

Mystery of an M.P.

Special Wire to the Courier. London, Jan. 17.—Under the heading "Mystery of an M.P." The Express writes that Francis Neilson is doing in Africa. The Express states that he has not appeared in the House of Commons since August, 1894. In 1913, he went to the United States on a six months health tour, the Express says his constituents learned that he was able recent address meetings at Providence, and Brockton, Mass., and other places, and that they take exception to some of the statements he is reported to have made at these meet-

ings. In an excessive secretion, resulting in chronic inflammation, from various membranes. How's surprise of the mucous membrane through which the mucous membrane establishes itself.

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gns of the Times gland sale of liquor has certain hours day. WHY? nce French Govern- has prohibited manufacture of alcoholic and heavy penalties on any person selling any such to soldiers.

most outstanding in the world's of the liquor traf- Russia. Only ally against absolute prohibition with in- economic and view that not have given way to her homes and en- each increased ac- accounts. WHY?

many February 17th the General Gov- issued a pro- that any liquor, serving the drinks to any would be sold. to one year's sentence and his was closed. 29.

ited States many States "yet" on Decem- for State wide tion of the man- and sale of it. WHY?

nada Edward Island Scotland is all in prohibition except city of Halifax. Brunswick has prohibition in ten out of its counties, and two of its three. he has 906 dry localities and a 1915 wet.

John will vote on prohibition this year. review. Every was closed on June 1st.

Declared for- tion on July 1st by 28,250 as against 27,249. Columbia. The ment is obliged to a plebiscite.

ario Inhabitants are dry and there are in only 271 counts as dry the prohibitions voted on January 2nd. the most dry only a single mun- in Ontario gone back from tion to license production has all an immense. You are asked with the con- in One Hundred (mostly for a in prohibition on the with the CAVE of the world.

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The Diamond From the Sky

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CHAPTER XXVI.

Blair Seeks the Document.

THE reckless, desperate and unscrupulous ancestor, the first Arthur Stanley, who had found the diamond from the sky in the fallen meteor 300 years ago, had a worthy descendant in the equally reckless, desperate and unscrupulous Blair Stanley.

It is to be doubted if Blair Stanley gave any thought of the great wrong he might do the gentle Esther in the furtherance of the cold ambitious schemes of his mother and his own impulsive lawless ones. He cared not a whit whether if he should marry Esther such an alliance would be bigamous and shameful in case his marriage with Vivian should prove subsequently legal and binding.

To get Esther and to get the diamond by such means, not to speak of the Stanley eridom in England, appealed to Blair. The thought of Vivian fighting for her rights as the consort of an earl appealed to Blair's cynical sense of humor.

With a meekness almost puritanical in its sleek hypocrisy he had answered his mother to the effect that he would do as she desired. He prepared himself, at his mother's suggestion, to return to Richmond and make amends with the disgruntled relative and society leader, Mrs. Burton Randolph, for Mrs. Randolph had developed an unselfish fondness for Esther.

Meanwhile Esther had been received with open arms by the gypsy people when she had returned with Quabba when first setting out in search of Arthur with the loyal hunchback. Another search of Hagar's van at the camp had been fruitless. There was no trace or evidence of any person that it had always been supposed that Hagar possessed.

Esther announced to the gypsies that, while Hagar gave evidence of eventually recovering, it was necessary that she (Esther) must journey far to seek a friend who could aid her in these days of trial. The generous Romany of the tribe pressed their little hoards of money upon Esther, whom they acknowledged their princess. But Esther refused to accept.

The more canny and practical Quabba, however, accepted all tributes of this kind, unknown to Esther, and secreted them against coming days of need. Followed far from the camp by the kindly gypsies, and even the little gypsy children who loved Esther with the loyal devotion of their elders, Quabba and Esther set out upon their way. Quabba was further gladdened by a royal gift of a large street piano and cart and pony to haul it.

Starting west and north upon their quest for Arthur, Esther and Quabba with their quaint equipage took their way. They halted at the farm of Farmer Smith, where Arthur had worked, and proceeded on, intending to skirt through Richmond to ascertain Hagar's condition ere going west.

Journeying to Richmond, Blair Stanley beheld Quabba and Esther and the pony and organ cart as his train passed by them. The reckless Blair had no patience to wait till the train reached the next station. He pulled the air-brake cord, alighted, and as the train pulled out he hid by the roadside by the track, and after Esther and Quabba had toiled past him on foot by their pony organ cart, he stealthily reached them to the outskirts of Richmond.

From here he hastened to Mrs. Randolph's, and made his peace and enlisted her sympathy and co-operation.



Quabba and Esther Set Out Upon Their Way.

In regard to Esther. With Mrs. Randolph he hurried to the sanitarium where Hagar was, and as he had surmised, they found Esther.

The appeals of the good hearted Mrs. Randolph had no effect in dissuading Esther from her wild plan of searching for Arthur, journeying even across the continent on foot with a gypsy hunchback to do so, until she appealed to her through her love for Hagar.

"Suppose your mother recovers and needs you?" said Mrs. Randolph earnestly. "Stay with me, and be my little adopted daughter again till your mother recovers. You can see she is improving. Let your gypsy servant go and seek Arthur Stanley. I am sure I do not know what strange reason actuates you in your desire to find him. If he cared for you he would let you know where he is. If he is not guilty of murdering dear old Dr. Lee why should he run away? Don't you see, a nice young girl can't do such delightful, romantic things? It's all right in books, my dear Esther, but in real life a young girl going across the world to seek a sweetheart without a chaperon would be talked about." To be "talked about" was Mrs. Randolph's idea of mundane damnation.

Esther realized the sense and sincerity of Mrs. Randolph's kindly pleading.



Quabba Was Struck and Hurt, and agreed to abide by her advice. Quabba took up his lodgings in the part of the town of Richmond he was familiar with, preparing to start shortly in his search for Arthur and Esther returned to Mrs. Randolph's.

(To be continued.)

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At a Red Cross sale at Birmingham a few days ago, a khaki colored mouse was offered by auction. The bidding was run up to thirty pounds, at which price the mouse and its cage was ultimately sold.

A shortage of wedding rings in jewelers' shops and in wholesale factories is experienced throughout Britain, although the shortage has nothing to do with the scarcity of gold. There are three main causes for the wedding ring famine. There has been a very great number of war weddings; the working classes, owing to high wages have bought cheap gem rings in great numbers, and there is a serious shortage of skilled jewelers' workmen.

Old World Notes

A woman's ruse to see her husband was detected by the military authorities and she was fined for making a false statement. She wired under a false name to her husband, who is in the army, to say his brother was ill, and he got leave. Her defence was that she thought he was going to the front, and she wanted to see him to say good-bye and for business reasons.

A Jew was charged at Willesden, London, a few days ago, with showing a bright light from his window, and the police-sergeant complained that the man refused to give his Christian name. The prisoner said, "I is very absurd to ask a Jew for his Christian name. I say it with all respect to Christianity."

Lord d'Abernon, chairman of the Control board says rational recreation and relaxation should be provided for munition workers. The Vickers Company, with this object, have built a modern and attractive picture and variety theatre in the neighbourhood of one of their very large works.

A Brighton hairdresser and his son, says the Sussex Daily News, have, during fourteen months, given over 15,000 shaves or hair-cuts free of charge to soldiers at the 2nd Eastern General Hospital, Brighton. They began work every day at 5.45 a. m. and gave up their early closing half holiday. It was stated recently that Nottingham hairdressers had given over 10,000 free shaves and hair-cuts to wounded soldiers.

Many dogs have been turned adrift in England in consequence of a rumor which has obtained currency that the dog tax is to be doubled in January. The origin of the rumor seems to have been a suggestion made in the course of the debate on the budget that more revenue might be made by putting a tax on cats and increasing that on dogs; but the proposal did not find favor with the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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