

THE PHANTOM RICKSHAW.

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Last year we met again—on the same terms as before, the same weary appeals and the same curt answers from my lips. At least I would make her see how wholly wrong and hopeless were her attempts at resuming the old relationship. As the season wore on we fell apart—that is to say, she found it difficult to meet me, for I had other and more absorbing interests to attend to. When I think it over quietly in my sickroom, the season of 1884 seems a confused nightmare wherein light and shade were fantastically intermingled—my courtship of little Kitty Mannering; my hopes, doubts and fears; our long rides together; my trembling avowal of attachment; her reply, and now and again a vision of a white face flitting by in the rickshaw with the black and white liveries I once watched for so earnestly; the wave of Mrs. Wessington's gloved hand, and when she met me alone, which was but seldom, the irksome monotony of her appeal. I loved Kitty Mannering—honestly, heartily loved her—and with my love for her grew my hatred for Agnes. In August Kitty and I were engaged. The next day I met those accursed "magpie" jhampanies at the back of Jakko and, moved by some passing sentiment of pity, stopped to tell Mrs. Wessington everything. She knew it already.

"So I hear you're engaged, Jack, dear." Then, without a moment's pause, "I'm sure it's all a mistake—a hideous mistake. We shall be as good friends some day, Jack, as we ever were."

My answer might have made even a man wince. It cut the dying woman before me like the blow of a whip. "Please forgive me, Jack. I didn't mean to make you angry. But it's true, it's true!"

And Mrs. Wessington broke down completely. I turned away and left her to finish her journey in peace, feeling, but only for a moment or two, that I had been an unutterably mean bound. I looked back and saw that she had turned her rickshaw with the idea, I suppose, of overtaking me.

The scene and its surroundings were photographed on my memory. The rain swept sky (we were at the end of the wet weather), the sodden, dingy pines, the muddy road and the black powder riven cliffs formed a gloomy background against which the black and white liveries of the jhampanies, the yellow paneled rickshaw and Mrs. Wessington's down bowed golden head stood out clearly. She was holding her handkerchief in her left hand and was leaning back exhausted against the rickshaw cushions. I turned my horse up a bypath near the Sanjowlie reservoir and literally ran away. Once I fancied I heard a faint call of "Jack!" This may have been imagination. I never stopped to verify it. Ten minutes later I came across Kitty on horseback, and in the delight of a long ride with her forgot all about the interview.

A week later Mrs. Wessington died, and the inexpressible burden of her existence was removed from my life. I went to Plainsward perfectly happy. Before three months were over I had forgotten all about her, except that at times the discovery of some of her old letters reminded me unpleasantly of our bygone relationship. By January I had disinterred what was left of our correspondence from among my scattered belongings and had burned it. At the beginning of April of this year, 1885, I was at Simla—semi-deserted Simla—more and more and deep in lover's talk and walks with Kitty. It was decided that we should be married at the end of June. You will understand therefore that loving Kitty as I did I did not say too much when I pronounced myself to have been at that time the happiest man in India.

Fifteen dreadful days passed at most before I noticed their flight. Then arose to the sense of what was passing among mortals circumstances as were. I pointed out to Kitty that an engagement ring was the outward and visible sign of her dignity as an engaged girl and that she must forthwith come to Hamilton's to be measured for one. Up to that moment, I give you my word, we had completely forgotten so trivial a matter. To Hamilton's we accordingly went on the 15th of April, 1885. Remember that—whatever my doctor may say to the contrary—I was then in perfect health, enjoying a well balanced mind and an absolutely tranquil spirit. Kitty and I entered Hamilton's shop together, and there, regardless of the order of affairs, I measured Kitty for the ring in the presence of the amused assistant. The ring was a sapphire with two diamonds. We then rode out down the slope that leads to the Combermere bridge and Peliti's shop.

While my waler was cautiously feeling his way over the loose shale and Kitty was laughing and chattering at my side; while all Simla—that is to say, as much of it as had then come from the plains—was grouped round the reading room and Peliti's veranda, I was aware that some one, apparently at a vast distance, was calling me by my Christian name. It struck me that I had heard the voice before, but when and where I could not at once determine. In the short space it took to cover the road between the path from Hamilton's shop and the first plank of the Combermere bridge I had thought over

half a dozen people who might have committed such a solecism and had eventually decided that it must have been some singing in my ears. Immediately opposite Peliti's shop my eye was arrested by the sight of four jhampanies in "magpie" livery, pulling a yellow paneled, cheap, bazaar rickshaw. In a moment my mind flew back to the previous season and Mrs. Wessington with a sense of irritation and disgust. Was it not enough that the woman was dead and done with without her black and white servitors reappearing to spoil the day's happiness? Whoever employed them now I thought I would call upon and ask as a personal favor to change her jhampanies' livery. I would hire the men myself and if necessary buy their coats from off their backs. It is impossible to say here what a flood of undesirable memories their presence evoked.

"Kitty," I cried, "there are poor Mrs. Wessington's jhampanies turned up again! I wonder who has them now?"

Kitty had known Mrs. Wessington slightly last season and had always been interested in the sickly woman.

"What? Where?" she asked. "I can't see them anywhere."

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It do hereby give Public Notice that an election for a Commissioner of Sewers and Water Supply for the City of Charlottetown, in the name of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, will be held on

Thursday, the 18th day of May, A. D. 1899,

at the several places, that is to say:

- In Ward No. 1, at or near the office of Mr. John MacEachern Queen Street.
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In Ward No. 3, at or near the Market House.
In Ward No. 4, at or near the City Hall corner of Kent and Queen Streets.
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Number Four shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies south of Fitzroy Street and north of Grafton Street.
Number Five shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies north of Fitzroy Street, including the Common of the said Town.

NOMINATION DAY.
THURSDAY, May 11th, A. D. 1899, from the time of Twelve at noon until the hour of Four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.
For qualification of Electors, see Act 61, Victoria, intituled "Charlottetown Sewerage Act," also 51, Victoria, Cap. 12.
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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 5.)

in it that would save many a father's son and many a mother's daughter. He did not want to see the revenues of the country swelled by the money received from licenses. He believed high licenses would never restrict the traffic nor crush out the small dealers as had been claimed. The State of Maine, which had a prohibitory law, was wealthier than any other state of the union, and more was paid for education there.

Mr. Arthur Peters was opposed to the measure, which should have been introduced by petition. He would support a proper license law. The principle of license was recognized in the present bill. Why pass this law when the province has the power to prohibit? There were clauses in the bill that were outrageous, and the club clause, in so far as it had a bearing upon the Charlottetown Club, was a piece of petty spite on the part of the Leader. It was admitted that this club was well conducted, yet it would be closed up while a man across the street could sell as much as he liked. He could tell the Leader that the measure would not pass. With regard to the use of liquor during election campaigns he thought the Leader of the Government and the hon. member for New London were in about the same box.

Hon. Mr. Farquharson's motion carried and the House went into committee on the bill. Mr. Forbes taking the chair.

Messrs. Peters, Campbell and DesRoches took objection to the prohibition of the sale of oysters and cigars in a place where liquor is sold. They could not see why their sale should be prohibited.

Hon. Mr. Farquharson, Messrs. Birch, Reid and Shaw argued that the sale of oysters and cigars in such places was an inducement for people to enter who otherwise would not do so. Mr. Shaw scored both Provincial and Federal governments for their action on the prohibition question and pointed out their failure to keep the promises they made regarding this highly important measure. He charged that the present leader of the Government at a meeting in Afton Hall, before the plebiscite election, said that if the Federal Government did not pass a prohibitory law he would introduce such a measure the first session afterwards.

Hon. Mr. Farquharson said that what he did say at the Afton meeting was that if the people asked for provincial prohibition he believed they would get it. He thought that under the circumstances the best thing to do with the bill was to report progress. He suggested a conference on the measure with a view to framing a bill that might be less objectionable, using the present bill as a skeleton.

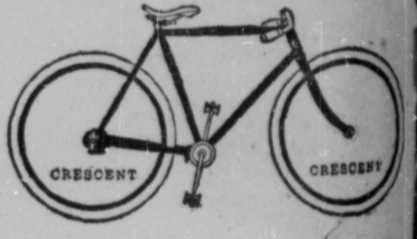
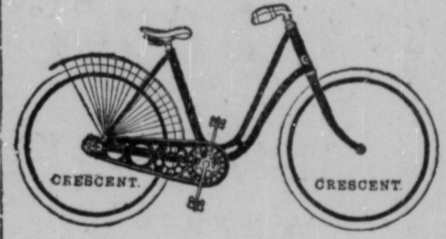
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