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THE GOLDEN KEY

Or "The Adventures of Legard."
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CHAPTER X.—(Cont'd.).

Miss Montressor raised her glass and winked at her host.
"It don't take much drinking, this," General," she remarked, cheerfully, draining her glass! "Different to the 'pop' they give us down at the 'Star,' eh, Flossie? Good old gooseberry I call that!"

"Da Souza, look after Miss Flossie," Trent said. "Why don't you fill her glass?"

"That's right!" "Hiram!" Da Souza removed his hand from the back of his neighbor's chair and endeavored to look unconscious. The girl tittered—Mrs. Da Souza was very dignified. Trent watched them all, half in amusement, half in disgust. What a pandemonium! it was time indeed for him to get rid of them all. From where he sat he could see across the lawn into the little pine plantation. It was still light—if she could look out at the open window what would she think? His cheeks burned, and he thrust the glass which was seeking his under the table, so savagely away! And then an idea flared in him—a magnificent, irresistible idea! He drank off a glass of champagne and laughed loud and long at one of his neighbor's silly sayings. It was a glorious joke! The more he thought of it the more he liked it. He called for more champagne, and all, save the little brown girl, greeted the magnificence which presently appeared with cheers. Even Mrs. Da Souza bent a little towards the young woman against whom she had declared war. Faces were flushed and voices grew a little thick. Da Souza unchinked once more the back of his neighbor's chair. Miss Montressor's eyes were on every one of them.

"What's up?" she exclaimed. "What's the matter with our next home? What about you next home? What about your next home before long as worthy a resting place for you as this?"

Bewilderedment reigned. No one offered to drink the toast. It was Miss Montressor who asked the question which was on every one's lips.

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"I am friends," he cried. "Fill up, the lot of you! Come! To our next meeting! May fortune soon smile again, and may I have another home before long as worthy a resting place for you as this?"

Trent moved his seat to where he could have a better view, and continued his breakfast. The party in the car looked hot and tumbled, and Da Souza was on his feet again, greeting with the lodge-keeper—the women seemed to be listening anxiously. Trent turned to the servant who was waiting upon him.

"Send word down," he directed, "that I will see Mr. Da Souza alone. No one else is to be allowed to enter. Pass me the toast before you go."

Da Souza entered promptly, apologetic and abject, prepared at the same time to extenuate and deny. Trent continued his breakfast coolly.

Common Sense in the Hog Lot.
The question of which breed of swine to select for the economic production of pork is perhaps of less importance to-day than in the past. The leading swine-breeders have begun to recognize the fact that they must shape their favorite breeds to meet market demands. As a natural result, the type of all the leading breeds that meets the demands of the packing-houses. The hog that best meets the demand of the present time is a well-muscled hog, that will supply a fair amount of lard, and fat meat well marbled with lean, and be ready for market at any desired age.

Practical pig-owners, and feeders of market hogs, look for good quality, depth, length and width of form, and uniformity of type, regardless of the breed, color and characteristic markings. However, it is essential that we select our breeding animals from some well established breed, for promiscuous mating of swine of various types has a tendency to destroy the types of all breeds employed in the crosses and to throw away the result of years of systematic selecting and mating and perpetuate a certain fixed type in the breed. This point has been illustrated by mating a half Poland China and half Chester White sow with a pure-bred Berkshire boar. The pigs resulting from the cross were red, spotted, speckled, and striped, showing that the cross was lost, and with it the improvements in color and markings. The result was the return of the offspring by the principle of heredity to the original scrub type.

All of our swine, particularly the improved breeds, which are but a modified form of the original, will not produce themselves perfectly unless guided by the hand of man. Whatever breed is selected, should be kept pure, and only the best used for breeding.

The man who makes a specialty of breeding-pork, should grasp every opportunity to improve his breeding stock, the same as the man who is breeding registered swine.

Uniformity of type is an important thing in the successful management of breeding-hogs, especially near market time, for a uniform bunch of hogs will bring more money on any market than a mixed lot. A pure-bred lot of hogs are much more apt to mature together and please discriminating buyers.

In selecting a breed we should give particular attention to its adaptability to the environments under which it is placed.

A silo is not only the safest form of crop insurance for the Wisconsin farmer, but is stock insurance as well. The succulent form of feed helps to keep the herd in good health, and insures a milk flow.

The farmers who have silos are not uneasy because of the backwardness of the corn crop. Even if the season has been backward, they are confident that the crop will go into the silo in fine shape for the stock. And many farmers who, before this year, have not thought of investing in silos, are now asking themselves: "What kind shall I build?"

The value of silage as a feed can not be overestimated during any year, but in a year like this the worth of a silo in making sure an otherwise somewhat doubtful harvest is emphasized.

Blame the Elephant.
Customer (annoyed)—"I wish to return this paper cutter. It is not very, as represented."

Clerk—"Not ivory, madam? I can't understand that, unless the elephant had false teeth."

About four million steel pens are consumed daily in the world.

French Commander At the Dardanelles

The men who had been lamenting the loss of an easy situation and position over the month's wages, hastened to spread more reassuring news in the lower regions. It was a practical joke of the governor's—very likely a ruse to get rid of him who had certainly been keeping him though the Lodge was their permanent home.

There was a chorus of thanksgiving. Groves, the butler, who read the money articles in the Standard every morning, with solemn interest, announced that from what he could make out, the governor must have been a tidy little fellow yesterday. Whereupon the cook set to work to prepare a breakfast worthy of the occasion.

Trent had awakened with a keen sense of anticipated pleasure. A new and delightful interest had entered into his life! It is true that sometimes it needed all his strength of mind to keep his thoughts from wandering back into that unprofitable and most distasteful pastime—in the middle of the night, even, he had woken up suddenly with an old man's cry in his ears—or was it the whispering of the night-wind in the tall elms? But he was not of an imaginative nature. He felt himself strong enough to set his feet wholly upon all those meadows. If he had not err'd on the side of generosity, he had at least played the game fairly. Monty, if he had lived, could only have been a disappointment and a humiliation. The picture was hers—of that he had no doubt! Even then he was not sure that Monty was her father. In any case she would never know it. He recognized no obligation on his part to broach the subject. The man had done his best to cut himself altogether from his former life. His reasons doubtless had been sufficient. It was not necessary to pry into them; it might even be unkindness. The picture, which no man, save himself had ever seen, was the only possible link between the past and the present.

GENERAL BAILLOUD

was the General second in command of the French Expeditionary Army to the Dardanelles under Gen. Gouraud. On that officer being wounded, he succeeded to the command. Within three months he had assumed the command as colleague to Sir Ian Hamilton. The two were Gen. d'Amade and Gen. Gouraud.

On his way back to the house a little cloaked figure stepped out from behind a shrub. He looked at them in amazement. It was the little brown girl, whose eyes were wet with tears.

"What a beast I am!" he muttered. "Was there she sat! I'm not fit to breathe the same air!"

He looked back towards the house. The figures of the two girls, with Da Souza not standing between them, were silhouetted against the window. His face grew dark and fierce.

"Faugh