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Baldwin's Fellow-Passengers

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There were eight in all, and their owner—a little, wrinkled, gray-eyed man—was evidently very proud of the birds, as he invited Baldwin into his state-room the fourth morning out, to watch them feeding. "Yes, sir, they're carrier pigeons," he explained, "and as soon as I reach New York I'm going to spring the trap. Maybe they won't hit the blue! Just maybe!" He wiped the grain dust from his hands, and smiled with delight.

Baldwin watched the birds as they eagerly pecked at the grain their owner had spilled for them, and after a bit realized that the little man meant to free the pigeons and let them attempt to find their way back across the Atlantic to England, where he had taken the steamer. Then he expostulated. "Really, sir," he cried, "you don't mean to allow those birds to attempt to re-cross to England?"

The bird fancier took Baldwin by the coat sleeve in a conciliatory way. "My dear sir," he begged, "I trust you will not be so inconsiderate as to raise objections to my purpose. To be honest with you—and honesty is the rule of my life—I do propose that these carrier pigeons shall re-cross to England. And they can do it, sir—they can do it in perfect safety. They are splendid homers, and each shall carry one written word around its neck to my wife in Bath."

"One written word!" exclaimed Baldwin, thinking his traveling companion still more eccentric. "One word, sir, one word each, which will make eight words in all. A sentence—a greeting to my wife. Ah! you understand me now, sir, you understand me now. A little token of affection between me and my wife."

Baldwin did not understand at all, except that his point was being evaded, and so again expressed his disapproval of allowing the pigeons



great endurance, and so he let the matter drop, wishing neither to do the little man an injustice nor show his own ignorance. However, he decided that as soon as they should land in New York he would lay the matter before the superior knowledge and judgment of the S. P. C. A. But he was saved that trouble. As Fire Island came in sight the door of the pigeon cage, which was now on deck, became unlatched and the eight birds immediately took flight. Their owner was the picture of despair. "They're gone!" he exclaimed. "Gone without any message! What will my wife think?" "You had better cable her on landing," suggested Baldwin, and then he noted vaguely another point of weakness in his knowledge of homers, to which the bird fancier paid no attention. The pigeons, after circling once or twice in the air, laid a course directly toward the Long Island coast. "I thank you for your advice—I will cable her," replied the little gray-eyed man, despondently, picking up the empty cage and casting it overboard; "but it will be a great disappointment to Agatha—a great disappointment!" Amid the bustle of docking and baggage inspection, Baldwin lost sight of the owner of the pigeons, and thought no more about him until a day or two later, when struggling with the accumulation of business on his desk in Maiden Lane. Then, glancing through a crevice of the ground glass door of his private office, he both saw and heard the little, wrinkled, gray-eyed man asking for the diamond buyer. The vague suspicions which he had entertained now took definite shape, and he hastily scribbled a line to the manager, instructing him to urge the visitor to return the next day, but when he left to have a trusted clerk shadow him to his residence, no matter where it might be. At four o'clock that afternoon the emissary reported that the man lived out on Long Island and had just returned from abroad with some fancy pigeons he had exhibited there. At six o'clock Baldwin's chauffeur was guiding his car through the eastern outskirts of Brooklyn, drawing up eventually near a handsome villa. One glance at a neat dove-cote on the grounds was enough for Baldwin, who briefly gave the order, "Home." But that was the reason why a secret service man awaited a little, gray-eyed caller at Baldwin's diamond emporium in Maiden Lane on the morrow, and why the government grew richer to the value of several thousand dollars' worth of gems, brought ashore by Baldwin's feathered fellow-passengers of the Ruritania.

THE RAGGED EDGE. Peripatetic Peter went for two days with almost nothing to eat before he struck a farmhouse near Newark, N. J., where a reluctant housewife at last handed him out a big, square sandwich of hard ham and stale bread. A little while later a companion found him writhing in pain upon a convenient hayrick. "What's de trouble, Pete?" he inquired. "De hardest luck ever," was Pete's reply. "I've just had a square meal—an' de corners are scratchin' me!" —Saturday Evening Post.

TOMMY'S TACT. There was a slight commotion under the sofa. The pretty girl and her fiancee peeped under and were startled to see Brother Tommy's toes protruding. "You, Tommy," said his sister, with much emphasis, "what are you doing under there—watching us?" "Naw," grumbled Tommy; "I ain't watching you." "Then what are you doing?" "Why, I'm playing that I am mending an automobile, that's what."

NOT REAL CAUSE OF VICTORY

Cold Facts Spoiled Good Story as to Just What Constituted the Mascot. After the intercollegiate boat races at Poughkeepsie an enthusiastic Syracuse man started a story to explain why Syracuse couldn't help winning, says the New York Sun. He declared that after the accident to the varsity shell two days before the race, John Hoyle, the Cornell boat builder, had repaired the break with a piece of cedar from the Cornell shell of 1901, in which the Ithaca oarsmen made the record of 18:53 1-5 for the four miles. The Syracusean told a reporter for a Syracuse paper about it and the reporter wrote it. Some one showed it to Coach Courtney, who happened to be with Conibear, the coach of the University of Washington crews. They exchanged smiles. "Cornell sold that 1901 boat about three years ago to the University of Washington out in Seattle, and I'm blessed if I can see how John Hoyle got the cedar from that shell," said Mr. Courtney. "The Syracuse man isn't on the right track in trying to account for the victory."

A NON-CONDUCTOR. A teacher in an east side school was trying to explain some of the simpler phenomena of electricity, and, at the close of her little lecture she asked sweetly: "Now can any of you children give me the name of some non-conductor and tell us about it in a few words so that we can all understand?" A sharp-eyed street urchin jumped up and down in his seat, waving his grimy paw frantically. "I kin, teacher!" he exclaimed. "Billy Hogan's old man is one. They was a spotter on his car seen him knock down a fare. Old Hogan's a non-conductor ever since." —Lippincott's.
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NO TROUBLE ON THAT ACCOUNT. Ethel—Mamma says a man who has known trouble must have acquired wisdom, and you have known no trouble, Harold. Harold—But, dear, if you wish to accept me, I should soon have that requirement. —London Opinion.
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