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stakes. As a pre-arrangement resolved to try with artifice. Failing he would endeavor monkey in the place, full measure the Indian-Anglo-India to the people.

what he did: After the Dyak with good sized and a Dyak hat, blouse earth over his face proceeded to pelt the Dyak. For more than their lives miserable sight of him they and gurgling like a bottle. Finally he Dyak scarecrows to guard each of his device was then. Thenceforth, thirty monkey, swinging all among the trees search for appetizing plantain, saw one bogies, he raised at all his companions from the confines of inner fastnesses.

the two daily examination, which he never minutely scrutinized Rainbow Island and. It was perhaps a. The Dyaks would with a favorable wind sail until dusk, and as would easily cover forty miles in five

be positive that they bitants of the islands the China sea swarms pirates, and the tribe he had earned might as to some peaceably on the coast. Again the advisability seaworthy raft and the passage. But asking all on a frightful the accidental disaster's nest had given here he could make a prolonged stand, and must come. So he dis- tation project and de- dolly to the perfecting dress in the rock.

finished the rope lads- was determined not until it was placed. He try a second time to elevated perch.

st things he contem- destruction if possible the opposite cliff which ledge. This, however, practicable with the ap- poundment. The top of slightly toward the ing short of dynamite ing operations would be by hostile marks-

his rifles at ninety t be trusted to keep of intruders. But at the difficulty. He it by fixing two rests support a rifle in exact center of the enemy's and, as a variant on the marked lines which with other sections of available to the foe.

was not satisfied. When he made many experi- received through the ched to a rifle action. succeeded in his main his thoughts taken a aim was to achieve of opening and closing ek by means of two dity was to secure the final lateral movement. But it suddenly oc- that if he could manage apression that Iris and island the Dyaks would a fruitless search. The es along the face of the dial to his mechanical

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scheme—would betray their whereabouts or at any rate excite dangerous curiosity. So he reluctantly abandoned his original design, though not wholly as will be seen in due course.

In pursuance of his latest idea he sedulously removed from the foot of the cliff all traces of the clearance effected on the ledge, and, although he provided supports for the tarpaulin covering, he did not adjust it. Iris and he might lie perdu there for days without their retreat being found out. This development suggested the necessity of hiding their surplus stores and ammunition, and what spot could be more suitable than the cave?

So Jenks began to dig once more in the interior, laboring manfully with pick and shovel in the locality of the fault with its vein of antimony.

Rainbow island had given him the one thing a man prizes above all else—a pure yet passionate love for a woman beautiful alike in body and mind. And now it was to endow him with riches that might stir the pulse of even a South African magnate, for the sailor, unmindful of purpose other than providing the requisite cache, shoveling and delving with the energy peculiar to all his actions, suddenly struck a deep vein of almost virgin gold.

To facilitate the disposal at a distance of the disturbed debris he threw each shovelful on to a canvas sheet, which he subsequently dragged among the trees in order to dislodge its contents. After doing this four times he noticed certain metallic specks in the fifth load which recalled the presence of the antimony. But the appearance of the sixth cargo was so remarkable when brought out into the sunlight that it invited closer inspection. Though his knowledge of geology was slight, he was forced to believe that the specimens he handled so dubiously contained neither copper nor iron pyrites, but glittering yellow gold. Their weight, the distribution of the metal through quartz in a transi-

tion between an oxide and a telluride, compelled recognition.

Somewhat excited, yet half skeptical, he returned to the excavation and scooped out yet another collection. This time there could be no mistake. Nature's own alchemy had fashioned a veritable ingot. There were small lumps in the ore which would only need alloy at the mint before they could be issued as sovereigns, so free from dross were they.

Iris had gone to Venus' bath and would be absent for some time. Jenks sat down on a tree stump. He held in his hand a small bit of ore worth perhaps £20. Slowly the conjectures already pieced together in his mind during early days on the island came back to him.

The skeleton of an Englishman lying there among the bushes near the well, the Golgotha of the poison filled hollow, the mining tools, both Chinese and European; the plan on the piece of tin—ah, the piece of tin! Mechanically the sailor produced it from the breast pocket of his jersey. At last the mysterious sign "32 divided by 17" revealed its significance. Measure thirty-two feet from the mouth of the tunnel, dig one foot in depth, and you came upon the mother lode of this gold bearing rock. This, then, was the secret of the cave.

The Chinese knew the richness of the deposit and exploited its treasures by quarrying from the outer side of the hill. But their crass ignorance of modern science led to their undoing. The accumulation of liberated carbonic acid gas in the workings killed them in scores. They probably fought this unseen demon with the tenacity of their race until the place became accursed and banned of all living things. Yet had they dug a little ditch and permitted the invisible terror to flow quietly downward until its potency was dissipated by sea and air they might have mined the whole cliff with impunity.

The unfortunate unknown, J. S.—he of the whitened bones—might have done this thing too. But he only possessed the half knowledge of the working miner and while shunning the plague stricken quarry adopted the more laborious method of making an adit to strike the deposit. He succeeded, to perish miserably in the hour when he saw himself a millionaire.

Was this a portent of the fate about to overtake the latest comers? Jenks, of course, stood up. He always stood square on his feet when the volcano within him fired his blood.

"No!" he almost shouted. "I will break the spell. I am sent here by Providence, not to search for gold, but to save a woman's life, and if all the devils of China and Malay are in league against me I will beat them!"

The sound of his own voice startled him. What was all the fuss about? With a barrow load of gold he could not buy an instant's safety for Iris, not to mention himself. The language difficulty was insuperable. Were it otherwise the Dyaks would simply humbug him until he revealed the source of his wealth, and then murder him as an effective safeguard against foreign interference.

Iris! Not once since she was hurled ashore in his arms had Jenks so long forgotten her existence. Should he tell her? They were partners in everything appertaining to the island. Why keep this marvelous intelligence from her?

Yet was he tempted, not ignobly, but by reason of his love for her. Once years ago, when his arduous professional studies were distracted by a momentary infatuation for a fair face, a woman had proved fickle when tempted by greater wealth than he possessed. For long he was a confirmed misogynist, to his great and lasting gain as a leader of men. But

loved by you. Therefore, in the event of my death before you leave the island, I wish to give you instructions how to find a gold mine of great value which is hidden in the rock containing the cave. You remember the sign on the piece of tin which we could not understand. The figure 32 denotes the utmost depth of the excavation, and the 17 signifies that one foot below the surface, on reaching the face of the rock, there is a rich vein of gold. The hollow on the other side of the cliff became filled with anhydrous gas, and this stopped the operations of the Chinese, who evidently knew of the existence of the mine. This is all the information the experts employed by Sir Arthur Deans will need. The facts are unquestionable. Assuming that I am alive, we will, of course, be copartners in the mine. If I am dead, I wish one-sixth share to be given to my uncle, William Anstruther, Crosshwaite Manor, Northallerton, Yorkshire, as a recompense for his kindness to me during my early life. The remainder is to be yours absolutely. ROBERT ANSTRUTHER.

He read this remarkable document twice through to make sure that it exactly recorded his sentiments. He even smiled sarcastically at the endowment of the uncle who disinherited him. Then, satisfied with the perusal, he tore out the two leaves covered by the letter and began to devise a means of protecting it securely while in Iris' possession.

At that moment he looked up and saw her coming toward him across the beach, brightly flushed after her bath, walking like a nymph clothed in tattered garments. Perceiving that he was watching her, she waved her hand and instinctively quickened her pace. Even now, when they were thrown together by the exigencies of each hour, she disliked to be long separated from him.

Instantly the scales fell from his mental vision. What! Distrust Iris! Imagine for one second that riches or poverty, good repute or ill, would affect that loyal heart when its virginal fount was filled with the love that once in her life comes to every true woman! Perish the thought!

Laughing at his fantastic folly Jenks tore the letter into little pieces. It might have been wiser to throw the sheets into the embers of the fire close at hand, but for the nonce he was overpowered by the great awakening that had come to him.

"Good gracious! Don't gaze at me in that fashion. I don't look like a ghost, do I?" cried Iris, when near enough to note his rapt expression.

"You would not object if I called you a vision?" he inquired quietly, averting his eyes lest they should speak more plainly than his tongue.

"Not if you meant it nicely. But I fear that 'specter' would be a more appropriate word. Just look at my best gown!"

She spread out the front widths of her skirt, and certainly the prospect was lamentable. The dress was so patched and mended, yet so full of fresh rents, that a respectable household maid would hesitate before using it to clean fire irons.

with more equitable judgment came a fixed resolution not to marry unless his prospective bride cared only for him and not for his position. To a staff corps officer, even one with a small private income, this was no unattainable ideal. Then he met with the shame and agony of the court martial. While his soul still quivered under the lash of that terrible downfall Iris came into his life. He knew not what might happen if they were rescued. The time would quickly pass until the old order was resumed, she to go back to her position in society, he to become again a disgraced officer, apparently working out a mere existence before the mast or handing plates in a saloon.

Would it not be a sweet defiance of adversity were he able, even under such conditions, to win her love and then disclose to her the potentialities of the island? Perchance he might fall. Though rich as Croesus, he would still be under the social ban meted out to a cashiered officer. She was a girl who could command the gift of coronets. With restoration to her father and home, gratitude to her preserver would assuredly remain; but, alas, love might vanish like a mirage! Then he would act honorably. Half of the stored wealth would be hers to do as she chose with it.

Yes, this was a possible alternative. In case of accident to himself and her ultimate escape he must immediately write full details of his discovery and intrust the document to her, to be opened only after his death or six months after their release.

The idea possessed him so thoroughly that he could brook no delay. He searched for one of the notebooks taken from the dead officers of the Sirdar and scribbled the following letter: Dear Miss Deane—Whether I am living or dead when you read these lines, you will know that I love you. Could I repeat that avarice a million times in as many varied forms I should find no better phrase to express the dream I have cherished since a happy fate permitted me to snatch you from death. So I simply say, "I love you." I will continue to love you while life lasts, and it is my dearest hope that in the life beyond the grave I may still be able to voice my love for you. But perhaps I am not destined to be

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A little boy in Deering, Me., was brought before his father recently and accused of killing a chicken. "Who told you about it?" asked the boy. "The hen did," said the father. Nothing more was said that day, but the next morning the hen was found dead, and the boy, being accused of killing it, admitted it, saying in defense, "Yes, I did kill the hen, and I'll kill every hen that tells on me."

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