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THE BLUE LABORATORY

BY L. T. MEADE AND ROBERT EUSTACE.

SYNOPSIS.

This story is told by Madeline Rennie, an English governess in the family of Dr. Chance at St. Petersburg, Russia. Chance is an Englishman by birth, but for many years a naturalized Russian. He has a wife and two daughters, Olga and Maroussa, sixteen and fifteen years of age. The doctor has long since given up the practice of medicine to bury himself in his two splendidly equipped laboratories in scientific research. The largest and finest of these workshops is known as the Blue Laboratory. A necessity of the room is a low glass dome rising from a corner of the floor. The girls take the governess that one day they peeked into the room and heard cries for help coming from beneath the dome. Miss Rennie is a Girton graduate, and much interested in science. For this reason she becomes of great assistance to Dr. Chance in his experiments. The first time he takes her into the Blue Laboratory he is called from the room. The governess rushes to the dome and pulls the cover off. Beneath several thicknesses of glass appears the horrible vision of a ghastly, lean and haggard face. Just then the doctor is heard returning. The startled governess pulls the cover back and resumes her work. She is much frightened but retains her composure.

PART III.

"Dr. Chance," I said, when my most important work was over, "why have you that peculiar dome in the corner of the floor?"

"I wanted you to ask no questions," he said, his back was slightly to me as he spoke. "There is nothing in this room," he continued, "which is out of use. If you become curious and spying I shall need your services no longer."

"You must please yourself about that," I replied, with spirit, "but it is not an English girl's habit to spy."

"I believe you are right," said Dr. Chance, coming close and staring at me. "Well, on this occasion I shall have pleasure in gratifying your curiosity. That dome is a part of an apparatus, by which I make a vacuum. Now you are doubtless as wise as you were before."

"I am no wiser," I answered.

The doctor smiled in a sardonic manner.

"I have finished my experiment," he said, "let us come away."

I ran straight up to my room and shut and locked myself in. I could not face the girls. I must not see them again until I had so completely controlled my features that they would not guess their suspicions were confirmed. I sat down and thought hard. No danger should now deter me on the course which I had marked out for myself. The miserable victim of Dr. Chance's cruelty should be rescued, even if my life were the purchase. But I knew well that my only chance of success was by putting the doctor off his guard and showing the wariness and wisdom of the serpent. As subsequent events proved, however, I little knew the man with whom I had to deal.

Having planned matters carefully in my own mind, I proceeded to act upon them. That evening I dressed for dinner in my best. I had observed that Dr. Chance, cold-blooded automaton as he was, had a certain good-looking I could be on certain occasions. I possessed an old black velvet dress which had belonged to my grandmother. The velvet was superb, but the make was old-fashioned. This very old-fashionedness would doubtless add to its charm in the eyes of the doctor; he might, when he saw it, remember some of the beauties he had met when he was young. Accordingly I put on the black velvet dress, pinned a lace kerchief in artistic folds round my throat, piled my hair high on my forehead, and then daintily powdered it. I had black hair, black as ink, a clear complexion, a good deal of color in my cheeks, and very dark eyes and eye-brows. The effect of the powdered

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I TOOK THE KEY.

hair immediately removed me from the conventional girl of the period and gave me that old picture look which men especially admire.

When I went into the salon, Olga and Maroussa rushed to meet me with cries of rapture.

"How beautiful you look, Madeline," they exclaimed, "but why have you dressed so much?"

"I took it to wear this," I said. "It belonged to my grandmother."

"But why have you powdered your hair?"

"Because it suits the dress."

"Well, you certainly do look lovely. I wonder what mamma will say!"

When Mrs. Chance appeared she stared at me in some astonishment, but vouchsafed no remark. We all went to dinner and saw Dr. Chance raise his eyes and observe my picturesque dress with a glance of puzzle-

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"I repeat what I have just said," he began, "you are full of curiosity. That which ruined our mother Eve is also your bane. I see defiance and a sense of strong desire to wring my secrets from me in your eye this evening. Now let me ask you a question. What has a young unformed creature like you to do with science?"

"I love science," I said, "I respect her, her secrets are precious. But what can I do for you, Dr. Chance?"

"You speak in the right spirit, Miss Rennie. Yes, I require your services, follow me at once to the Blue Laboratory."

He tripped on in front, genial and pleased. He opened the door in the wall, turned on the electric light, and we found ourselves in the ghastly place with its ghastly human secret. I went and stood close to the dome-shaped roof on the floor. Dr. Chance crossed the room and began to examine some microbes which he was carefully studying.

"After all," he said, "this experiment is not in a sufficiently advanced stage to do anything further tonight. I shall not require your help until tomorrow. Now, then, what can I do for you?"

"You can tell me a secret," I answered suddenly.

"I promised to do so. What do you want to know?"

"Do you remember the first day I helped you?"

"Well?"

"I wrote a paper for you on that day," he said, "the Photograph of Thought. You promised your English public that in a month or six weeks at furthest you would be able to prove your words. The time is past; prove your words to me now. Show me how you photograph thought."

Dr. Chance stared at me for a moment, then he grinned from ear to ear. His glittering teeth showed, then vanished—his eyes looked like sparks of living fire.

"I wonder if you are prepared," he

begin, "if you really know what you ask, I could tell you a secret. God knows, I would tell it to you, if I thought you could stand it."

"I can stand anything," I said, steadily myself. "At the present moment I am all curiosity. I have no fear. Is your secret such a fearful one? Is it a terrible thing to photograph thought?"

"The ways and means by which those secrets have been wrung from nature are fraught with terror," was the slow reply, "but you have asked me, and you shall know—a condition."

"That you wait until tomorrow evening."

I was about to reply when a servant came softly up the room, bearing a card on a silver. He presented it to the doctor. Dr. Chance looked at me, "Dr. Schopenhauer has called," he said abruptly, "he wants to see me on something important. I shall be back with you in a few moments."

He left me alone. I could scarcely believe my senses—I was by myself in the Blue Laboratory—such an unlooked-for opportunity was indeed providential. I went straight, like an arrow shot from a bow, to the dome-shaped roof. I withdrew the covering and bent over it, peering into the utter darkness below. Of course I could see nothing. I rapped with my knuckles on the glass; there was no sound, no reply of any sort. Had the victim been removed into a still further dungeon? I did not despair. I knocked again. This time my efforts were rewarded by a faint, far-away, terrible

HOW TO GET RID OF WILD GARLIC.

Something of Interest to Every Dairyman and Farmer.

ONE OF THE WORST PLAGUE WEEDS

Valuable Information Contained in a Recent Circular Sent Out by the United States Department of Agriculture—Of Especial Pertinency in Wayne, Wyoming and Susquehanna Counties.

The most injurious weed at the present time in the middle Atlantic states is wild garlic. From Pennsylvania to South Carolina and Tennessee, it is known to townspeople as "disfiguring lawns, to farmers and millers as a pest in wheat, and to dairymen and their customers as ruining dairy products when eaten by cows in the pastures. In certain parts of the region where it grows in this country it is called "wild garlic" and "wild onion," and less frequently "field garlic" and "crow garlic."

Wild garlic is not native in this country, but was introduced at an early date from the old world. The earliest writers distinguish it from other species, mention it as growing in fields and vineyards in Germany and France. One of the earliest authentic records of its presence in America is contained in Pursh's American Flora, published in 1814, in which it is said to be "in old fields common." Between 1814 and 1825, several authors, writing on the plants of this country, state that this species was abundant and troublesome from New York to Virginia.

DESCRIPTION.

Wild garlic is a perennial plant, propagating almost exclusively by means of secondary underground bulbs and aerial bulbils. The form which is most abundant in America rarely produces seeds in large quantities, where the tops are not allowed to develop, wild garlic reproduces itself by the small secondary bulbs or "cloves" developing at the base of the old bulb. These may be found in clusters at a depth of from three to ten inches below the surface of the ground. Soon after the fall rains they send up tufts of blue-green shoots. These shoots remain green, apparently little injured by the cold or winter. The bulbs, which in autumn are but little enlarged, are about one-sixteenth of an inch long in simple umbels. The flowers, when present, are black, flat, triangular, shelled, and about one-sixteenth of an inch in length. The flowers are usually followed by the aerial bulbils, which are small, round, like "seeds" of cultivated onions, as well as by the underground secondary bulbs. The flower-bearing stem, put forth in May or early June, is from ten to thirty inches tall. The flowers, varying from green to white, are in a dish-like cup, about one-sixteenth of an inch long in simple umbels. The seeds, when present, are black, flat, triangular, shelled, and about one-sixteenth of an inch in length. The flowers are usually followed by the aerial bulbils, which are small, round, like "seeds" of cultivated onions, as well as by the underground secondary bulbs. The flower-bearing stem, put forth in May or early June, is from ten to thirty inches tall. The flowers, varying from green to white, are in a dish-like cup, about one-sixteenth of an inch long in simple umbels. The seeds, when present, are black, flat, triangular, shelled, and about one-sixteenth of an inch in length.

DAMAGE CAUSED.

The flesh of animals which eat red-wood wild garlic for some time in the pasture is tainted with garlic flavor and renders unmarketable, unless the animals are fed on a diet free from it for several days before slaughtering.

The milk of cows eating wild garlic in the pasture has the strong, unwholesome flavor of garlic and any food containing the garlic-flavored milk is unpalatable. Cream rising from the milk has the flavor apparently intensified and butter made from the cream is worthless. The skimmed milk, clabber, and smearcase, or cottage cheese, are also spoiled. Garlic-flavored milk can not be used for making standard cheese—in fact, there is no way of disposing of it except feeding it to stock and selling it to the few people who do not object to the flavor.

TO STOP MILK TAIN.

Many efforts have been made to avoid the tainting of dairy products by wild garlic or to remove or disguise the odor. In some localities small pieces of salt-peter are placed in the milk during milking, but this does not produce any immediate harmful effects when thus diluted and taken in small quantities, its continued use is very likely to result in injury.

Simple aeration by pouring the milk from pail to pail while it is still warm from the cow, rather than cold, has been tried, and in large dairies different styles of aerating machines are used with good results. Pasteurizing milk in open vessels at a temperature of about 155 degrees F. will remove the garlic flavor to a considerable extent, but experiments have shown that when heat alone is used it is necessary to boil the milk for some time to get rid of the odor. Experiments conducted in a Virginia creamery seem to prove that a process combining aeration and pasteurization is the most successful. This treatment has the advantage of using no chemicals, and the operations are simple. Another method, recently described in a prominent dairy paper, consists in washing the cream with double its bulk of water, in which a little salt-peter has been dissolved, raising the temperature sufficiently to pasteurize the cream, and then immediately passing it through a centrifugal separator. By this process the cream loses much of its weed flavor, but as it has been pasteurized it must have a ferment or "starter" added to it to insure proper ripening.

BEWARE OF BORAX.

It is a Drug Which is Liable to Do More Harm Than Good.

Borax has become such a familiar household article, and enters into the composition of so many things in ordinary use, that it is interesting to note some experiments of a French physician, Dr. Ch. Fere, who has made exhaustive investigation into the qualities of this much-used substance. The British Medical Journal says that "there are a considerable number of persons peculiarly susceptible to borax. In them loss of appetite was succeeded by burning pain in the pit of the stomach, dryness of the mouth, and eventually by nausea and vomiting. Borax also produces a remarkable dryness of the skin, which is found to favor, if not to cause, various skin diseases, especially eczema. The hair also becomes dry and may fall out, causing complete baldness. The most dangerous result of the use of borax, however, is its power of producing kidney disease, or of converting a slight disorder of the kidneys into a fatal malady."

In view of the fact that borax is an ingredient in hair washes is extensively used, this warning does not come amiss. It is not impossible that, as many of the shampoo mixtures contain borax, this may account for baldness in men who habitually indulge in shampooing at the barber's. If eczema is the result of a regular use of borax, the question arises whether borax soap is not a menace to health, and an article that should be restricted in its employment.

AT THE THEATERS.

Frederick Warde will bring his great revival of Shakespeare's "King Lear," of which so much has been written and said in praise to the Frothingham this evening. The New Orleans Times-Democrat says: "As a scenic production, Mr. Warde's 'King Lear' is artistic and adequate everywhere, and perhaps no stronger commendation could be given to any scenic production of a really great play. The stage pictures are all artistic and as polished as could be compassed within the somewhat proscribed limits of stage presentation, while on the other hand they are not of that stupendous class which distract the attention of the audience from the purely dramatic features of the production. Several scenes presented last night were beautiful as works of art, in which the perspective effects were little short of marvelous, while the great storm scene was at once sublime and realistic." Thursday afternoon Mr. Warde will present Shakespeare's comedy, "The Merchant of Venice," and Thursday night the historic tragedy, "King Richard III."

LIME AND SALT.

A liberal application of lime in pastures and meadows will improve the growth of grasses and clovers, and thus aid in crowding out garlic. This will be found especially effective in soils deficient in lime, as is the case throughout a large proportion of the garlic-infested area.

Hogs confined on garlic patches in sandy land will root out the bulbs and destroy them, and in some instances good results have been obtained by plowing the land and turning them on. Sheep pastured in garlic-infested fields late in autumn and early in spring will thin out the plants by preventing the developments of leaves. In some cases it may be necessary to salt the garlic occasionally to induce the sheep to get a taste to overcome their natural dislike for it.

After wild garlic has been thinned out by any of the above methods, or where the plants are still confined to isolated patches, complete eradication can be most economically effected by the application of carbolic acid. A single drop of strong carbolic on a leaf or shoot will kill the shoot and the bulb from which it grows. Half a teaspoonful applied so as to strike most of the roots in a bush or clump of garlic, pastures and lawns will kill the entire bunch. The cheaper quality of commercial carbolic acid, retailing at 39 to 40 cents per gallon, is effective for this purpose. This should be used with little or no dilution. It is easily applied with a common machine or can, or a garden watering pot with a small rose or nozzle. To complete the eradication by this method the ground should be carefully looked over during each of the two succeeding years. This may be done in winter or early spring, when the plants are not hidden by other vegetation. Stock, being kept up at this season, is not likely to be poisoned, and doors and windows being closed, the offensive odor of the acid will be kept out of houses. Experiments have proved that wild garlic will kill wild garlic even when the ground is frozen. While this process certainly requires time, it takes no longer to apply carbolic acid to a garlic plant than to put Paris green on a potato plant, and it requires much less time than the necessary digging out the plants or chop them off with a hoe or spade, a practice that has often been tried with indifferent results. Crude sulphuric acid, such as is used in eastern Pennsylvania for destroying Canada thistles, will kill garlic, but this has been extensively used, and therefore can not be handled as easily and as safely as carbolic acid. A water solution of sodium arsenite or of arsenic and salisoda will kill wild garlic, but it would be less repulsive to stock than carbolic acid and more likely to result in cases of poisoning.

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