective moves to a room adjoining Brotherson's. He bores a hole in the wall to spy on Brotherson. He visits him and assists the inventor in his work.

CHAPTER XVIII.

What Am I to Do Now?

Early morning saw Sweetwater peering into the depths of his closet. The hole was hardly visible. This meant that the book he had pushed across it from the other side had not been removed.

Mr. Brotherson's bed was in a remote corner from the loop-hole made by Sweetwater; but in the stillness now pervading the whole building, the latter could hear his even breathing very distinctly. He was in a deep sleep.

The young detective's moment had come.

Taking from his breast a small box, he placed it on a shelf close against the partition. An instant of quiet listening, then he touched a spring in the side of the box and laid his ear, in haste, to his loop-hole.

A strain of well-known music broke softly from the box and sent its vibrations through the wall.

It was answered instantly by a stir within; then, as the noble air continued, awakening memories of that fatal instant when it crashed through the corridors of the Hotel Clermont, drowning Miss Challoner's cry if not the sound of her fall, a word burst from the sleeping man's lips which carried its own message to the listening detective.

It was Edith! Miss Challoner's first name, and the tone bespoke a shaken soul.

Sweetwater, gasping with excitement, caught the box from the shelf and silenced it. It had done its work and it was no part of Sweetwater's plan to have this strain located, or even to be thought real. But its echo still lingered in Brotherson's ...

... ed, disillusioned and defeated. Then his spirits regained their poise.

His opinion was not changed in regard to his neighbor's secret guilt. But he saw, very plainly by this time, that he would have to employ more subtle methods yet ere his hand would touch the goal which so tantalizingly eluded him.

His work at the bench suffered that week; he made two mistakes. But by Saturday night he had satisfied himself that he had reached the point where he would be justified in making use of Miss Challoner's letters. So he telephoned his wishes to New York, and awaited the promised developments with an anxiety we can only understand by realizing how much greater were his chances of failure than of success. To ensure the latter, every factor in his scheme must work to perfection. The medium of communication (a young, untried girl) must do her part with all the skill of artist and author combined. Would she disappoint them? He did not think so. Women possess a marvelous adaptability for this kind of work and this one was French, which made the case still more hopeful.

But Brotherson! In what spirit would he meet the proposed advances? Would he even admit the girl, and, if he did, would the interview bear any such fruit as Sweetwater hoped for? The man who could mock the terrors of the night by a careless repetition of a strain instinct with the most sacred memories, was not to be depended upon to show much feeling at sight of a departed woman's writing.

But no other hope remained, and Sweetwater faced the attempt with heroic determination.

The day was Sunday, which ensured Brotherson's being at home. Nothing would have lured Sweetwater out for a moment, though he had no reason to expect that the affair he was anticipating would come off till early evening.

But it did. Late in the afternoon he heard the expected steps go by his door—a woman's steps. But they were not alone. A man's accompanied them. What man? Sweetwater hastened to satisfy himself on this point by laying his ear to the partition.

Instantly the whole conversation became audible.

"An errand? Oh, yees, I have an errand!" explained the evidently unwelcome intruder, in her broken English. "This is my brother Pierre. My name is Celeste; Celeste Ledru. I understand English ver' well. I have worked much in families. But he understands nothing. He is all French. He accompanies me for—for the—what you call it? les convenances. He knows nothing of the beesiness."

Sweetwater in the darkness of his closet laughed in his gleeful appreciation.

"Great!" was his comment. "Just great! She has thought of everything—or Mr. Gryce has."

Meanwhile, the girl was proceeding with increased volubility.

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"Take Back This Letter, as You Call It, and Leave This Room."

CHAPTER XIX.

The Danger Moment.

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CHAPTER XX.

Confusion.

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Backache Warns You

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CASTORIA

Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Woman in "Flowery" Japan

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Men Have Higher Regard for Poetry.

[illegible]

THE DOCTOR'S GIFT

Food Worth Its Weight in Gold.

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Less Tapioca Now.

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His Trade.

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High Capacity.

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Refuge in Confusion.

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Political Cosmetics.

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Father's Plan.

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Protecting Infants and Invalids

REALIZING the importance of absolutely pure milk in the diet of infants and invalids and medical societies in many of the larger cities of the United States have arranged to provide milk produced under strict sanitary conditions. This milk is sold to consumers under a certificate from the medical society guaranteeing its purity and wholesomeness.

In Chicago, for instance, a commission of the Cook County Medical society has supervision over all dairies where certified milk is produced. It is purely philanthropic in its aims, working without compensation or hope of reward other than maintaining human health and saving the lives of helpless babes.

This commission favors all agencies which aim to give the public a safe and healthful milk supply. It is especially concerned in guaranteeing a limited supply of milk for the use of infants, invalids and convalescents. The commission holds that milk is pure only when it is kept pure at every stage from the time it is drawn from the cow until it is used as human food. The commission holds that contaminated milk cannot be rendered pure by artificial processes and that while such "Processed Milk" may be useful for general commercial purposes it is not suitable as food for infants or invalids.

Only healthy cows are used to produce certified milk. These are tested with tuberculin by United States government veterinarians and passed as healthy before the milk is certified by the commission. When any cow in a herd furnishing certified milk is found diseased she must be immediately removed from the farm. All dairy barns must be sanitary in construction, with special regards to light, ventilation, general cleanliness, and water. All milk is required to have a definite percentage of cream each day, a variation of only one-half of one per cent. being allowed. Certified milk must be free from all disease germs and not contain over ten thousand non-pathogenic germs (not producing disease) in each drop. Commercial milk often has as high as one million germs in each drop.

Only healthy employes are permitted to work on farms producing certified milk. They must observe the highest degree of personal cleanliness at all times. When employed in milking they must wear clean white duck suits. Utensils used in handling certified milk must be kept scrupulously ...

... a bottle of clean, cold, unadulterated milk, free from the bacteria which cause disease. The consumer must then do his part, if he wants clean, wholesome milk for himself and his family.

Milk should be taken into the house and put in the refrigerator as soon after delivery as possible. This is particularly necessary in hot weather. If it is impossible to have the bottles of milk put immediately in the refrigerator, provide on the porch a box containing a lump of ice. In planning a house, arrange to have the refrigerator set in the wall with an opening on the outside. It is always possible to provide locks for these boxes or refrigerator doors, and supply the milkman with one key. The interior of the food compartment should be wiped every day with a clean cloth, and thoroughly scalded as often as once a week. Under no circumstances should the drain pipe of an icebox be connected with a sewer.

The milk should be kept in the original bottle, and the bottle left in the refrigerator until needed. Before use, the neck of the bottle and the cap should be washed and then carefully wiped with a clean cloth before the cap is removed. Remove the cap with a sharp-pointed instrument, so as not to push the cap down into the milk. Once a bottle is opened, it should be kept covered, both to keep out dirt and bacteria and to prevent absorption of undesirable odors. The original cap should not be replaced. Instead, place an inverted cup or tumbler on the top of the bottle. The milk should be used from the bottle as needed and any unused milk should not be returned to the bottle after having been poured into another vessel. Do not let milk stand in a warm room on the table any longer than is necessary. Do not place milk in a refrigerator compartment with onions or other food having a strong odor.

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The Housewife's Criminal Neglect.

Interior of Barn Where Pure Milk Is Produced.

Exterior of Well Ventilated and Sanitary Barn.

Interior of a Very Unsanitary Barn.

Task of Separation.

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As to Nerve.

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India's Religion.

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Heavy Penalty for Carelessness.

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Till Frost.

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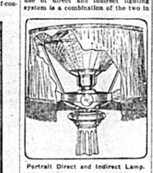

Portrait Direct and Indirect Lamp.

Long-Distance Language.

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Varnish Candles.

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BABY'S CRIB RUN ON CABLE

Electric Scheme Does Away With Wheeling Carriage When Youngster Demands Action.

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Gateway Crib and Its Operating Mechanism.

Engaging the Stop and Starting Back Again.

ELECTRICAL NOTES

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NO PART OF GIRL'S DOWER

Information That Probably Did Much to Check Infatuation of Love-Sick Youth.

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WATERY BLISTERS ON FACE

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Its Origin.

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Difference of Opinion.

[illegible]

Why He Loved Her.

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His Reason.

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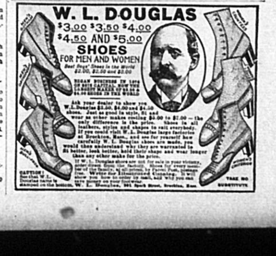

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