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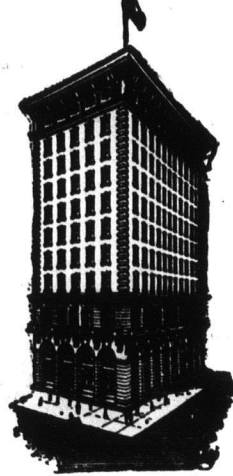
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absorbed in conversation. The younger man, tall, dark and bronzed is familiar to us as William Drew. His companion, also bronzed, was in striking contrast, being much older, fair and of slighter build. There was about him an indefinable air of distinction, a grace of manner and dignity of carriage, which marked him as of gentle birth, and of those used to rule rather than to serve. But he spoke as on equal terms with the other.

"It is indeed good to be here," he said, "and it is to you, my best of friends, that I owe it all. To you I owe my life and restoration to all that I hold dear."

"It is nothing," replied William. "God hath delivered us; but one thing I would like to know, and that is more of yourself."

"Ah! I have told you little and with a purpose, but now I desire to have no secrets. You will know how I was aboard the Sea Horse, dashed to pieces on that dread reef, where your own vessel has doubtless met her fate. I had been to the Indies on business and was returning home. You snatched me from death

I am needing a steward, a man I can trust, who will look after my affairs here in Plymouth, where I have much capital invested; to look after my cargoes, going and coming, and see to the upkeep of my ships. Such a man I think I have found in you. My presence is required at Court and you would represent me here and I would know that all was well."

"Indeed! it is too much," said William, overcome.

"Tut! Tut! Too much indeed, not enough. And now take the first coach to S— and tell old Johnathan Guest. I have taken a fancy to his future son-in-law, and his daughter shall want for nothing when she is mistress of yonder house that stands by the Catwater with Staddon Heights in View and my wharves before it."

And so it came to pass that William journeyed to S— hardly knowing whether or not he was dreaming to claim his Susy who welcomed him as one recalled to life. Sir John had given him a letter to Old Johnathan for William had sore doubts that his story might not be believed, and when, not a week later the

*Landslut Bavaria
April 18 18*

Dear Grandma -

I will at last have managed to write you a letter. At present I hope you are as well as I am. I never felt better in my life, just got out of the clinic a few days ago.

It was almost impossible to get the beds in electrically wired and heated by men and dogs.

I suppose by the time you are back from the Coast where you will be living I don't know as I will send this home. I am awfully sorry I did not get

your parcel before I was shot down. I could certainly do with it if you are sure to buy

I know you will be thinking and wanting to know if I can find out any thing about Willie, but I haven't got a hope of finding out a thing. I a trust that you have from home.

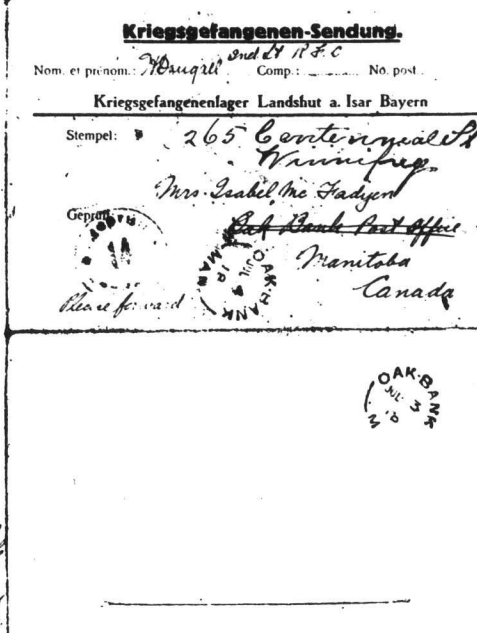
Other information we know that there has been a big battle within the last two weeks, but cannot get any details. The German people here think it is going to end the war and must be in their favor.

I hope you have not sold the old farm. I would like to live on it and farm it when I get back for a couple

Again I hope I will have to live out of doors. I hope I will have a redoubtable like to settle in your place as you are. I hope the way I hope you are in the same get and don't have to go, believe me it is pretty rough going and I hope it is over.

It will be a long time before I will be able to write again as I can't write a few letters a month but please write in the meantime and I will keep you a line now and again thus home. And don't worry I may be a bit better but can still look after myself with care.

*Your affectionate grandson
Hector Dougal
British Officer of Landslut Bavaria*



and we spent days of misery in an open boat, but were at last picked up by the vessel that brought us to this port, and here we are in our native land again. My home is not far from here. I have given you my name as John Gilbert, but that is so only in part, my full name is Sir John Gilbert Carew."

William stopped suddenly in amazement. "What!" he cried. "Sir John Carew, known as the merchant prince of Devon."

The other inclined his head.

"Indeed, I have heard Susy's father speak of you with great respect."

Sir John laughed, a free pleasant laugh. "So, ho!" he said. "There is a lady in the case. Old Johnathan Guest's daughter I doubt not, for he lives at S— and knows me. I have heard him speak of her. It pleases me well, my friend, and accords with my plans for you."

"Plans for me, Sir John," said William, mystified.

"Yes, surely I have plans for you. Do you think I could let you go unrewarded?

bells of the old church rang out a merry peal, it was known to all and sundry that two hearts and two lives had been made one, as William whispered to his bride "Now and forever."

It is surprising how little money a man can get along on when his family needs it all, says a writer in Life.

"Perkins looks very happy these days."

"He has reason to," Brown replied. "After his wife and children had been fitted out with their winter wardrobes he found there was enough left to have a new collar put on his overcoat."

Mrs. Waldo (of Boston). "I have a letter from your Uncle James, Penelope, who wants us to spend the summer on his farm."

Penelope (dubiously). "Is there any society in the neighborhood?"

Mrs. Waldo. "I have heard him speak of the Holsteins and Guernseys. I presume they are pleasant people."