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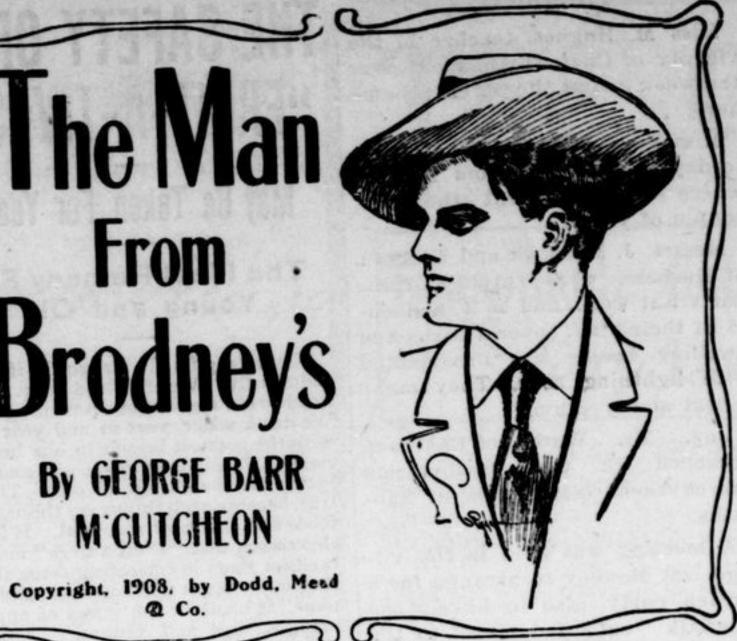
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Britt that they were leaving at the instigation of their legal adviser, who had but that hour issued his instruc-"I hope you are not forgetting what bungalow. It's more precious than a I said about the American gunboats," ruby mine, let me tell you. And yet said Britt ponderously. "Ah," said Baillo, with a cunning mint, Mr. Britt, for a dozen boxes of smile, "our man is also a great Ameri-

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CHAPTER IX. THE AMERICAN BAR.

By GEORGE BARR

M'CUTCHEON

C'RE wanted at the phone, Mr. Britt," said Miss Pelham. It was late in the evening a day or two afterward. Britt went into the booth. He was not in there long, but when he came out he found that Miss Pelham had disappeared. The coincidence was significant-Mr. Saunders was also missing from his seat on the window sill at the far end of the long corridor. Britt looked his disgust and muttered something characteristic. Having no one near with whom he could communicate, he boldly set off for the hanging garden, where Deppingham had installed the long idle roulette paraphernalia.

"Say," he said without ceremony, "the enemy's in trouble. Bowles just telephoned. There's a lot of excitement in the town. I don't know what to make of it."

"Then why the devil are you breaking in here with it?" growled Depping-

"This'll interest you, never fear. There's been a row between Von Blitz and the lawyer, and the lawyer has unmercifully thrashed Von Blitz. Good Lord, I'd like to have seen it, wouldn't you, Browne? Say, he's all right,

"Wuat was it all about?" demanded Browne.

"It seems that Von Blitz is in the habit of licking his wives," said Britt. "Our friend the enemy met him this evening and told him that no white man could beat his wife, singular or plural, while he was around. Von Blitz is a big. ugly chap, and he naturally resented the interference with his divine might. He told the lawyer to go hang or something equivalent. The lawyer knocked him down. From the way Bowles tells it he must have knocked him down so incessantly in the next five minutes that Von Blitz's attempts to stand up were nothing short of a stutter. Moreover, he wouldn't iet Von Blitz stab him worth a cent. Bowles says he's got Von Blitz cowed, and the whole town is walking in circles, it's so dizzy. Well, to make it short, the lawyer has got Von Blitz to hating him secretly, and the German has a lot of influence over the people. It may be uncomfortable for our good looking friend."

"If he should be in great danger down there," said her ladyship firmly -perhaps consciously-"we must offer him a safe retreat in the chateau. The others looked at her in surprise "We can't stand off and see him mur-

dered, you know," she qualified hastily The next morning a messenger came up from the town with a letter directed to Messrs. Britt and Saunders. was from the enemy and requested them to meet him in private conference at 4 that afternoon. "I think it will be for the benefit of all concerned if we can get together," wrote the en-

emy in conclusion. The messenger carried back with him addignified response in which the counselors for Mr. Browne and Lady Deppingham respectfully declined to engage in any conference at this time.

At 2 o'clock that afternoon the entire force of native servants picked up their belongings and marched out of the chateau. The major domo, suave and deferential, gravely informed Mr

can. He can command the gunboats.

caught in the switch. Col. Scott, on behalf of the railway, asked for an adjournment when Dr. Porter called an inquest, for which the following jury was empanelled:-Messrs, H. McCrum (chairman), C. A. Fox, F. W. Lippert, Arscott, Bryce, Charles Stephan, A. McCartney. G. B. Miller, Benjamin is the headquarters for the Mine Own-Cannon. The remains were shipped Bruce Heraid.

Greenville, S. C., where his father W. If you are not satisfied after us- street. L. Kellett keeps a furniture store, ing according to directions two-He had been posting bills of the Hang thirds of a bottle of Chamb-Shows here. Apparently he did not erlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets He was carried several yards after The tablets cleanse and invigorate being struck, where the body was the stomach, improve the digestion caught in a switch and held fast. One regulate the bowels. Give them a don the simile, I sit in the chairs: leg was completely severed from the trial and get well. Sold by all they squat on the rugs. We talk

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too, sahib. We have told him that you have the great power. He shows us that he can call upon the English ships as well, for he comes last from London. He can have both, while you have only one. Besides, he says you cannot send a message in the air with out the wire unless he give permis sion. He have a little machine that catch all the lightning in the air and hold it till be reads the message. Our man is a great man-next to Myham

Britt passed his hand over his brow staggered by these statements.

"Say, he's smoother than I thought Most men would have been fools enough to say that it was all poppycock about me sending wireless messages and calling out navies, but not be! And that machine for tapping the air! Say, we'd better go slow with that fellow. Shall I call him up on the phone and head off the strike?" "Anything, Mr. Britt, to get back

our servants," said Lady Deppingham, who had come up with Mrs. Browne. When Britt reappeared after a brief stay in the telephone booth he was perspiring freely, and his face was redder, if possible, than ever before. "He was very peremptory at first and very agreeable in the end. I said we'd come down at 4:30. He asked

me to bring some cigarettes. Say, he's a strenuous chap. He wouldn't haggle for a second." 'Britt and Saunders found the enemy waiting for them under the awning in front of the bank. He looked a man from the top of his head to the tips of his canvas shoes. Every line of his long body indicated power, vitality,

health. Both men were surprised by the eager, sincere manner in which he greeted them. "Glad to see you, gentlemen," he said. He was a head taller than either, coatless and batless, a lean but

brawny figure in white crash trousers. "It's very good of you to come down. If you'll come to my shack I'll mix you a real American cocktail, a mint julep, a brandy smash or anything you like in season. There's a fine mint bed up my way, just back of the I'll gladly exchange 300 carats of your cigarettes. Do you know, gentlemen, I made the greatest mistake of my life in failing to bring a ton of these little white sticks out with me. I thought of Gordon gin, both kinds of vermuth, brandy, and all that sort of thing, and completely forgot the staff of life. I happen to know that you have a million packages of them, more or less, up at the chateau. My spies told me. I dare say you know that I have spies up there all the time. Don't pay any attention to them. You're at liberty to set spies on my trail at any time. Here we are. This ers' Association of Japat." He led them down a flight of steps

and into a long, cool looking room some distance below the level of the "The Mine Owners' association, gen-

tlemen, comprises the entire population of Japat. Here is where I receive my clients. Here is where they receive their daily loaf, if you will parabout rubies and supphires as if your power to call strikes among our other, "but you must remember that I we talk

mint juleps? Here, Selim! The ice, the mint and the straws-and the bottles. Sit down, gentlemen. This is the American bar that Baedeker tells you about-the one you've searched all over Europe for, I dare say."

"Reminds me of home, just a little bit," said Britt as the tall glasses were set before them. The Englishman was still clothed in reticence "They shan't catch me napping," was the sober reflection of Thomas Saun-

ders. The enemy planted the mint in its bed of chipped ice. "The sagacity that Taswell Skaggs displayed in erecting an ice plant and cold storage house here is equaled only by John Wyckholme's foresightedness in maintaining a contemporaneous mint bed. I imagine that you, gentlemen, are hoping to prove the old codgers insane. Between the three of us, and man to man, how can you have the heart to propose anything so unkind when we look, as we now do, upon the result of their extreme soundness of mind? Here's how!"

Selim passed the straws, and the three men took a long and simultaneous "pull" at the refreshing julep Mr Saunders felt something melt as he drew the subsequent long and satisfying breath. It was the outer rim of his cautious reserve.

"I think we'll take you up on that proposition to trade mint for cigarettes," said Mr. Britt. "Mr. Browne, my client, for one, will sanction the deal. How about your client, Saunders?"

"I can't say as to Lady Deppingham, but I'm quite sure his lordship will make no objection."

"Then we'll consider the deal closed. I'll send one of my boys over tomorrow with a bunch of mint. Telephone up to the bungalow when you need more. By the way," dropping into a curiously reflective air, "may I ask why Lady Deppingham is permitted to ride alone through the unfrequented and perilous parts of the island?" The question was directed to her solicitor.

"Perilous? What do you mean?" "Just this, Mr. Saunders," said the enemy, leaning forward earnestly. "I'm not responsible for the acts of these islanders. There are men among them who would not hesitate to dis- R. MACFARLAME - Town Agent pose of one or both of the heirs if they could do it without danger to their interests. What could be more simple. Mr. Saunders, than the death of Lady Deppingham if her horse should stumble and precipitate her to the bottom of one of those deep ravines? She wouldn't be alive to tell how it really

"My word?" was all that Saunders could say, forgetting his julep in contemplation of the catastrophe.

"He's right," said Britt promptly. "I'll keep my own client on the straight and public path. He's liable to tip over too."

"Deuce take your Browne," said Saunders, with mild asperity. never rides alone."

"I've noticed that," said the enemy coolly. "He's usually with Lady Dep-

pingham. It's lucky that Japat is free

from gossips, gentlemen." "Oh, I say," said Saunders, "none of that talk, you know."

"There's another thing I want to speak of," said the enemy, arising to prepare the second round of juleps. "I hear that your clients and their | .50 p.m. partners for life are in the habit of gambling like fury up there."

"Gambling?" said Britt. "What rot!" "The servants say that they play oridge every night for vast piles of rubies and turn the wheel daily for sapphires uncountable. Oh, I get it

"Why, man, it's all a joke. They use gun wads and simply play that they are rubies."

"My word," said Saunders, "there isn't a ruby or sapphire in the party." "That's all right," said the enemy, standing before them with a bunch of lows, until further notice;mint in one hand and the bowl of ice Read down in the other. "Every man in Japat thinks that your people are gambling with jewels that belong to the corporation. They think there's something crooked, d'ye see? My advice to you

is. Stop that sort of joking." "By Jove," said Saunders, taking a 7.50 4.17 straw and at the same time staring in | 8.00 4:30 open mouthed wonder at the tall host, R. MACFARLANE, - Town Agent, "you appall me! It's most extraordi-

"This is all offered in a kindly spir-, you understand," said the magnanimous enemy. "We might as well live comfortably as to die unseasonably made by dealing with H. H. MILLER here. Another little suggestion, Mr. Saunders. Please tell Lord Deppingham that if he persists in snooping about the ravines in search of rubies he'll get an unmanageable bullet in

the back of his head some day soon. He has no right to a single ruby, even if he should see one and know what it was. Just tell him that, please, Mr. Saunders." "I shall, confound him," exploded

Saunders, smiting the table mightily. "He's too uppish anyhow. He needs taking down." "Ah, Selim," interrupted the enemy

as the native boy entered, "no mail, "No, excellency, the ship is not due

to arrive for two weeks." "Ah, but, Selim, you forget that I am expecting a letter from Von Blitz's wives. They promised to let me know how soon he is able to resume work at

"I hear you polished him off neatly," said Britt, with a grin.

the mines."

"Just the rough edges, Mr. Britt, He is now a gem of purest ray serene. By the way, I hope you'll not take my mild suggestions amiss." "There's nothing I object to except

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