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HISTORIC CRIMES and MYSTERIES

by WALT MASON

INFATUATION OF MARY BLANDY.

MARY BLANDY does not rank with the great artists in crime, but as an illustration of human perversity she remains supreme. The babes and sucklings of her time have become venerable men and women, and all kinds of water have passed under the bridge, but her name still lives in England, and when old lawyers encounter a peculiarly cold-blooded criminal, they are wont to say that he is as bad as Mary Blandy.

Mary lived with her parents at Henley-on-Thames. Her father was a fine, comfortable man, a solicitor who had a seemly package of pieces of eight salted down to his old age, and to leave to his beloved daughter when he went to sleep with his fathers. Mary was the joy and pride of his life. He thought so much of her that he used to bore his friends describing her noble and charming qualities, and seemed to be under the impression that she ought to have been presented with a gold-headed cane at least once a day. And, really, the old man was not without excuse, for Mary was a most attractive damsel. She was young, well educated, of divers accomplishments, and a pleasant personality. The father was justified in believing that she eventually would marry some excellent citizen, and live happy ever after.

If she didn't do this it was not because of a lack of excellent citizens, or a backwardness on their part. Her suitors fairly trampled down all the flowers in the front yard in their eagerness to propose to her, and among them were some of the most desirable and promising young men in the neighborhood. She treated them all as good friends, and turned them down, one after another, when they volunteered to escort her to the altar. In view of what followed it is well to remember that Mary Blandy had her chance to pick and choose from all the beautiful young men of the countryside.

Mary's Adamantine Conscience Was Touched.

In the fullness of time Captain Cranstoun came to Henley on recruiting service. The captain was a caricature of a man. He was small and withered, badly pitted with the smallpox, cross-eyed and possessed of a hideous muddy complexion. He was the ugliest thing seen on the main street of the town in many a day. Imagine, therefore, the consternation of the beautiful young men who had been rejected in one-two-three order, when they learned that Cranstoun was paying his attentions to Mary, and evidently with success. Mary seemed infatuated with her shriveled captain. So the young men held an indignation meeting, and resolved to look up the captain's record, which they did. It was a bad one, and included the fact that he had a wife and children in Scotland.

Proof of this was sent to Mr. Blandy, and he tried to call a halt. He put his foot down, as becomes the head of a house, and announced that the captain would have to cease his visits, and Mary must have nothing further to do with him. The next time the captain called Mary explained the situation to him, and he seemed to think it amusing. His marriage with the woman in Scotland wasn't a legal marriage, he said. It could be declared off at any time. He was a great talker, and could make Mary believe that white was black. She took his word about that Scotch marriage, and refused to give him up. One of the curious things about this case is that Mary's mother was a champion of the captain from first to last. She called him her dear son, and when she fell sick, after the captain had been forbidden the house by Mr. Blandy, she moaned and wailed for her dear son so greatly that he had to be sent for. So he sat at her bedside for hours together, and when he wasn't there he was pursuing his courtship of the daughter.

Meanwhile Mr. Blandy remained firm and refused to consent to Mary's marriage to the captain, notwithstanding that the latter proved he was a brother of the happy warrior, failed to move him. So Mary and the captain held a caucus and decided that the old man was superfluous, and would have to be removed. They laid their plans carefully. They gave out the information that funeral music had been heard in the house, which was a certain warning that Blandy would die within twelve months. Cranstoun also went around explaining that he was gifted with second sight, and he had seen the old gentleman's ghost. Having thus prepared the neighborhood for fatalities, the captain went to Scotland and sent Mary a package of powder for cleaning silverware, showing how thoughtful he was. Instead of cleaning the silverware, Mary absentmindedly began feeding the powder to her father, who certainly wasn't silver-lined. She was quite careless about it. She put the powder in his tea, in his porridge, in his gravy. Through a long winter she seasoned his victuals with arsenic, and the old man's sufferings were indescribable. During that time two servants were nearly killed by drinking poisoned tea Mary had left lying around.

June came, and the father still hung on, and Cranstoun wrote Mary a letter from Scotland, intimating that she was slower than molasses in January, and urging her to double the dose. One day, when Blandy's sufferings had been intolerable, and he lay moaning and writhing upon his bed, Mary's adamantine conscience was touched, and she confessed that she had been poisoning him. She fell on her knees at his bedside and begged her father to curse her. "I curse thee not," said the poor old man; "no, I bless thee, and hope God will bless thee, and amend thy life."

Shortly after this he died, and he was in his grave before suspicion was directed toward Mary. Then the servants began to talk, and when suspicion once was aroused, there was no difficulty in securing evidence, for the girl had been perfectly reckless in conducting her operations. She was arrested, tried and convicted, and one fine morning she ascended the scaffold, young and handsome still, and suffered all that the law calls for in such cases. Cranstoun, when he heard of her arrest, fled from Scotland and went to France. Fearing that he would be hunted down there, he moved on to Flanders, where he fell ill and died.

Overlooked Points in Wager.

A wager is said to have been won by Sir Walter Raleigh, from Queen Elizabeth on the question of how much smoke is contained in a pound of Virginia tobacco. A pound of the weed was weighed, burned and then weighed again, in ashes. The question was held to be satisfactorily settled by determining that the weight of the smoke was exactly that of the tobacco before being burned, minus the residuum of ashes. The fact that the ashes had received additional weight by combining with the oxygen of the atmosphere and the further fact that certain gases were evolved in the process of combustion were unthought of by the queen and Sir Walter, the knowledge of such things not having then been revealed.

Rather Overdid It.

The little daughter of a college professor had been taught to pray for the things which she desired. It was very dry and hot, and everybody was looking anxiously for rain. Suddenly it occurred to the little miss that she could pray for rain, and she acted on her impulse at once. Shortly after, there came a terrific thunder shower. Streets were gullied out, trees were blown down and other damage was done. After the shower, the child's mother found her standing at the window looking out with a rueful face upon the debris, and heard her say in an awe-struck voice:

"Oh, Lord, what have I done?"—Everybody's Magazine.

Too Rich Oream.

"To illustrate the uses of advertisements," says a well-known theatrical manager, "there is one experience I had of which I often think.

"I was driving when I came to a farm where there was a meadow to let. The owner of this farm would have made a good advertisement manager, for the big poster announcing that the meadow was to let was worded as follows:

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Justice to Thomas Paine.

Most of Thomas Paine's ideas are so familiar to us of today that it is hard to believe the hullabaloo they raised—international arbitration, anti-slavery, justice to women and mercy to animals. He proposed old age pensions, compulsory public schools, state aid to poor children, endowment of motherhood, public work for the unemployed, and a graduated income tax to pay for these reforms.—Exchange.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 31

CHRIST'S COMING AND COMING TO CHRIST (REVIEW).

LEADING LESSON—Rev. 22:6-14, 16-21.

GOLDEN TEXT—The spirit and the bride say, come. And he that heareth, let him say, come. And he that is athirst, let him come. He that wills, let him take of the water of life freely.—Rev. 22:17.

It is possible in lessons one to nine to review the past quarter's work, in a logical, chronological manner, but lessons seven and nine are not in their proper chronological setting. These lessons extend over five years of Paul's life from about 58 A. D. to 63 A. D. They are five wonderful years, and the last of the authentic years we have of the life of this wonderful man. The review should of course center in Paul, his conduct, character and teachings.

The first twelve chapters of the Book of Acts, in which we have chiefly been studying, cover a period of about sixteen years, A. D. 30-46, with Jerusalem as the center. The rest of the Book of Acts cover another period of approximately 16 years from 46 to 62, and is the record of the foreign missionary work of Paul and his companions, Paul being of course the central character. The series for this quarter close with the vision of the final triumph of Christianity as seen by John in the Revelation. Maps should be employed if possible to show the journeys of Paul. The risen Christ and the endulement of the Holy Spirit were the vision and the power which wrote this first Church History, and which have been writing Church History ever since. The home church (Chs. 2-7) began with about 120 praying men and women. Peter's first sermon brought into "the way" 3,000 more. From time to time others were added. Persecution and deliverances, the first martyr, Stephen, and the dissatisfaction which led to the choice of the deacons, are the outstanding events of this period. The home mission period, with Jerusalem as the center and Palestine as the field (Chapters 8-12) covers a period of about ten years. Persecution scattered the disciples throughout the country. Paul was converted on the road to Damascus, Philip goes to Samaria, and Peter carries on the work throughout Lydda, Joppa and Caesarea. In this section we have the story of Philip and the Ethiopian, of Peter curing the palsied man at Lydda, the raising of Dorcas and Paul and Barnabas returning to Jerusalem with help to those at that city who were suffering from famine. Then begins the period of foreign missions, covering about sixteen years, from about A. D. 47 to 62. The principal characters begin of course with Paul and Barnabas, though Paul soon takes his place of leadership. Paul's first missionary journey lasted for about two years, from say A. D. 47 to 49, Barnabas being his principal companion. Returning to Antioch from Jerusalem, Paul soon began his second journey, this time taking with him Silas. Again there is a period of about two years, from A. D. 50 to 52. Paul had his Macedonian vision during this time, and the gospel first entered Europe, beginning with the conversion of the Philipian jailor. Paul's preaching at Athens and his service at Corinth are perhaps the most outstanding features of this journey. Paul's third journey lasted nearly three years, A. D. 53 to 56 or 57. Here visits the Asia Minor churches to strengthen them, spends nearly three years at Ephesus, and has some outstanding adventures as, for instance, the riot at Ephesus about the shrines of Diana. Returning to Jerusalem to take part in the feast, he is told of the ultimate persecutions which he must endure. For a long time he has desired to preach the gospel in Rome. Everyone of the trials, hindrances, oppositions and attacks proved to be the means by which he gained that desired end.

In this particular quarter, in lesson one, we see Paul's calmness in persecution, his prudence under danger. In lesson two, his delicate courtesy and shrewdness in seizing every opportunity that he might witness for his Lord. In lesson three is manifested his unshaken belief in everything found in the Scriptures, and his wise use thereof in leading men to Christ. In lesson five, his fearlessness amidst danger and his absolute confidence in God. In lesson six, his humility. In lesson seven, his well balanced common sense and his love of peace among his brethren. In lesson eight, we see him longing for human companionship and sympathy, and have an evidence of his love for his own countrymen, and yet his faithfulness declaring the word of God to them as well as to the Gentiles.

Last Sunday we stood with Isaiah, looking down through the centuries to the man of Galilee 700 years hence. Today, as we review this quarter and the lessons of the past year, we are looking back nearly two thousand years to the one who wrought out our salvation on Calvary, but we may also turn our faces the other way, and look for him whose coming will bring peace to the earth, and at whose coming the brightness of his glory shall cover the earth even as the waters cover the sea.

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