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'Fresh from the gardens'

Jungle Breath

by Ben Lucien Burman

THIS HAS HAPPENED

Attempts have been made on the life of Elise Marber y, owning considerable property near the little town of Porto Verde, in west central Brazil. She has escaped harm due to the shrewdness of her cousin and protector, Vilak, who with his friend, Lincoln Nunnally, an elderly American chemist, is trying to learn the reason for the strange enmity for Elise.

Living near Porto Verde is one Gaylord Prentiss, a strange and forbidding character, who has evinced a hatred for Elise.

Tinky, Elise's two-year-old orphaned nephew, is present. Presently sports Prentiss has been seen with the baby. The trail leads into the jungle.

Calamity overtakes the expedition Vilak organizes in pursuit. Native trackers are injured or desert. Treachery breaks out. Their white friends are fever victims and are left with a friendly tribe.

Elise, Vilak and Nunnally finally emerge from the jungle. Presently they come to the outskirts of a strange city, resembling the old Inca civilization. Here they are made prisoners. They discover they are in the power of Carlos D'Albentara, whom they had known as an engineer back in Porto Verde.

The ruler of the city decides to marry Elise and to put Vilak and Nunnally to death. They are to be tortured at the feast of Raymi, as are Elise's nephew and Prentiss, who are prisoners also. A friendly Indian slips a dagger to Vilak, who cuts his bonds, then proceeds to awe the natives by walking through fire. D'Albentara is killed. Vilak starts to relate the strange story of Prentiss.

NOW BEGIN THE STORY
CHAPTER XLVII
"Merely this," Vilak answered. "The first quest for gold, and to my mind the much less important, was the attempt of Limey Potts, Pasquale Branzi, and Detto Cicerone. Three rogues working together, they believed with reason—that they could easily get many thousands of dollars from you by kidnapping Tinky. That was why Limey was in the tree waiting for you to drive by the day Tony Barbetta was killed. He was going to cause you to have an accident or something of the sort and try to kidnap Tinky then. His arrest somewhat disrupted the trio's plans, but didn't block them."

"When Tinky disappeared the first time, it was the Italians who had taken him, one of them riding the horse with the injured foot which had belonged to Prentiss and which I afterward learned they had stolen. They were on the road to Furness Caves when they were unfortunate enough to meet four mounted gendarmes who watch that place pretty closely just because it is such a haven for crooks and smugglers, and they had to run for it, being compelled at last to get rid of the child, which was crying in terror and otherwise embarrassing their flight."

"Falling in this scheme, Limey, after the others had aided him to escape from jail, decided on a much bolder experiment, which, if successful, he believed would be far more lucrative: that was to kidnap you yourself and threaten you until you gave them any amount of money they chose to ask for."

"Was that the . . . er . . . occasion," the old man murmured, "the soldiers

yes . . . soldiers . . . captured us on the way to Villapa?"
"Exactly. Of course, that experiment was a failure, too. Meanwhile the two Italians, who ne'er-do-wells themselves, were naturally on good terms with the ne'er-do-wells of the native population, had heard vague rumors about some of the Indians in D'Albentara's camp, and catching the poor drunken fellow we saved that night—you don't know about that incident, Elise—tortured him to see what he knew, and found his information highly interesting."
"Then, discouraged by the lack of success in their schemes to get money from Elise, they decided to abandon her in their plans, and follow up the information they had gained. Which brings us to the second and more important quest, the one which concerns Prentiss and D'Albentara."
"The toms-toms began to sound monotonously. He listened keenly a moment, then continued. "I've told many many times before that these people aren't Incas. Far from it. But



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They have been living in these Inca ruins for many generations and naturally have taken over any of the Inca possessions which remained.
"If you remember your histories, you'll recall that the thing they had most of was gold. Gold in such enormous quantities that the Spaniards who first saw their cities wouldn't credit their eyes. Walls of the nobles' houses literally covered with it, great vases, and even furniture made of it. Called it 'the tears of the sun.'"
He gazed off toward the chief's palace silhouetted against the starlit sky. "I was in that building with Batalagos this afternoon. In a great stone basement of it is gold. A tremendous amount of gold. Ornamental armour, carved flowers, all that sort of thing. How much it's worth, I couldn't estimate. Besides this there are rich gold mines a few miles away where it originally came from. I'm half inclined not to take you to see either. It's done too much harm, this gold. Killed too many people."
The hideous painted priests began a droning chant. "You know Prentiss is an archeologist. He's always specialized in Inca archeology. Some years ago he got in that trouble with the museum, you remember, and resigned under a cloud of scandal. He told me about it to-day. Got foolish over some woman, and sold a lot of the museum property which he had discovered to gratify her taste for money. No need going into details."
"But the effect of it was that he was pretty swifly dropped by most of his friends and acquaintances and, embittered, went off to South America

again, intending never to return to the States. He soon resumed his explorations and researches and was working in the eastern parts of Peru when he heard vague reports that there were interesting old Inca ruins off in this direction. So after considerable wandering over the mountains and desert here in search of it, he finally arrived and found D'Albentara here.

"D'Albentara was one of those unusual persons you occasionally encounter," he went on. "A highly intelligent, cultured man who has gone completely wrong. He was quite suspicious of Prentiss at first, but when he learned that the other's mission was purely an archeological one, treated him very cordially and they became good friends. Seems he was the ne'er-do-well son of an excellent Portuguese family, and having gone to Brazil to escape arrest after committing a murder, had been a civil engineer and numerous other things until he got into trouble again and had to leave once more.

"In this manner, drifting from wilder spot to wilder spot, he came by accident upon this place which belongs to Batalagos. He was a clever fellow, was D'Albentara, very clever. And it didn't take him long to find out about all the gold Batalagos had here or to make himself the half-breed's chief adviser so that he could set about getting it. To do this, he began playing politics.

"As I've often said, a king or chief is nothing but a different variety of ward politician. Batalagos especially deserved that designation because he wasn't too secure on his throne. He had plenty of enemies, particularly among those natives here who probably had considerable Inca blood in them and certainly came of good stock, naturally, they bitterly resented having a mongrel like Batalagos over them. So Batalagos began systematically wiping them out. And D'Albentara carried his favor by helping him.

"Well . . . I remarked before that D'Albentara, after he found that Prentiss wasn't gold hungry, became friend-

ships finally got to Diamantino in western Brazil.
"Back in semi-civilization, he naturally thought he was safe, but he had only been there two weeks, trying to recuperate from a wretched fever he had contracted coming through the jungle, when he found that D'Albentara and his men were following him. Not that D'Albentara bore him any personal enmity. He didn't. But the child had become a symbol. If he didn't bring it back, and if Prentiss' act went unpunished, Batalagos' prestige would be enormously diminished, and likewise that of his chief adviser. While if D'Albentara did succeed in returning Prentiss and the child, the grateful chief would refuse him nothing. A fact which Batalagos may or may not have pointed out.

"To make a long story short . . . From Diamantino Prentiss came on east to Porto Verde and shut himself up on his father's old fazenda, letting no one know that he had the child with him. He hoped to throw D'Albentara's men off the track.
"He failed of course. He tried to go back to the United States, much as he didn't wish to after his unfortunate affair there. But he was crazy with illness and shattered nerves, and had got into some complicated mess about his passport and citizenship. The consular officials, to whom he told part of his story, thought he was completely mad, and wouldn't let him out of the country.
"That's why he treated you the way he did Elise. Remembering the bitter quarrel between your family and his own over the ownership of his fazenda, in his half-deranged state your visits only made him more frantic, for he was certain, with that terrible fixedness of mind of a nervously overwrought person, that you were trying to drive him out of his last refuge. (To be concluded)

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Take one raw egg white and beat slightly with a silver fork, adding a teaspoon of cold water as you beat. Now add about 14 drops of essence of peppermint or less according to taste. Add enough confectioner's sugar to make a stiff paste. Now roll out to the thickness of about half an inch, then cut out in small pieces. Let it now stand and dry out, then it is ready to eat.

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When a man is in trouble any ruin is sufficient to complete his ruin.
—W. G. Clinton.
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American League Will Economize

Baseball Clubs Say Tremendous Waste of Balls Must be Stopped

The great American horse-hide must not be wasted. Baseballs have been costing the major leagues approximately \$160,000 a season, Francis J. Powers informs in a Consolidated Press Association dispatch, adding that "it is small wonder that club owners are intent upon reducing waste." The use of baseballs, he continues, has been most prodigal during the past five years, "reaching the point where players were accustomed to toss out a ball whenever it suited their fancy."

Because of this, the American League, according to Mr. Powers, has this season been trying to reduce waste, and to this end has kept a record of the balls used in each game. The figures for the first part of the season are most interesting, the writer assures as he proceeds to a discussion of methods used to keep the cost of balls within reason.

American League umpires are handed the four dozen balls, obligatory for the home team to supply, before the start of each game. "The umpire-in-chief then takes a portion of the supply and puts it in the box near the plate, while the others are locked in a leather bag, and removed only as needed and by the umpire.

No balls can be thrown out of an American League until after they have been inspected by one of the umpires. A player may be dissatisfied with the ball in play, suspect it of being scuffed or wingy, but his opinion must be approved by the umpire before a new sphere is put into play. At the start of the season, E. S. Barnard, President of the American League, issued a bulletin to players ordering them to keep balls in play as long as possible, and it has been well obeyed.

Records for the early part of the American League season "show that the tremendous waste in baseballs does not come from home runs, hit out of parks, nor from balls scooped or scuffed in play." Not at all, we are assured, for:

The waste comes from balls hit into stands, and since the American League clubs no longer make a serious effort to retrieve those captured by fans, any ball into the seats is counted as lost.

In the first 240 games played by American League clubs—thirty in each city—a total of 6,306 balls were used. Of these 3,574 or more than 50 per cent. were lost in the grand stands.

The greatest number of balls used during the thirty games mentioned was in the Chicago White Sox park. A total of 945 were necessary in the Sox games, and of those 562 were lost in the huge stands that are double-decked around almost the entire playing field. In a single game at Comiskey Park, twenty-four were hit into the stands and lost. The smallest number used during the thirty-game period in any one park was 462, and of those 414 disappeared into the seats.

Since the minimum number of baseballs used by any American League club in 1929 was 550 dozen, the item of supplying these important sinews for the game is rather a costly one, and the magnates can not be blamed for wanting to practice a bit of economy.

Comments from a Country Garden
By Elizabeth Coatsworth
I
Most snakes are harmless, well I know.
I like the sliding way they go
With little scaled bodies slipping through
The grass, not spilling the light dew,
And yet this admiration makes
Me not the less afraid of snakes.

II
You've heard a blossoming garden plot
Is reckoned as a lovable spot;
There is no pleasure like a seed
Tended and guarded through its need
Until it blooms—yet I by far
Prefer mine wild, or in a jar.

III
In England your thoughts turn to teas
In lovely gardens under trees
Thin bread and butter, slice by slice,
Strawberries and clotted cream as nice,
And a great teapot in a hood
To keep the tea content and good.

IV
When it is hot, I let it be:
I think of apes in a palm tree,
I act as lazy as I can,
I don't despise a moon-shaped fan.
I do things suitable to shade,
And leisure and iced lemonade.

V
No two words burn alike. The trees
Have all their personalities
So do their ghosts, which make our
fears:
Some burn in sparks and some in
spires,
Some fast, some slow. Old apple wood
Is most companionable and good.

First boy: "Bah! your mother takes in washing." Second boy: "Well, you don't think she is going to leave it hanging on the line all night when your mother is out of prison?"
"Genius happens; it does not result from education."—Counil Keyserling.

Locomotive Direct

No More Shrieking the Night
Dallas, Tex.—Speed in the quiet of the night whistles—interrupted. This soon may be a thing as the result of success a new train whistle, by phone, which throws down the right of way to the sound is reduced to the track. The whistle signed and built by Missouri, Kansas & Texas Officials and machine several years perfecting.

Churchill to Modern Apartments

Centralized Headquarters Will Furnish Homes and Buildings
Winnipeg, Nov. 15.—The plans of Churchill, Manitoba, for a new central headquarters for the Hudson Bay Co. are expected to start next week to information reaching national offices here.

The entire townsite, owned by the Province and it is to be developed town-planning lines. \$500,000 to be spent, instead, the term leases subject to revision at stated periods three or five years.

Engineers are now working out plans for water mains and sewerage town plan, with several public buildings, and railway station, streets, residential sections, grounds, etc.

Men is planned with dental construction form of apartment house central plant that was heat for business buildings. Settlement a carefully devised scheme with provision for future development given to recreational.

Many applications wish to establish hotels and restaurants at the being received by the mark the initial of Churchill and work on early start this month, they will, it is expected, be completed.

Parents Should Ignore T

U. S. Children's B Nine Essential
Washington—What you're Bureau considers essential practices of a recent that Bureau entitled "ing your child to be are:

- 1. Tell the truth to
- 2. Keep your promise
- 3. Decide whether important for a child consistent about a them. Do not nag things that do not
- 4. Do not say "no" "yes" the next time.
- 5. Break up bad habits; do not let the child do anything that is bad.
- 6. Pay no attention to get what he wants or by whine.
- 7. Keep cool and Speak in a quiet voice.
- 8. See that he gets quiet and happy and
- 9. Show the child when he tries.

Find Under

Lesson—The young has been made of your about night and a bit beneath the floor of W. by, and a problem of many archeologists solved.

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