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The Queerest of Creatures

ten left their flocks to subsist on what- the bandoleers! ever they could pick up, and as an os- All the ostriches had particularly

One of the men threw the foremost four feet of neck. ostrich a bar of soap. The ostrich swallowed it, and looked for more.

ed, and the bird ate that.

the experiment, but suddenly an out- pearance and taste.

In that part of Africa that was the | cry was raised among the soldiers seat of the war between the British near. While the attention of the men and the Boers there are many ostrich had been centred on the bird that was farms. It was at the time of the Boer swallowing matchboxes, soap and jam War a thinly settled country, for the cans, another hungry bird had entermost part bare and comparatively un- ed a tent and was actually engaged in productive. As the ostrich farmers of- eating brass-headed cartridges out of

trich will pick up anything that is not long and naked necks. The soldiertoo large for it to swallow, the advent | wanderers from the Dominion noticed of the British and Boer forces, with that any bulky object which an osthe chance that it gave at the leavings, trich swallowed went down his throat

Canadians had never before seen a particularly long-necked ostrich. He "I can't remember whom we are be friends." these birds on their native heath. swallowed one bit after another with waiting for!" she exclaimed a little lookout for rations. The Canadians straight, while the soldiers laughed had heard of the "digestion of an os- till they could hardly breathe to see I dare say it will come to me in a the objects chase one another down minute. You know every one, I sup-

As the ostriches helped themselves to many useful and needed articles as Another man tossed out a matchbox. well as to the refuse of the camp, it The estrich swallowed that, and look- soon became necessary to refuse them ! ed pleased. An empty jam can follow- admission to the camp. But before they were banished an untoward ac-"I wonder if he would eat cart- cident—for the ostriches only—de- ping her voice a little, "is Surgeon- clock and turned briskly towards the hospital." ridges?" said an Irish member of the prived two of the big birds of life. Major Thomson. He is inspector of corridor. They were cut up and eaten by the hospitals at the front, or something of No one ventured to violate regula- Canadians, who found them very good, tions or waste ammunition by trying the flesh resembling beef both in ap- pretty!—is Geraldine Conyers, daugh-

Scenery "Above the Clouds."

both to interest and astonish them.

ly ascended about 2,000 feet, they

which the aeroplane was travelling.

Those civilians who intend to ven-

The distance to which they can see

A Well of Quotations.

Which is the most widely-quoted poem in consideration of its length? This honor would seem to be due to Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." , Nearly every line in it is, more or less, familiar to poetry readers; but

to the man in the street, such expressions as: "The bashful virgin's side- would be able to have a view on every long looks of love," "The loud laugh hand of between 50 and 60 miles. leaned to virtue's side," "Still the won- rection-that is, the horizon would be der grew that one small head could that distance away. carry all he knew," "Fools who came But some of the things they would to scoff remained to pray." "Allured see in the sky would perhaps excite

could argue still," "Sweet as the prim- might have the luck to witness the exrose peeps beneath the thorn," and traordinary spectacle of the big black "Words of learned length and thunder- thundercloud-heads thrust to a height Then there is that most delightful the level sea of white cloud above picture in a couplet:

It is not always recognized that would appear. These would be due to like all the others—he will tell us Minister. She had a word or two to Goldsmith was a bit of a Socialist ere tiny particles of ice in the air. A the word was invented. Here is a similar ring is occasionally seen Lord Romsey observed. round the sun and moon from the

When every rood of ground maintain-

Emigrants from Great Britain to Canada in 1920 numbered 75,800, as compared with 57,200 in 1919.

ed ite man."

Do You Follow Your Intuition? "If I had only followed my first im- camouflage, to put up a good front. ing better already? Come and tell about them, and I also know that your pression; if I had only listened to It's a good impression or a bad im- me whom you don't know of my guests brain is packed full of secrets which self into doing something else, I might correct answer to your question with-

dazzling prospect.

recently in telling of some of the un- cess. fortunate results of acting contrary. This is where women have a treto his inner convictions or intuitions. mendous advantage over men. They His grey eyes were a little sunken, stage whom I must hear about." sions from men who have failed to spiritual sense, which does not stop listen to the inner voice that said to to reason, but flies straight to its them: "If I only had done as I first mark. Men trust more to their reathought of doing!" Or, "If I had only son, and are far oftener mistaken in listened to my wife! She told me not their estimate of people than women.

pers a protest or a warning, tells us to do with this er with that, that it to do this or not to do that, is some- would turn out badly, and I have acted thing infinitely higher and finer than against her intuition I made a misany reasoning power we know of. Our take every time. inner promptings are more trust- Emerson says, "I believe in the still vessels maintain large bonded stores, other pieces of linen, together with worthy than our reasoning faculties, small voice, and that voice is the grocery shops, and such-like establish- 20,000 cups and saucers, 22,000 plates which often bring us to unfortunate Christ within me." It doesn't matter ments. Each of these must be well and covers, 12,000 glasses and tumbconclusions. The voice that speaks what we call it—sixth sense, spiritual stocked, for the little army of cooks lers, 15,000 spoons, 15,000 knives, to us, what we call intuition is a sort sense, instinct, or what not—that in— which each liner carries has every day forks, and carvers, 5,000 jugs, sugar of spiritual sense which doesn't stop ner prompting is the Christ, the whilst she is at sea to prepare as basins, etc., 4,250 of such articles as to reason but almost flies to a dedivinity, the God in us. If we lived much food as would suffice for a fair-cruets and egg-cups, 10,000 dishes, and he isn't all right. If he isn't all right ness of God in our daily lives, in all the intuitive person feels it, senses it, our affairs, the inner voice would be- Mauretania. She is fitted with huge

have gotten somewhere," said a man out going through the reasoning pro-

hold out for he civilian high-flyer

to have anything to do with that man; Several times I have taken people to that he had a yellow streak in him; my home, men I have thought of allythat he wasn't straight, and would ing myself with in different ways, to see what my wife thought of them, That inner something, which whis- and when she told me to have nothing

because intuition pierces all masks, come an unerring guide, which we kichens, equipped with the most up-



The Kingdom of The Blind

By E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

CHAPTER I.

of the lounge at the Ritz Hotel and with a delicately-poised forefinger counted her guests. There was the great French actress who had every charm but youth, chatting vivaciously with a tall, pale-faced man whose French actress and mixing her fingers of the lounge at the Ritz Hotel and been brought out recently by pain or "We all appreciate that," Lady Anselman assured him sympathetically. "Madame Selarne has promised to hold in veneration. This name, are counted her guests. There was the reclined uselessly in a black silk sling. He glanced around the little assembly. "Madame Selarne has promised to hold in veneration. This name, however, is not recognized by the give us an outline of the new play which she is producing in Mansalman stood in the centre who cannot find a creed and a church to suit him must be very difficult to please; for on the which she is producing in Mansalman stood in the centre which one might have guessed had blance of indiscretion.

The Londoner who cannot find a creed and a church to suit him must be very difficult to please; for on the which she is producing in Mansalman assured him sympathetically. "Madame Selarne has promised to hold in veneration. This name, however, is not recognized by the writer to be known as which she is producing in Mansalman assured him sympathetically. "Sunday for more than five years by William Sirgood a Walwarth she

who professed to be a stretching over the mouth of the lower prophetess and who issued 6,400 seallieutenant was exchanging what seamlieutenant was exchange lieutenant was exchanging what seeminterest. Lady Anselman at once inher hostess had referred to as being man burns his incense-sticks in two ranging from twelve shillings to a ed to be rather impressive chaff with troduced them.

helplessly to the remaining guest, a audible as she shook hands. The young moment curiously. There was somesomewhat tired-looking publisher who soldier looked at her for a moment. thing very still and expressionless in stood by her side. "I am one short. His manner became almost serious. pose, Mr. Daniell?"

The publisher shook his head. Madame Selarne," he observed. "For Miss Olive Moreton. And this is Ger- rubbish quite long enough. You have

"The man who talks French so The two men shook hands pleasantthe sort. The tall, fair girl-isn't she "luncheon." Signor Scobel, and Adelaide Cunning- to her nephew and touched him on the ture to a good height during the com- ham—you do know her, don't you, Mr. arm. ing flying season will see a great deal Daniell? She is my dearest friend. How many do you make that?"

will alone impress them. If they mere- fully. "Eleven including ourselves,"

The fair girl, who had overheard, pass from one to the other. awakened interest in her face, and the ally," Granet admitted, "but if you Granet? You hadn't met him before, bath, and who usually conduct their its summit by a smokestack which is to brigher worlds and led the way," their wonder even more. If thunder-flashed upon the yellow-gold of her the Field Hospitals at the front, then and looked directly at his neighbor.

of a thousand feet or more througth

Sometimes there would be banks of Madame Selarne inquired solicitously. table which had been reserved for very British, keen sportsman, lots of "The hawthorn bush, with seats be. beautiful colors around the shadow of "In the left arm and the right leg," them. Lady Anselman glanced around pluck, just a little careless, hating to the aeroplane, caused by the sun shin- Lady Anselman assented. "I believe with the scrutinizing air of the pro- talk about himself and serious things." At other times very large rings S. O. The only trouble is that he is she devoted herself to the Cabinet

"He shows excellent judgment,"

august guest a little querulously. These, with white fogbows, double "A time there was, ere England's and treble mock suns, ice-pillars at adays, isn't it?" she remarked. "I am Ralph," she went on, turning to the "That is the principle to go on, now- "And I have put you next Olive, instance, is his uncle." sunrise, and the whole capped by the not sure that you are wise. When one sailor, "because I hear you are exglorious cloud scenery, must indeed is told nothing, one fears the worst, pecting to get your ship to-day or toand when time after time the news of morrow, so you, too, have to be spoil- and a chateau, just now, I am afraid, these small disasters reaches us piece- ed a little. As a general rule I don't in the hands of the Germans. It was meal, about three weeks late, we never approve of putting engaged people toget rid of our forebodings, even when gether, it concentrates conversation Lady Granet was an Alsatian. He was you tell us about victories. . . . Ah! so. And, Lord Romsey," she added, to have gone out with the polo team, Here he comes at last," she added, turning to her neighbor, "please don't you know, to America, but broke a rib Zealand is now done with the machine. Here ne comes at last, she added, holding out both her hands to the imagine for a moment that I am going just as they were making the selec-

with a slight, reddish moustache and the French actress, "and there are so the remains of freckles upon his face. many of my friends on the French

CHAPTER I.

Lady Anselman stood in the centre which one might have guessed had blance of indiscretion."

say anything worth listening to about them, without at any rate the semble blance of indiscretion."

charm but youth, chatting vivaciously with a tail, pale-faced man whose French seemed to be as perfect as his as attitude was correct. The popular arm arm her husband's latest play with a Cabher Minister who had the air of a in his new play the first night I am at of A very beautiful young woman, tall and Lord Romsay may nerhaps do me

"I hope so, too," he said quietly.

my nephew if you can spare a moment upon him. "I have met Lord Romsey and also man continued. "Captain Granet the rest, I was just thinking what a aldine's brother-Lieutenant Conbeen out, haven't you?'

"And now, I think," she announced,

As she moved forward, she was sudter of Admiral Sir Seymour Conyers. denly conscious of the man who had That's her brother, the sailor over been talking to Madame Selarne. He of stiffness in his monner. Lady Patrick of course you know, and a curious intentness. She turned back my work."

"Ronnie," she said, "I don't know served whether you have met Surgeon-Major The publisher counted them care- Thomson in France? Major Thomson, this is my nephew, Captain Granet." his hand to the other man. Only Ger-"Shouldered his crutch, and showed tent of nearly 90 miles; whilst should are waiting for. One can't be cross liar scruting with which each regarded how fields were won," "His pity gave they venture up to, say, 10,000 feet, with him, poor fellow. He can only the other. Something which might almost have been a challenge seemed to

"Is it your nephew, Captain Ronald I owe you a peculiar debt of gratitude. Granet, who is coming?" she asked a You are the man I mean, aren't you?" the young soldier concluded cordially. and an understanding face.

with dispatches from the front," she along the corridor, across the restaur- interested in soldiers, however."

say to nearly every one of them. "I have put you next Miss Conyers, Ronnie," she remarked, "because we Lady Anselman glanced at her give all the good things to our men when they come home from the war. briskly. "Sir Alfred Anselman, for

young man who was making his some- to break my promise. We are going to tion. He played cricket for Middlewhat difficult way towards them. talk about everything in the world ex-"Ronnie, you are a few minutes late cept the war. I know quite well that Captain of Oxford the year that they but we're not in the least cross with if Ronnie has had any particularly did so well." you. Do you know that you are look- thrilling experiences, he won't tell us The young man, leaning upon his to divulge. We are going to try and stick, greeted his aunt and murmured persuade Madame to tell us about her a word of apology. He was very fair. new play," she concluded, smiling at

Feeding a City Afloat So far as mere eating and drinking | bakers, and nine butchers. Serving

goes, one usually lives better as a pas- the food prepared by these, and othersenger at sea than anywhere else in wise attending to the needs or passenthe world. On most boats the fare is gers, keeps busy 485 stewards and good, but comparatively few hotels thirty stewardesses. keep such a splendid "table" as one As to the table equipment, that runs finds in the big Atlantic liner.

all pretenses, goes behind all effort to could follow implicitly.—O. S. Marden. to-date plant. Amongst the latter are electric grills that cook four hundred crops or steaks per hour. If you are lucky enough to be making a trip in her, and desire a chop or

a steak for your lunch, all you have to do is to choose your "cut," and in a As for bread, you may select what you fancy. Everything from plain

toothsome things, from ice cream to fancy cakes. there are seventy-five cooks, fourteen trip.

For supplying their catering depart- Mauretania's size there are in regular ments the companies owning these use many thousands of cloths and 11,000 toast-racks and escallop shells Keeping up the crockery supply must provide enough work for a fair-sized

It is quite certain that no single farmyard could keep a liner's larder filled. Every time she crosses the Atlantic, thre is consumed aboard the Aquitania 50 oxen, 15 calves, 200 sheep, 70 lambs, 160 pigs, 350 ducks, 180 turkeys, 90 geese, 3,000 chickens, father one day, and he was very infew minutes' time it will be served up | 550 partridges, 800 quail, and 200 | snipe, to say nothing of tons of flour, groceries, and other foodstuffs.

Another point of interest is that Turning out such a variety of edibles business as feeding the people they necessitates a large staff being em- carry. Every time the Mauretania ployed. Cooks by the score are car- crosses the Atlantic she eats up 660 ried in all liners that ply to and fro ten-ton truck loads of coal, whilst the across the "herring pond." On the re- Aquitania, which is fed by suction, so!" gular catering staff of the Aquitania swallows 7,000 tons of fuel oil on each

into huge figures. In a vessel of the

"household" to the crispest of rolls is a year. Think, too, of the number of baked in the ship. And if you have a times the "herring pond" is crossed dainty tooth-well, there's a confec- in that period, and you will get some dionery shop at your service, from idea of the amount of food that is conwhich you can obtain all sorts of sumed upon it in a twelvemonth.

Lord Romsey commenced his lun-cheon with an air of relief. He was a man of little more than middle-age, powerfully built, inclined to be sombre, with features of a legal type, heavily jawed.

"Always tactful, dear hostess," he murmured. "As a matter of fact, nothing but the circumstance that it was your invitation and that Madame Selarne was to be present, brought me here to-day. It is so hard to avoid speaking of the great things, and for a man in my position," he added, drop-ping his voice a little, "so difficult to

and fair, with grey-blue eyes and a the honor of remembering me," he was talking to a famous musician A Minister Minister and Color to the little sketch she expounded. Only those at the remembering me, and croydon.

Judgment-day nity years in duration, and Croydon.

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Sketch she expounded. Only those at the property of the table ventured cross a bridge thinner than a hair, servant-girl who professed to be a the camps, was a great boon to the ostriches.

At Belmont a flock of ostriches came roaming into the British camp. The camping into the British camp. The flowing bits of all kinds of refuse to a particularly long-necked ostrich. He can be friends."

It is swallowed that it gave at the leaving state of the skin that its descent a petite but exceedingly good-looking girl. Lady Anselman counted them throwing bits of all kinds of refuse to a particularly long-necked ostrich. He can be friends."

It is swallowed that it gave at the leaving state of the skin that its descent a petite but exceedingly good-looking girl. Lady Anselman counted them shared her passion for entertaining, antiquated heavens number between shout you haven't met Miss shared her passion for entertaining, antiquated heavens number between four and five hundred, in which his stay is limited to ten billion years, seal guaranteed to convert because she has been asking throwing bits of all kinds of refuse to a particularly long-necked ostrich. He could be plainly seen all the way.

Converts because she has been asking throwing bits of all kinds of refuse to a petite but exceedingly good-looking apetite but exceedingly good-looking of the passion for entertaining, antiquated heavens number between the follow search of the passion for entertaining, antiquated heavens number between the follow shared her passion for entertaining, antiquated heavens number between the follow search of the passion for entertaining, antiquated heavens number between the passion for entertaining, antiquated heavens number the passion for entertaining, antiquated heavens number the passion for ent The girl murmured something in- conversation. She studied him for a

> his face, even though the sunshine from the broad high windows which "Olive, come and make friends with overlooked the Park, was shining full "Tell me about yourself!" she

He assented gravely. well," Lady Anselman told him, drop- ly. Lady Anselman glanced at the that time I was in charge of a field enjoyment in the silent hours of the

"I am Chief Inspector of Field Hospitals," he replied. "You are home on leave?"

"Not exactly," he told her, a shade there, talking to Olive Moreton; their had drawn a little to one side and he to come over very often on details the least-known of them are the Sanengagement was announced last week. was watching the young soldier with connected with the administration of demanians, an offshoot of the Glassites

"I should have known quite well that you were a surgeon." she ob-

"You are a physiognomist, then?" "More or less," she admitted. "You see, I love people. I love having peo-Granet turned at once and offered ple around me. My friends find me a a part. They attend the Holy Come existence in sheds. "And we should be twelve," Lady aldine Conyers, who was a young wo- wanting to give parties. You have the lievers in the virtue of love-feasts, and that spoke the vacant mind," "Passing A height if 5,000 feet would enable added, her face suddenly brightening. had also reasons of her own for being hands, too," she added, glancing at one another's houses between morn-Anselman sighed. "Of course!" she man given to noticing things, and who still, cold face of a surgeon—and the have an amiable practice of dining at "You are very observant," he re

marked laconically. "I am also curious," she laughed leaned across. The shade of newly "I may not have met you person- why you are so interested in Ronnie

> Almost for the first time he turned one another's houses. like nearly every poor crock out there | She was a woman whose fair hair was agreeable. She had a humorous mouth

For talking age and whispering lovers ing on the water-drops in the cloud on that he has seen some terrible fight-fessional hostess, to see that her I have known him since he was a boy." of unceasing prayer and careful nurs-Major Thomson continued to be ing. The members of this sect are algravely interested.

> people, I wonder?" "You know some of his connections,

"His father and mother?" "They are both dead. There is a

(To be continued.)

An Exchange of Talents.

It was a most successful little dinner party, and Daubem felt very gratified that it was in his honor. All these celebrated people had been gathered together to meet him. It was most kind of his hostess, for really he was only a humble—a very humble, he

hoped-artist. Benevolently he smiled round at the gathering. For a moment he imagined that the famous politican opposite scowled when their gaze met. But it could not have been at him. the soup was a little burnt; it was undoubtedly at that.

Another most distracting thing was the fact that the hostess' little son stared constantly and persistently at nim throughout the whole meal.

After dinner he managed to get the little man apart, and he asked kindly: "You gazed at me all through dinner, and I feel flattered. Would you like me to draw something for you in your autograph-book?"

"No, sir," answered the youngster. But mother said that you had a receding chin. Won't you do it for me just once? And then I'll show you how I can wiggle my ears!"

A Tug Question.

Jimmle was walking along the coast near the mouth of a river with his terested in the shipping.

But at last he was very distressed to see quite a small tug pulling a great, heavy ship behind it. Every now and again the tug would

give a shrill yell from its siren. When at last the tug's siren gave a more than usual pitiful screech, Jimmie suddenly burst into tears. Father took his boy into his arms in

"What's my little man crying for?" he inquired. "Boo-hoo!" cried Jimmie. "I don't like that big ship pulling that little steamboat's tail and making it scream

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PAGAN CREEDS AND 300 CHRISTIAN BODIES.

"Seventh Day Baptists," "Peculiar People," "Sandemanians" and "Shakers."

Religions of the East.

short distance of St. George's Street, Man's Redemption-To inherit the East! in Bloomsbury the Parsee pros- Tree of Life-To be made neirs of God trates himself before the sun; and and joint-heirs of Jesus Christ. there is a Mormon mission in Islington. Zionism, the cult of the late Dr. Dowie, is represented by a modest upper-room; while it is said there are houses in London where the worship People, has had a stormy career. This

Such are a few of the pagan creeds which have a footing, however slight, in the world's capital; while of Chris- incarnation of the Deity. tian sects the number is said to fall who separated from the Scottish Kirk

some two centuries ago. Among the articles of faith of the Sandemanians is abstinence from support themselves. After enduring all amusements in which chance plays for a time' led sordid and wretched ing and evening services on Sunday.

Another little-known religious body is that of the "Seventh Day Baptists," who believe that Saturday and not are carried up the steep side of a services, so few are their numbers, at

No Use for Doctors.

The Peculiar People, whose fortunes Lady Anselman nodded.

"He only came home last Tuesday ment later they all made their way with dispatches from the front." she along the corridor, across the restaurinterested in soldiers, however."

"Captain Granet was a stranger to deserving, one cannot help thinking, interested in soldiers, however."

"Captain Granet was a stranger to deserving, one cannot help thinking, of a hetter cause. Founded in London of high-grade metal is recovered. have been so chequered, still survive said. "This is his first day out." ant, searched for their names on the "You must have met thousands like eighty years and more ago, they have "Ah! but he is wounded, perhaps?" cards and took their places at the him," she remarked,—"good-looking, no faith in doctors, relying for cure most exclusively poor, struggling nine." "Granet!" he said to himself people; and they bear an excellent thoughtfully. "Do I know any of his character for morality and Christian charity.

Another curious sect is that known as Cokelers, or Cogelers, a nickname missed those two years."

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said to be derived either from cocoa, their favorite beverage, or from the

tain these enigmatical words: "The There is a Malayan temple within a sealed of the Lord—the Elect Precious

Not a Success.

Another sect which still has its members in London is that of the "Shakers," which, like the Peculiar community, who christened themselves the "Children of God," was founded nearly two centuries ago by James and Jane Wardley, who were joined later on by Anne Lee, a woman who declared that she was the final

This singular claim found many supporters, especially in the East End of London and in Battersea. In 1872 the members of this sect formed a colony in the New Forest on land purchased for them. Although they led busy and blameless lives, they were unable to much hardship they were evicted, and

Smokestack Cooled by Small Stream.

The heavy vegetation-killing acid fumes from a copper smelter in Wales a novelty in chimney construction. A near-by brook was diverted to flow alongside the long tube, partially submerging it, thereby cooling and condensing most of the rich vapors upon

Exempted by Illness. A little girl was being asked by an

elderly gentleman "how old she was:" She replied in a shy way: "I am only seven, but I ought to be

"How do you make that out?" asked the old gentleman. "Well," she said, "I have been ill in bed on two of my birthdays, so that I

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