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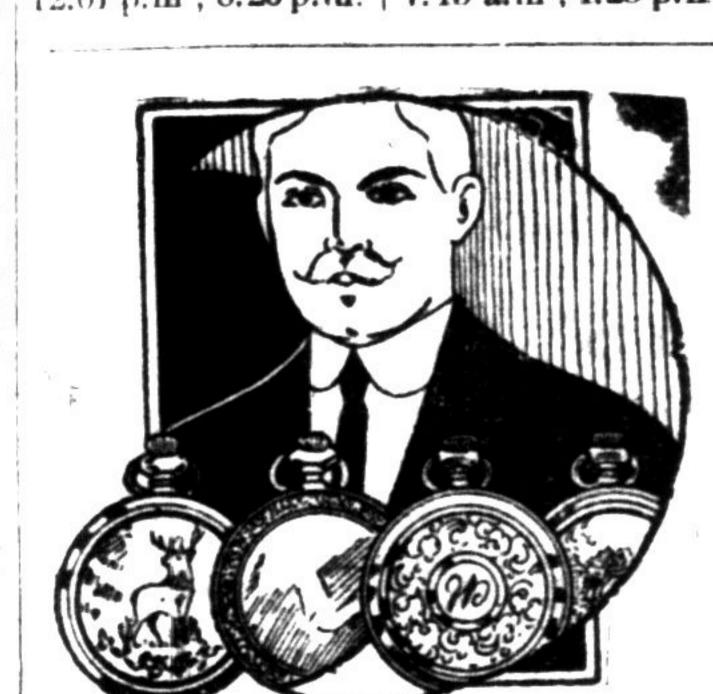
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said O'Ryan.

legend or how these people came here. Anyway, here they are and engaged in as pretty a piece of war as poor old Ireland has ever suffered from. There are two factions in the country, the king's party and the rebels who are headed by a relation of his Princess Jook's Cotton Koot Compound. Daria. Those who fight for the princess fight chiefly for love of her, which of strength-No. 1, \$1, is all very well in its way, but not

"Vultures!" said my companion.

O'Ryan and I rode alone.

this journey?" I asked presently

"That sounds promising."

enough men in the country to fight his cause, he has got in a few foreigners to help them. I'm one of the foreigners. We have all been brought in secretly, and not a man jack of us knows his way out." "Does the king pay well?"

his lack of the necessary troubles me," O'Ryan answered. "Then how does he manage?" "Much as they do at home makes That's not a new trick. was an old fashioned one in the days

after No. 1 seemed to be the creed of the country. "I shall tell the truth," he continued. "There is no lie to equal it. I'm glad you're a big, healthy looking fellow. We don't take much notice of weak lings. As long as a man has a mighty arm the size of his brain doesn't mat-

shall try to make something for my-

"How will you explain my coming?"

self out of bringing you back."

The mountains on either side of us narrowed as we went on until we were presently passing through a dehave held against an army. I noticed that O'Ryan quickened his pace and became silent for a time. The defile came to an end suddenly,

and we came out on to a broad road which swept round the slopes of the lower hills. An exclamation of astonishment and admiration burst from my lips. Away from the road the hills, green clad and wooded, undulated to I country, which stretched away for miles. Green pastures, arable land, clusters of rough stone dwellings here and there, a river glinting in the sunlight and woody hollows made as fair a landscape as one could wish to see. Cattle were feeding below us, and I saw some women moving about the dwellings at the foot of the hill. "Your first real glimpse of Drussen-

land," said O'Ryan. "Is that how you call the country?" "I didn't christen it, but that's the name of it." "It is very beautiful," I said, "and

doesn't look as if it were the seat of "Things have been rather quiet lately, probably because there's a storm brewing. You see those women? Women do most of the work just now because all the men are under arms on

one side or the other." "There ought to be since you found "And are unprotected women safe in a way in. We'll talk of it tomorrow, such times?" "Well, I won't go quite so far as to the open plain I saw the dim outline It was early morning when O'Ryan say that, but there is a rough sort of of a city, at one side of which was a gallantry among us that compares fair- gigantic rock.

ly well with that of civilized nations "Come and look for your friend," he when war is the order of the day." "The legend says the women are I felt refreshed, but terribly stiff and "And, by St. Patrick, the legend's

tops, the shadows of light, fleecy clouds | right so far! If I ever get back to Irecrossing them swiftly. Before the cav- land there'll be moments when I shall frowning top jagged as though lightern ran a broad, hard road, rough and wish myself here again, though the ning had played angry sport with it. snow caked, descending somewhat finest pair of eyes in the old country It looked square in shape, but I could sharply to the right, ascending grad- were looking at me. The women are not judge its height from this disually to the left, and directly opposite all right and, luckily for most of us, tance. was the way I had come last night. I cling to the man who can hold his own stood looking at it in amazement. A against other men." glacier stretched up to the mountain "Is there no marriage?"

opposite, a portion of it ending at the "Oh, yes, we get married after the roadway against which the winds had law of the country, but it's not very illed loose snow, luckily for me, but binding here, so I suppose most of us art of it had cracked and sunk, turn- will pose as bachelors when we get g to run beside the road for a few away, if we ever do. There's no yards and then ending abruptly in breach of promise and there's no diwhat last night had appeared to me vorce, and if two men quarrel they s a black line. Here the glacier was just go to a quiet spot and hack away broken off, its support a straight wall at each other until the affair is setof rock going down sheer for at least tled. The one who comes back takes 500 feet. At the base roared a tor- possession of the lady or the money rent which burst from the rock and or whatever they have been fighting lashed itself into foam over its rocky about."

"Primitive," I said. "I judge, cap-If your comrade wasn't dead be- tain, that you are comfortably setfore he went over that, he was dead tled?"

before he got to the bottom of it," O'Ryan of County Kerry for that. I've I looked down at the water tumbling had to fight about her twice, and each among the rocks and saw a little time I've crawled home again. black mass lying there motionless, session is something-nine points of save for the motion the swirling water the law, as they say, but the tenth gave it. It was impossible to say point is always in favor of the man what it was, but I think it must have | who desires your property and han been Mustapha, for two spots sudden-

ly rose from it, growing larger as they dles a sword as well as or perhaps betmounted toward us with heavy flight, ter than you do." Poor Mustapha! He had expected this country?"

much of tomorrow. God rest his "There may be a stray revolver or soul! He had indeed found a new two brought in by some of the foreigners, but they're not much use without It was still early when we started ammunition, and that's not to be had upon our journey. Two men were sent in Drussenland."

tains. It rose almost abruptly from turned his horse from the road into I inclined my head. "What am I to expect at the end of the low hills. I mentioned to my come the wood. panion how I had been struck with it

It's every man for himself here, and yesterday. you'll find your life pretty much what to rule the destinies of the Drussen me.

"They worship it?" "Not exactly, but it is a symbol of





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ed men and after our hands had been untied were locked in a dungeon. We were in absolute darkness and for

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have given him considerable trouble was common in Drussenland I have

may never find myself shut on the wrong side of its walls." flask in his saddlebag. "It has a bad name for those who displease the king. Those who are carried to its gates seldom return. is the time of the middle ages here, who entered had not come for me. garments reaching from shoulder to times, you know. Death has a hun-

There was little swagger about this adventurer as he spoke. Fearless as affirmative. he was about most things, the fortress "Good! Far better than long waithad inspired him with awe. He shook ing," he said, and he shook hands with up his horse, and we went on at a me. rapid trot, the men behind keeping The next moment he was gone. The close to us. Soon afterward we en- door closed and was locked again, and tered a wood. O'Ryan reined in his I was alone. Perhaps an hour elapsed

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"Yonder is the capital," said O'Ryan.

"The great stronghold of the city-

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It rose from the plain abruptly, its

"And the rock?"

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"I wonder where those fellows are," We were approaching the outskirts waited until I had eaten some of of the wood, and he had hardly spo- food and drunk the wine, with wha ken when there was a sharp clatter of relish I leave to the imagination, and horses' hoofs coming rapidly toward then requested me to follow him. Out "Swords! Have you no firearms in us, and a moment later our advance side a small guard received me, and guard appeared. A strong company I was taken across the barrack yard, of the enemy was before us, not by which was full of life and business.

"Were you seen?" asked O'Ryan.

The men did not think so. There were only seven of us, and I yard. The officer came to me. on in front and told to keep a sharp the snow clad peak which I had seen was unarmed. It would be madness "The princess holds council, and I am I lookout; the others fell to the rear, and so often yesterday, looking far grand. to go on, and O'Ryan evidently thought commanded to bring you before her," of attraction. I saw O'Ryan standing er now than it did from the moun- so, for after a moment's thought he he said.

"We must get away if we can," he through the streets, and many peop "It is called Khrym, which means, the open country this way. Look out ered to see me pass. We turned into a the white knight, and it is supposed for the holes," he added, turning to courtyard surrounded on three sides by

"I am sorry we haven't a spare straight across, halted for a moment

CHAPTER III.

had not gone fifty yards larly accoutered to my comstruggle was short and sharp. I was unable to make any kind of resistant and was dragged from my horse and my hands tied securely behind me. O'Ryan and his men fought desperately, and for a few minutes the clash of steel woke the echoes of the wood. But numbers told. O'Ryan was knocked out of his saddle and was bound as was, and three of his men were also taken prisoners. Six men lay KNIGHT OF THE SHUTED START dead, two of ours and four of the ene my, bearing terrible witness to the

fact that the fight had been no child's play. It was my first experience of medieval warfare, but it was not destined to be my last. "With luck we may get to heaven." O'Ryan whispered to me, "but I don't think we'll ever get to Yadasara. Prisoners of war get badly handled. We'd be better off lying with those

poor devils yonder." Surrounded on every side by mountains, twilight is of short duration in Drussenland. It was dark long before we came to our journey's end, and in spite of O'Ryan's gloomy forebodings I was not sorry to reach the rebel

The rebel camp, which was set were silent. Then O'Ryan growled He was evidently anxious, and we out a long string of oaths, which mus

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"It is a mighty stronghold," said O'Ryan after a pause, "and I trust.

dred ghastly realities in the fortress awake indeed. "Wanted so soon?" he said.

horse, and we proceeded slowly and before the door opened again. A soldier entered and placed on the floor some food and a flagon of wine. thanked him, and he saluted me. chance, but apparently awaiting our to a building on the opposite side.

a body of warriors more imposing than a man could love. any I had yet seen marched into the

My journey to the council hall was massive stone buildings and, marching sword. You must take your chance." before gates which opened into a grea

of architecture, but although the style

to collect, and ended by consigning seen nothing like it elsewhere. Seated himself to perdition for leaving his in the center of the hall on a platform was a woman surrounded by knights A flood of daylight pouring into the who were clad in steel-a goodly sight darkness through the open doorway to look upon, if strange to such eyes awoke me and almost blinded me too. as mine. Just below the platform on I rose to my feet, but the two soldiers either side stood a dozen men in loose They shook O'Ryan, who, after a few beel, tied at the waist with a white sleepy grunts, stood up, very wide sash, the ends of which fell to the ground. Each wore a white skullcap. They were all elderly men, and their One of the soldiers answered in the hair and beards had been allowed to

grow at will. To say that the princess was the most beautiful woman my eyes had ever rested upon is hardly to describe her. The whole of Princess Darla's world allowed that she was the most beautiful of women, and the women of Drussenland are beautiful. Her warriors, from the highest knight to the humblest soldier, worshiped her and had sworn obedience to him who should win her for himself. My first impression was that she was fit to rule those who bowed before her. She looked queenly and their mistress.

Seated in her chair of state, as I first saw ber, she looked a princess; she looked what she was, the idol of her people, and she looked more, a woman Every eye was turned toward me as I advanced up the hall. Certainly never before had I been such a center

eluded their vigilance and, rushing

toward me, fell on his knee and kiss-

ed my hand, whispering as he did so: "Admit everything. It's our only Evidently I had to play a part of some sort. There was silence for some moments as I stood at the foot of the platform. The princess leaned forward in her seat to study me closely, and I tried to look unconscious of the sensa-

whole edifice looked old. I know little girdle was the first to speak.

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