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CHAPTER IX

"YOUR ISLAND"

The friends found it possible at La Floreana to secure weapons—a rifle, a shot gun and four automatics. They practised with them at sea.

Their voyage began without event and they found that Captain Costa's description of his vessel was correct as to her comfort and sea-worthiness, but a little overgenerous concerning her speed. Her engines were of an ancient pattern, and Carlos Paz, the engineer, loved them and declined to push them at any time. He had lived his life with them for thirty years.

"They are grand machinery," said old Carlos, "but I have never asked them to do impossible things, and so there is always a little might hid in them to respond if the call should come."

"Meantime we jog along at eight knots," said Tom.

"And who that is sane desires to go faster upon the sea?" asked Carlos.

They carried wireless, yet felt the new sensation of being separated from civilization so completely. Felice appreciated this and Jane declared such an experience worth having; but Tom and Angus did not share their satisfaction.

The prospect of gigantic and novel vegetation attracted Aylmer more than any possible treasures, while Maine's interest centred in the approaching island itself. Felice had brought his photographic apparatus and professed to be principally interested in such records as he might make. Jane decided that some birds would have to be shot if it proved impossible to catch them.

Already the question arose as to which of them would write an account of the voyage, and it was decided that while Felice illustrated it, the other three would contribute the letterpress between them. They kept industrious diaries and compared notes.

Such close companionship awoke common discoveries as to character, and both Tom and Angus found their friend had in reality changed. Each doubted at first, then they talked together and the suspicion was confirmed.

"Couldn't tell you what it is, but there's something," decided Maine. "He's himself by fits and starts, and one allows for his funny moods which are familiar; but he's different, too—radically different. I'd say he has got something on his mind—not just the old sense of injustice with the world at large but something inside him that you can't get him to talk about."

"He has altered," admitted Tom, "and the biggest symptom is that he prefers to be alone and give us all a miss when he conveniently can. That's not like him for he was always by nature a sociable chap."

"What does Jane think of him?" asked Angus.

"She thinks a lot of him and, at the same time, doesn't know what to think of him," answered the other. "That sounds rather mad; but it's true. Much that he says and hopes may happen some day sounds very noble and fine to her; but there's always a fly in the amber. Jane finds Pedro a tremendous egotist, and like all egotists, he hates people to think differently from what he does himself. He's always out to convince her, and he makes almost a personal matter of it, so that when he can't convince her, and she tells him so, he gets rusty — even rude sometimes. They have long yarns, as we all do one with another living this idle ship life; but they differ as often as they agree."

"You wouldn't say she liked him exactly then?" asked Angus.

"She doesn't like him—not as you and I do. He makes her uncomfortable—not because his ideals different, but because he's always making things personal to himself."

Jane herself threw some light on the mystery when the three were together and Pardo had turned in. For he spent much time by himself in his cabin.

"He's sizes bigger than any of us," she said, "but his ideas and the thought of the greatest good to the greatest number don't seem to comfort him as much as you'd expect. He appears to think that he was born to put things right, yet can only help on the good work by putting himself wrong. He talks about 'divided loyalties,' but who they may be divided between he doesn't say. I told him that his trouble was really a form of selfishness and that he was worrying about his own soul a great deal more than the bodies of other people. That annoyed him very much. All the same, if he's not worrying about that, what is he worrying about? He's got some secret up his sleeve and would rather like to let me have a peep at it; but he's frightened too."

"I'll bet he's not frightened," said Angus. "He doesn't know the meaning of fear. Tom will tell you that Pardo is physically braver than any chap we ever saw."

"He is," said Aylmer. "And it's a sort of bravery that nothing can shake. I could tell you things."

"He's frightened all the same," she answered. "It must be something inside him—something he can't see how to fight perhaps. No doubt what he calls 'divided loyalties' might be jolly difficult, because he's great on right and wrong, and justice and so on; but —well, there it is; conscience makes a coward of the bravest man or woman sometimes."

To be continued

BORDEN W. I.

—The Borden Women's Institute monthly meeting took place amidst an array of flowers at the home of Mrs. Roland Ramsay, who graciously played hostess to members and friends on the occasion of a farewell and presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Darrach, who were leaving to take up residence at Charlottetown. Mrs. Darrach was a former president and valued member of our Institute for many years. The president, Mrs. P. Darrach, presided over the meeting held previous to the entertainment. Nineteen members and about twenty guests attended including His Worship Mayor Leard.

During the past month members of our Institute journeyed to Lakeview Lodge, Cavendish, where a delightful dinner was enjoyed, followed by a visit to Anne of Green Gables. The recent Red Cross Drive netted the sum of $128.60. All committees reported and Mrs. J. J. MacIsaac was appointed to assist Mrs. J.V. MacDonald on the card committee. The secretary was advised to pay all bills. On motion the meeting was adjourned.

This was followed by an address to Mrs. Darrach, by Miss Eleanor MacIsaac who ably filled in for her mother a very close friend of Mrs. Darrach. Mrs. J. V. MacDonald then presented Mrs. Darrach with a beautiful Life Membership pin of the Women's Institute. Next came a brief speech by His Worship Mayor Leard who at the close presented Mr. and Mrs. Darrach with a purse of money from the citizens of Borden. Both Miss MacIsaac and the Mayor stressed the value of this fine couple and how much they would be missed in the community. Mr. and Mrs. Darrach responded and expressed their sincere thanks. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Darrach, Mrs. Ceretti, Mrs. Davies and Miss MacIsaac served a delightful lunch. The evening ended with the group singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows," followed with other old favourites.

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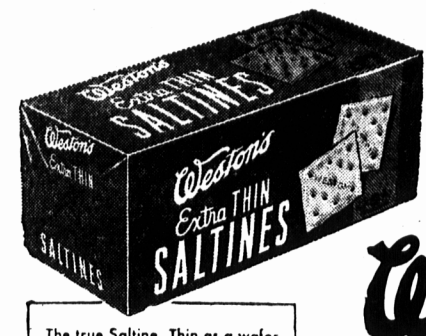

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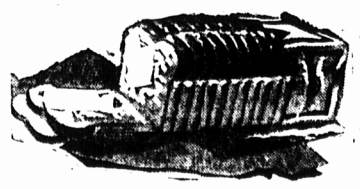

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33 cents

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NO. 1 SMALL
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GRAPEFRUIT, 3 for 29c

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GRADE A—4 to 5½ lb.
FOWL, lb. 39c

PEAMEALED STYLE
BACK BACON, lb. 69c

FRESH BEEF LIVER, lb. 39c

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SMOKED BOLOGNA, lb. 29c

SMOKED SHANKLESS
PICNIC, lb. 59c

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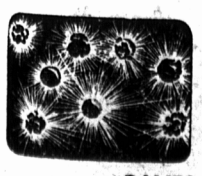

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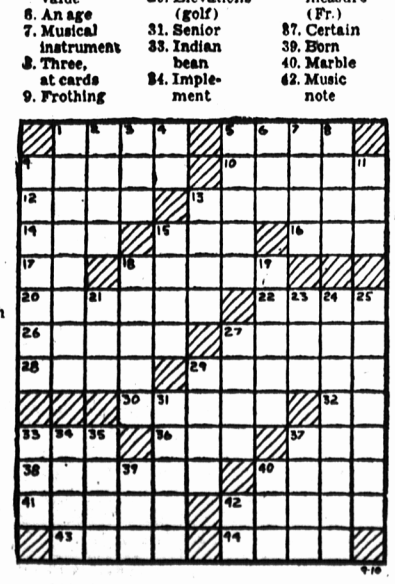
Yesterday's Answer

ACROSS

1. A fish
5. Stone ax
9. Public meeting
10. Beautiful maiden (Moh. Paradise)
12. S-shaped molding
13. Middle
14. Moslem title
15. Exclamation
16. Hole of a needle
17. Personal pronoun
18. Cuts
20. Characterized by irony
22. Warmth
26. Requires (obs. var.)
27. Horn
28. Merriment
29. Point aimed at
30. Pass a rope through a hole (naut.)
32. Pronoun
33. The eye: in symbolism
36. Sheltered side
37. Coin (Peru)
38. Makes circular
40. Fish
41. One to whom a gift is made
42. More infrequent
43. Look askance
44. Female sheep

DOWN

1. Comic verse
2. Region
3. Hint
4. Type measure
5. Of small value
6. An age
7. Musical instrument
8. Three, at cards
9. Frothing
11. Anger
13. Stylish
15. Keel-billed cuckoos
18. Scoff
19. Beach
21. Poem
23. Unit of work
24. Windflowers
25. Guardian
27. Cavern
29. Elevations (golf)
31. Senior
33. Indian bean
34. Implement
35. Old measure (Fr.)
37. Certain
39. Born
40. Marble
42. Music note



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X E
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

Y WGJ IMz AYMMT, WKCJ NGYLRJT, YLZ LJB MKAJ UMITTICT IQW IA WGJ SQKLT—TNGKMMJS.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NOTHING IS SO DANGEROUS AS AN IGNORANT FRIEND. BETTER IS IT TO HAVE A WISE ENEMY—LA FONTAINE.

The town of Banff in Scotland received its first charter from King Malcolm IV in 1163.

The cabbage palm tree in the West Indies grows as high as 100 feet.