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LUKE HAMMOND, THE MISER.

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CHAPTER I.

The evening of nine at night in the city of New York, some years ago, when Luke Hammond, a money broker, entered his house on Blank street, and proceeded to his library. He was a tall, thin man, full fifty years old, and with a hard, dark face, deeply marked with care and scheming.

does a thing without a purpose," said James, not answering Kate's last question. "He has never spoken of removing to some other house?" "Never—at least not to me." "Does he suspect our affection, dear Kate?"



FADS FOR EVENING TOILETS.

Clusters of pink roses with white frosted leaves are very much used as a supplementary adornment to the evening gowns of to-day. For the evening headress a distinct novelty is a cascade of silk or satin in which is attached a cluster of white or shaded ospreys. Combs of tinted hair represent a popular fad in Paris which is attracting a good deal of attention.

LONG COATS AND SKIRTS.

With the long redingote coats in stout materials are worn the prettiest and daintiest of skirts in short lengths. Numerous designs are seen with pleats let in under a hip yoke portion cut in the skirt, these panels fanning out gracefully from the knee down in walking. But the skirt is short of course, less than pavement length in many cases, for the redingote does not allow of graceful lifting.

DON'T USE HOOKS AND EYES.

"The hook and eye is one product of civilization that Oriental races cannot be educated up to," said a manufacturer who was discussing export trade. "Our firm made strenuous efforts to popularize hooks and eyes in China, Japan and India; but we had to admit defeat and retire from the field."

THE PRINCE ALBERT COAT.

The bolero double-breasted, slightly bloused in front and collarless, with a deep-stitched belt, is modish. With the return of close-fitted garments, that is partly due to the mode of dress prevalent in the far East. Garments are cut to conform to the figure, of soft, clinging materials, and after the attire has been adjusted it is held in place by a sash twined around the waist.

WEDDING FINERY.

At her matinee de contrat Mlle. Marguerite de Broglie wore a pretty dress of pastel rose crepe de chine, the corsage was incrustated with cream guipure, and was gathered into a high centre. Ruchings of rose ribbons and quantities of lace adorned the full skirt.

RESTING.

When one has something particular on hand for the evening, it is advisable to "rest up" for it during the day, and here is a formula for that process suggested by an excellent English nurse: First lie down in the afternoon with only a loose gown on, so that the body can relax properly. Next take a quick warm bath, afterward rubbing the spine with eau de Cologne.

NO ROOM FOR HIM.

Miss Noozey—"You didn't know I was interested in business now, did you?" Miss Belting—"Why, yes; I supposed you were, as usual; but I didn't know whose"—Philadelphia Press.



Boydor CHAT.

When a girl is climbing a fence her clothes have more ways of getting her into trouble than there are words to describe them. Never clean the nails with a sharp instrument, as it rougheens the nail on the inside and causes dirt to adhere, thus keeping them always discolored.



FADS AND FANCIES.

Embroidery maintains a conspicuous place among the accepted decorations for gowns. Chinchilla and sable are especially beautiful trimmed with flowers, shaded from pinks down to the deepest reds.

Could Not Agree.

It was at one time arranged that Dante Gabriel Rossetti, his brother William and Scribner and George Meredith should live together in a certain house. Meredith happened to see Dante Gabriel Rossetti at breakfast and changed his plans. Meredith himself tells the story: "It was past noon," he says, "Rossetti had not risen, though it was an exquisite day.

SCIENCE & MECHANICS.

The French Government has recommended an appropriation of \$200,000 for the International Congress of Tuberculosis, to be held shortly in Paris.

A dispatch from Christiania states that at Nesdal, north of Bergen, recently, a mass of rock slipped into the Leovand Lake. A wave of water twenty feet high, which resulted from the fall, swept the neighborhood, carrying away houses, people and cattle.

Edward Donohue, superintendent of the City of Peoria, Ill., was recently granted a patent on an improved compression stop and waste cock which is designed to prevent waste of water resulting from the slight wear of the parts of an ordinary faucet. The principle is said to be applicable to street hydrants as well as domestic faucets.

The Congress of Naturalists and Physicians, which recently met in Breslau, strongly condemned the "gossamer-step" as practiced in the German and some other armies. Dr. Thalwitzer read a paper on the subject in which he showed that adoption of this ridiculous step accounts for numerous knee and foot complaints among the troops. Sixty per cent. of the sores on the feet of the men are in consequence of persistent adherence to this antiquated step.

The silk production of the world for 1903 is estimated at 39,807,000 pounds avoirdupois, not including the home consumption of China and Japan, the amount of which is difficult to estimate. Its exports still leads in this industry. Its exports of silk amounted to 14,015,000 pounds, as against 10,138,000 pounds exported by Japan. Persia, Turkestan and India together exported 1,969,000 pounds. In Europe Italy is far in the lead in silk production, the amount for 1903 being 7,757,000 pounds. Turkey in Asia and Cyprus together produced 2,900,000 pounds, France 1,043,000 pounds, and other European countries together 2,651,000 pounds.

In 1873 a species of the rodent, named Dinomys, was discovered in the Peruvian Andes. But a single specimen was found, and this is now preserved in the Berlin Museum. Last spring Doctor Goeldi of Para rediscovered the Dinomys in the lowlands of Brazil. Its natural habitat is now supposed to be the almost unexplored regions lying among the foothills of the Andes, between Brazil, Bolivia and Peru. The animal is described as resembling one of an immense rat, well advanced in development toward a bear. It is about two feet long, with a bushy tail nine inches long, thickest at the base, and almost nothing of haste. Doctor Goeldi keeps a mother and her young one in a cage.

Tale of a Russian Shell.

The offending battery at St. Petersburg which fired case shot at the Winter Palace by accident or design has recalled an anecdote of another Russian battery. It was at the siege of Warsaw, where a Russian Marshal ordered the battery to concentrate its fire on a certain point. Nothing came of this, and the Marshal rode up to the artillerymen in great wrath. "What imbeciles in command here?" he demanded. "I am," said an officer calmly. "Consider yourself under arrest. Your shells are no good." "What can you expect?" retorted the other. "They won't explode. See for yourself." He took up a shell, lighted the match, and held it out to the Marshal, who stood with his hands behind him waiting the result. If the shell had burst both men would have been blown to pieces. But the match went out, and the Marshal remarked simply: "You are quite right."—London Chronicle.

Rickrack Daisies.

Rickrack is white cotton braid woven in points, and of yore much in request for sewing into elaborate designs like a coarse lace. Now one of the charming new linen dresses for misses shows a number of daisies on applique, which are nothing but our old friend rickrack. There are fifteen points to each of these daisies, which means that the opposite fifteen points have been strung on a thread and drawn under a small white crochet motif that serves as the heart of the daisies.

A liberal sprinkling of these daisies on the blouse and on the yoke and front panel of the skirt transforms it into a handsome dress. Any girl whose mamma cannot afford such a dress for her can easily make them herself and put them on a dress that would otherwise be plain.



Tomfoolery.

THE CARELESS COAL-HOLE. Gentle Jane walked up a road where an empty coal-hole showed. All unheeding—in a minute Gentle Jane was strictly in it.

THE STREET CLOCK.

"Hey, sonny, is that clock right up there?" "Cert, it's right up there. Did you think it was down in de gutter?"—Life.

WILLING TO OBLIGE.

Penman—"Have you read my latest book?" Brokeley—"No; lend me \$2 and I'll go out and buy one."—Youkers Statesman.

TROUBLE AHEAD.

Magistrate—"You are bound over to keep the peace towards all his Majesty's subjects." Prisoner—"Then haven't help the fust furrier I meet."—London Tit-Bits.

REAL ACTING.

Old Friend—"Is your part very, very difficult to play?" Barnstormer—"Well, rather! I'm living on one meal a day and playing the role of a man with the gout!"—Detroit Free Press.

USED TO IT.

Jones—"I see that Gaggabay was overcome by the heat yesterday." Brown—"That's strange. I supposed that his intimacy with hot air had rendered him immune."—Kennebec (Me.) Journal.

NO ROOM FOR HIM.

Dusty Rhodes—"What are ye headin' fer Plunkville fer? Don't ye know dat de jail dere is chock full of hoboes?" Tired Tigger—"If de jail is chock full dat oughten be a good town to head fer."—Pittsburg Post.

THE STRENUOUS SHOPPER.

"Here is a lot more advice to the early shopper." "What rubbish! What would be the fun of shopping if you couldn't get into a jam and use your elbows?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NOTHING NEW.

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ENOUGH.

"I hear there's been an addition to your family." "Yes, a girl." "And is that the first addition?" "No, it's the sixth edition, and we're hoping it's the postscript, too."—Philadelphia Press.

WHERE BALMY BREEZES BLOW.

"He lived in a low, rambling house." "But I understood you to say it had only two rooms." "That's true, but this was in the cyclone district of Kansas."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A KICKER.

"What did her father say when you told him you wanted to marry his daughter?" "He kicked." "And then what did you say?" "I asked him to kick my hat out too."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FLAT TERMS.

"Five hundred dollars for my vote?" snorted the crooked legislator. "Sir! how dare you offer me this great insult?" "Pardon me," replied the lobbyist, who knew his man, "this offer is not gross, but positively net."—Philadelphia Press.

BOSTON THINKERS.

Beauman—"Still in a brown study! Always thinking about something!" Wyse—"So are you, but it is always about your clothes. The result is apparent in the case of either of us. I get creases in my forehead and you have them in your trousers."—Boston Transcript.

THE ATTRACTION.

Prim Mother—"My son, I am afraid you are going to make a mistake in marrying Miss Easyways. Both she and her mother are fearfully lax housekeepers." Son—"I know it, mother; that's what caught me. It's so comfortable over there, you know, I can sit down anywhere in the parlor without being told that I'm musing things up."—Detroit Free Press.

A DEEP PLOT.

Si Whitcomb (reading sign)—"Gunners trespassing on this land will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law." What's that for? Farmer Kute—"That's to make 'bout \$50 a season for me." Si Whitcomb—"Shucks! There ain't any gunnin' on your land." Farmer Kute—"I know, but the city gunners'll think there is, an' when I ketch 'em trespassin' I'll make 'em pay me tew lem' off."—Chicago Tribune.