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He—Where do you suppose I found my collar button this morning?

She—Under the bureau, I suppose?

"No."

"Down in the janitor's apartments?"

"No."

"Out in the back yard?"

"No."

"Oh, well, I can't guess! Where?"

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"Why do you hesitate?" asked Voltaire.

"I wish to read a passage from a volume in your library."

He procured the book and silently turned its leaves. Voltaire became impatient and demanded the cause of his silence.

"Well," answered the secretary, "I have been looking for the word 'humanity,' and I see you have omitted it."

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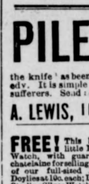

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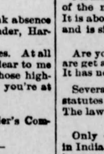

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A BEAUTIFUL PIRATE

By Guy Boothby.

I wrung his hand, and then, hailing a cab, he jumped into it and set off for the police station.

Long before 12 o'clock I was in the court, waiting for the examination to come on. The news of the case must have gone abroad, for the hall was closely packed with people anxious to catch a glimpse of the famous Beautiful White Devil, whose exploits were almost as well known in England as in the east. Every rank of life seemed to be represented, and when the magistrate took his seat on the bench I noticed that the chairs on either side of him were occupied by two illustrious personages whose dignity should have prevented them from giving such an exhibition of idle curiosity. Seeing the rush there was to stare at my poor, unfortunate sweetheart, I could have found it in my heart to hit out like a madman at those round me.

Precisely at 12 o'clock the door on the right hand side of the court opened and Alie stepped into the hall and ascended the iron dock. She walked with her usual queenly step, held her head high, and when she reached her place looked proudly round the dingy hall. Such was the effect of her wonderful beauty upon those present that, despite the efforts of the officers of the court to prevent it, a loud buzz of admiration came from the spectators. She was dressed entirely in black, a color which, as I have said before, displayed her white skin and beautiful hair to the very best advantage. Having taken her place, she bowed politely to the presiding magistrate, who returned her salute, and then the examination commenced. The first proceeding was for the police to make a statement of their case to the court. It was then shown that, although a warrant had long been out for her arrest, the Beautiful White Devil had evaded justice for many years. Indeed it was only for the reason that information had been supplied to the London police within the last few days that they had become aware that the Beautiful White Devil had left the east and arrived in England. Inquiries were instantly made, and on the strength of them the prisoner now in the dock had been arrested. They, the police, did not propose to call witnesses at this preliminary hearing, but would merely ask that the information should be read over, the evidence of arrest given, and then a remand granted in order that the arrival of an officer from Singapore might be awaited and further inquiries made.

At this point Brandwon rose to his feet, and, adopting a quiet, sober attitude of respectful remonstrance, begged to be allowed to place before the court what he considered and would unhesitatingly call a deliberate and cruel injustice. He pointed out the small likelihood there was of the charge being true, he dilated upon the facts of Alie's arrival from Australia, of her quiet, ladylike demeanor, spoke of her impending marriage with a gentleman, a personal friend of his own, well known and universally respected in London, and brought his remarks to a close by declaring it a monstrous thing that, in this nineteenth century and in this land of which we pretend to be so proud, it should be within the power of a public body like the police, without a tittle of evidence at their back to bear their case out, to bring so shameful a charge against an innocent girl, who might possibly have to suffer from the effects of it all her life. He would not ask the court to consent to a remand; on the contrary, he would ask his worship to dismiss the case altogether, and at the same time to issue a stinging and well merited rebuke to the police for their officiousness and quite uncalled for action in the matter.

Clever and impressive as his harangue was, it, however, failed utterly in its purpose. The magistrate had evidently carefully considered the case beforehand and determined upon his course of action. The decision given, therefore, was: "Remanded for a week. Bail refused."

I saw Alie bow gravely to the court, the policeman open the door of the dock, and a moment later, feeling quite sick and giddy, I was in the throng making for the court. By the time I reached the street my darling was on her way to Holloway.

That afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Janet and I drove out to the prison, and having shown our authorities were instantly conducted to the room in which prisoners are permitted to interview their friends.

What the two women I loved best in the world said to each other during that interview I cannot remember. I only know that Janet kissed Alie and cried over her, and that Alie received it all with that gentle graciousness which was so wonderfully becoming to her. When we had discussed the events which had led up to the arrest, I asked Alie if she were quite comfortable.

"Perfectly," she answered. "My cell is by no means an unpleasant one. I have some books and writing materials, and I have arranged to have my meals brought in to me from a restaurant outside."

"What did you think of Brandwon's speech this morning?" I then asked her.

"I thought it very clever and impressive," she answered, "but I was not surprised when it proved of no avail. No, there is very little chance as far as I can see. In a month the officer from Singapore will be in London, and unless something happens to prevent it I shall be sent out east to stand my trial."

"Something must prevent it," whispered Janet.

"But what? You cannot escape so easily in England, I find," she answered. "These stone walls are very strong, and the discipline is so perfect."

"Be sure we will find a way to get you off. Trust us." Then dropping my voice, "And if we can't do it legally we'll do it illegally."

"You must run no risk for my sake, George. I could not allow that."

"If only Walworth were here! His wit would hit on something."

"Walworth unfortunately is 10,000 miles away. So it is no use thinking of him. But, see, here is the warder. Your time is up. Goodby, dear Janet. I pray that you may find it in your heart to forgive me for having brought this trouble upon you."

But Janet, who by this time had learned to love this fascinating girl with all her heart, would listen to no such talk. When the door opened, like the kind sister she was, she went out first, thus permitting us an opportunity of saying farewell alone. When I joined her again, I had a little note in my waistcoat pocket that seemed somehow to make me a happier man than I had been for hours past.

From the prison I drove Janet to her own house and then went back to Cavendish square.

When I had dismissed the cabman, I let myself in and proceeded to my consulting room. Opening the door, I walked in, only to come to a sudden halt before a man sitting in my own armchair. He was small and queerly built, wore a long coat that reached nearly to his heels, had gray hair, a ferociously curled mustache and a short, closely cropped white beard. The effect when he looked at me over the edge of the paper he was perusing was most comical. For a moment I stood bewildered, but I was destined to be even more so when he rose and came toward me, holding out his hand and saying:

"Bon jour, monsieur!" Then in broken English, "Pray, do you not remember your very old friend?"

I thought and thought, but for the life of me could not recollect ever having seen his face before. I was about to speak when he stopped me and, changing his voice, said in excellent English:

"No! I can see you don't." Then pulling off his wig: "Well! Do you now?"

It was Walworth!

CHAPTER XIV.

PLOTTING AND PLANNING.

Directly I realized who my guest was, I rushed forward and seized his hand with a show of delight greater than, I believe, I have ever felt at meeting a man before or since. If I had been given the pick of all men in the world at that particular juncture in my life's history, I believe I should have declared for him.

"We had no idea that you were in England," I said when the first excitement had somewhat subsided. "Both Alie and I thought you were 10,000 miles away. You have heard the awful news, I suppose."

"How could I help it when every board in the streets sets it forth and all the paper boys are bellowing the latest news of the capture of the Beautiful White Devil? But I want to know the real facts."

"You shall know everything directly. But first tell me what has brought you home in this providential manner?"

"I came because I heard that Barkmansworth was coming. I received a warning from Hongkong that he had applied for leave, and I knew that if he found out her ladyship was in England he would lose no opportunity of revenging himself for that affair outside Singapore. But he got away before me, and my welcome to London yesterday was the news of her ladyship's arrest. You did not see me at the preliminary examination this morning, I suppose?"

"No, I certainly did not, and I thought I scanned every face."

"And yet I was standing beside you all the time."

"Good gracious! How do you mean?"

"Pray tell me who stood next to you! Wasn't it a medium sized, military looking man in a much worn frock coat with a velvet collar?"

"Now I come to think of it, it was."

"Well, I was that man. I'm beginning to think my disguises are artistic after all."

"But why all this disguise? What are you afraid of in London?"

"I am afraid of our friend Barkmansworth, if you want to know. I was the man who took him off the mailboat, remember, and my face must be unpleasantly familiar to him. If he saw me, I should be arrested within an hour, and whatever happens, seeing the work that lies before us, that must not."

"Do you think you can be of use to her ladyship in her defense then?"

"It must never come to a defense. It would be fatal to allow her to be sent to Hongkong. They would convict her at once. No, there is nothing for it but for us to plan some means of escape for her, and yet when one thinks how perfect English police arrangements are that seems well nigh impossible. However, done it must be by hook or crook, and we must set about it at once."

"But how? Have you any idea in your head?"

"Not at present, but it will be strange if I don't hit upon one before very long. If only her ladyship could help us!"

"Wait one moment. Perhaps she can. When I left her this afternoon, she gave me a note, which I was not to open until I got home. Let us see what it says."

I took it out of my waistcoat pocket, opened it and read it aloud. It certainly contained the germs of an idea and ran as follows:

I have been thinking over what we spoke of this morning, and it seems to me that, if I am to escape at all, the attempt must be made during the time I am being conveyed from Bow street to Holloway in the prison van. The question is whether sufficient temptation could be put before the driver and the guard to induce them to assist me. Will you think this out?

When I had finished reading, I asked Walworth for his opinion. But for nearly five minutes he allowed no sign to escape him to show that he had heard my question, only laid himself back in his chair, looked up at the ceiling, and meanwhile slowly tore my newspaper into rags. When he had finished his work of destruction, he sat up straight and slapped his hand on his knee.

"Her ladyship is always right. I believe I do see a way now."

"What is it?" I asked in almost breathless excitement.

"You must not ask me just yet. I'll go away and make a few inquiries first. Tonight at 9 o'clock I'll come back here, and we'll go into the matter thoroughly. For the present, then, goodby and keep up your heart. Have no fear, we'll rescue her yet."

There was something so strong and confident about the man that his assurance roused and braced me like a tonic. I stopped him, however, before he could reach the door.

"One word first, Walworth. Do you know the position in which I stand toward Alie?"

"I know that you were to have been married within the next three weeks, if that's what you mean," he answered. "And so you shall be yet if I can bring it about. Dr. De Normanville, you have got a woman for whom we all would die. This is your chance to show yourself worthy of her, and if you will allow me to say so I think you will. I am your faithful servant as well as hers, remember that. Now I must go."

"Good luck go with you."

It may be guessed how anxiously I watched the hands of the clock upon my mantelpiece. At last, however, they drew round to the appointed hour and I prepared myself for Walworth's arrival. But, though I saw no sign of him, I had not very long to wait for a visitor. The last stroke of 9 had hardly died away before my ear caught a ring

"Nobody would ever recognize me."

at the bell and a moment later a "Mr. Samuel Baker" was ushered into the room. As he entered, I took stock of him, half fearing he might be some sort of police officer in disguise. He was a stout, rather pompous man of middle height, with fluffy whiskers, clean shaven chin and upper lip, and from his dress might have been a linen draper or small tradesman from some cathedral town. Having warmly shaken hands with me he put his top hat down on a chair, seated himself on another, mopped his forehead with a red bandanna handkerchief, took off and carefully wiped his spectacles, returned them to his nose, and then said quietly, "What do you think of this for a make up, Dr. De Normanville?"

"Walworth," I cried, in utter amazement. "You don't really mean to say it's you! I was just beginning to wonder how I should manage to rid myself of Mr. Samuel Baker before you should arrive. You are certainly a genius at concealing your identity, if ever there was one."

"I have had to do it so often," he replied, "that I have reduced it to a science."

"Have you anything to report?"

"A good deal," he answered. "But before I begin, may I light a cheroot? I see from the ash trays you smoke in here?"

"Smoke as much as you please," I replied. "May I also offer you some refreshment? Perhaps you haven't dined? If so, I can tell them to bring you up something!"

"No, thank you," he answered. "I have dined, and excellently. Now let us get to business without any further waste of time."

"With all the good will in the world," I said, seating myself again. "Go on. Tell me all."

"In the first place I have ascertained that the van leaves the prison at a definite hour every day. It drives down, takes the prisoners up and drives back again. This being so, it is certain that it must be stopped on its way from the prison to the court and in such a way that it cannot go on again for at least half an hour. In the meantime another van must drive down equipped in every way like the real one. This one will take up the prisoner and drive off. Once out of sight of the station, it will drive into the yard of an empty house, a conveyance will then be in waiting in the other street, her ladyship passes through the house, gets into that and drives off to a railway station. There a Pullman must be in readiness to take her to the seaside, whence a yacht will convey her to some place where we can have the Lone Star to meet her. I shall cable to Patterson to set off and be in readiness to pick us up directly we have decided where that place shall be."

"But how will you cable to him without exciting suspicion?"

"You need have no fear on that score. We have a means of communicating of our own which I would explain now only it would be waste of time. What do you think of my scheme?"

"It sounds all right, but is it workable?"

"I really think so. However, we will discuss it item by item and try and arrive at a conclusion that way. To begin with, money must be considered no object. If even £10,000 is necessary to its success, £10,000 will be spent. In the first place, we must find a competent coach builder at once. If he has a van on hand, which is hardly likely, we'll purchase it. If not, well, then he must put on all his hands and make one, even if he has to work day and night to do it."

"But how will you explain the purpose for which we want it?"

"I have thought of that, and when I left you I sent the following telegram." Here he produced a duplicate form from his pocket and read it aloud:

To the Lessee or Olympic Theater, Manchester:

What dates this month? Reply terms, Strauss, West Strand telegraph office.

MAXIMILLIEN STRAGAUS.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

DAIRY AND CREAMERY.

MILK YOUR COWS CLEAN.

Otherwise They Will Tend to Dry Up in Short Order.

It is a well known fact that cows not milked clean will tend to dry up in short order, says Professor D. H. Otis of the Kansas college. Another important reason for milking clean is to get all of the butter fat, which is contained in much larger per cent in the last than in the first milk drawn, as is shown by the following experiment which the college dairy has conducted, showing the importance of clean milking. Five cows that were giving a fair quantity of milk were selected and their milk collected in half pint bottles, each teat contributing its share to every bottle. These samples were tested with the Babcock test, with the following results:

Cow No. 6 varied from .6 of 1 per cent to 7.2 per cent. Cow No. 10 varied from .2 of 1 per cent to 6.6 per cent. Cow No. 14 varied from 1.6 per cent to 8.8 per cent. Cow No. 15 varied from 1.5 per cent to 8.8 per cent. Cow No. 20 varied from .8 of 1 per cent to 7.4 per cent. The results show a gradual, although not entirely uniform, increase in the per cent of fat from the beginning to the last of the milking, except with the last two samples drawn from each cow. Here the per cent of fat would take a sudden leap, amounting often to a third or a half of the total variation. This shows very clearly how important it is to get all the milk. By averaging the results it was found that the last quarter of a pint was worth from three-fourths to one and a half pint of milk first drawn from the udder.

Moral: Milk clean and get fat.

Convenient Cattle Rack.

R. E. Carroll in The National Stockman presents a plan for a cattle rack which does not waste feed and in which the animals will not get stuck. This rack is 5 feet wide at bottom and top and can be made any length: corner posts 6 by 6 or round poles 9 feet long set in the ground 2 feet; top end pieces 6 by 6 pinned or spiked to posts; top side pieces 6 by 6, or 6 inch pole the length rack is wanted, placed on inside

HOMEMADE RACK FOR COWS.

of posts, notch in a 2 by 6 piece 18 inches from the ground in posts at each end, and on the center of end pieces lay a 6 inch pole. This pole makes the bottom of the rack. Then take 1¼ by 6 boards 7 feet or flat rails and make a V shaped rack by nailing one end to bottom pole and top end to top pieces or poles. Board up the ends with any scrap lumber, and on each side put 12 inch bottom board and 10 inches above this place a 6 inch top board, and by this you will have a manger to catch any hay the cattle may drop in pulling their hay out of the rack, and by stripping this manger sheep can be fed when not used for cattle.

Canadian Cheese.

About 12 years ago, says Professor Robertson, Canadians adopted a systematic plan of cheesemaking, thus producing a uniform quality which found favor in the British markets. Of late the taste of British consumers has changed, and the demand now is for a mild flavored cheese. It is necessary to cater to this demand, if the market is to be retained, and unless Canadian makers cure their cheese at a low temperature their trade will decrease. The curing room ought to be kept at 61 or 62 degrees F. A warm curing room makes the cheese strong. If the temperature of the curing room goes up to 90 degrees F., there will be awakened in the cheese dormant life, which cannot be easily killed. Some makers have one stove in the curing room, and the result is that the cheese near the stove roasts, while the temperature at a distance from the stove is allowed to go down to 50 or 40 degrees F. Improvement in the curing room is needed and a uniform temperature should be maintained. Double doors and windows should be put on and kept on all summer. The walls and floors should be made tight and close by two thicknesses of building paper and one thickness of tongued and grooved lumber. An old curing room should be washed with lime to kill the fungous growth. A curing room in the cellar, properly ventilated, would make a good curing room, and the cheese would not sweat.

French Divorce Laws.

France has now a law by which marriage may be dissolved without cost to the applicants. The Paris divorce court devotes Thursdays to gratuitous decrees. On one day recently 294 couples were divorced during a session of four hours, an average of more than one divorce a minute. The applicants belonged to the working class, in which divorces were infrequent before the passage of the law.

BRIDAL FASHIONS.

Various Styles of Wedding Gowns and the Materials Employed.

Wedding gowns are never profusely trimmed, as the effect always aimed at is dignity and gracefulness, and these are better secured by long, flowing lines than by the choppy, spoken lines produced by lavish drapery and decoration. Every sort of ornament which tends to render the figure clumsy or conceal the form is eschewed, and richness is secured by magnificence of material, perfection of cut and make and the use of costly lace, which is never put on very full, as that would conceal the beauty of the pattern. The princess style is usually preferred, although skirt and bodice gowns are also worn. There is always a long train, and satin is the conventional fabric most frequently chosen. White velvet, ribbed silk, even brocade, is sometimes employed, however.

To secure the flowing effects around the feet frills of silk, lace and ribbon are sewed inside the hem of the gown, and the petticoat, which touches the ground all around, but does not trail, is also fluffily trimmed as far up as the knee. The skirt of the gown comes down to the floor in front, so as to conceal the feet, for few things are more ungraceful than a trailing skirt which is short in front.

The latest fancy is to fasten a bouquet of orange blossoms at the left side of the bosom by a bow with long, floating ends. This is a reminiscence of the Louis Quinze period and is an anachronism on the usual type of wedding gown. But anachronisms in costume are the rule rather than the exception, and historical accuracy of dress is confined to the stage.

As a rule it is not possible to have dust free air in a barn if the cows are fed just previous to milking. If the hay or feed is dusty, it should be sprinkled and fed a sufficient time before milking so that the dust may be settled and the stalls ventilated, cleaned and sprinkled or flooded previous to the time of milking.

St. Petersburg is to have an international poultry show from the 13th to the 28th of May, 1899. Exhibitors will be granted reduced rates for their exhibits on all Russian railroads and free entry for same on condition that they be exported from Russia within two months after the close of the exhibition.

The Ladies of Granada.

The ladies of Granada,
As they met at the posada,
Declared in moving accents that their hearts were very sore,
And in their deep contrition
They condemned the rash ambition
Of the recent Chris Colombo who sought out the western shore.

And these muchly wrought up ladies,
All these matrons and these maidies,
With their fingers full of pebbles marched across Granada's square,
And his statue they bombarded,
Stones and curses interlarded,
And they wreaked their little vengeance in a vicious manner there.

Alas, for poor old Colon!
While Havana's belis were tollin
O'er the cortege that was bearing his dear ashes far away
These fierce ladies of Granada,
There before the quaint posada,
Were a-knocking all the beauty from his counterfeited clay!