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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

A feud has existed between Colonel Arthur Stanley and his cousin, Judge Lamar Stanley, over an heirloom, the diamond from the sky, found in a fallen meteor by an ancestor. Also, the succession to the Stanley earldom in England may come to an American. When a daughter is born to the colonel and the mother dies, the colonel buys a gypsy boy and substitutes him. Three years later the gypsy mother, having had no part in this bargain, steals the girl, being reared in secret, and leaves her son undetected as the heir. The gypsy has obtained possession of the diamond from the sky, and a document with the Stanley secret. When Esther is grown a beautiful young girl, Hagar, now gypsy queen, returns to Virginia with her. Dr. Lee, the late Colonel Stanley's friend, adopts Esther, but demands that Hagar turn over to him the diamond from the sky. Arthur Stanley, son of Hagar, falls in love with Esther and so does his companion and cousin, Blair Stanley, rightful male heir of Stanley. In stealing the diamond Blair causes the death of the doctor. Outside is Arthur serenading Esther. Blair, escaping, infers that he has left Esther's room. Arthur forces him to fight a duel in which Blair is only stunned. He tries, with the aid of his mother, to place the blame for the murder of Dr. Lee upon Arthur, who now has the diamond. The sheriff attempts to take Arthur, but he eludes his pursuers and joins Hagar, who reveals his identity and upbraids him for his wild life. Needing money, he pawns the diamond in Richmond. Blair is in Richmond, and he, too, is forced to visit the pawnshop. The two agree to stand by each other. At a ball, at which a supposed New York belle is the guest of honor, they are stunned to find the diamond on the visitor. She is an adventuress who has borrowed it. While Hagar is telling the "belle's" fortune Luke Lovell, Hagar's gypsy guard, steals the diamond and to avoid detection drops it into a mail box. A sheriff tries to arrest Arthur on the murder charge. He escapes from Richmond on a freight train. The diamond passes into a mail bag, which is lost from a wagon and is picked up by Quabba, an organ grinder. Quabba's monkey steals the diamond and leaves it in a nest in a tree. Arthur is robbed by hoboes, who leave him in tatters. He seeks work at a farm. Hagar takes Esther to live at Stanley hall. An old time tournament is held. Arthur attends in disguise, proves himself the best knight, defeating Blair, but is betrayed by the latter to the sheriff. Quabba, in jest, handcuffs the sheriff and Blair. By daring horsemanship Arthur escapes. Later he leaves the farm. Tom Blake, a detective hired by Hagar, produces finger-prints proving Blair guilty of the death of Dr. Lee. Blair and his mother quarrel about Vivian. Hagar proposes silence to Mrs. Stanley as the price of Hagar's and Esther's being received in Fairfax society. Blair strikes down Hagar and steals the fingerprints and money from his mother. The diamond is found by a negro boy and is taken by a tramp. The latter is murdered by Hung Li, who hangs the gem on his idol. Thence it is stolen just as a slumming party enters Hung Li's den. Hagar, mentally unbalanced by Blair's blow, is again with Esther among the gypsies. Marmaduke Smythe, lawyer, arrives to announce Arthur is heir to the deceased Earl of Stanley. Learning Arthur is a fugitive he seeks Blair instead. Vivian asks the diamond of Blair as the price of consenting to marry him.

CHAPTER XVII.

"A Runaway Match."

MRS. BURTON RANDOLPH, society leader, sank back in the taxicab petulantly resolved to have a real good cry and a thoroughly enjoyable nerve crisis as soon as she reached her residence and could give way to her "poor nerves" with all the comforts of home.

"I don't believe you have any nerves at all, Vivian!" she whimpered to her guest. "I think you have the fortitude of a cowboy or something of that sort, and I shall never forgive Blair Stanley for deserting us and sending us home alone!

"As for that Detective Blake, I am sure if it were I he was depending upon for any pay for taking us to such dreadful places as that Chinese den he would never get his money. He at least should have seen us home if Blair Stanley was not gentleman enough to do so."

"But the diamond," murmured Vivian Marston. "Didn't you see how it blazed like a coal of fire under that swinging lamp and on the idol's breast? They named it right when they called it the diamond from the sky."

"I believe you are as crazy about that dreadful diamond as the silly Stanleys are," whined Richmond's leading society light.

"It may be worth millions, but I would not touch the dreadful thing! Not that I am superstitious, but it is bad luck, everybody says so. And that idol—ugh! I won't sleep for a week for thinking of the horrid thing!"

But Vivian Marston, engrossed in the intense and desperate desire for the great jewel that had obsessed her since the day she had first beheld it, said nothing more, but bit her lip and clinched her hands until the nails marked her palms. She was impatient to reach Mrs. Randolph's house and be alone with her desire for the diamond.

Arriving there, she turned her tottering friend over to the ministrations of her maid and flew to her bedroom. She donned a peignoir, stood by the window and looked out across the sleeping city. It was after midnight now. Who would get the diamond?

There had been no use to further discuss the diamond with her silly hostess. The diamond from the sky was a jewel to be worn by women who dared aspire to it, a gem to be wrested from the weak by men who cared for no consequence except to gain it.

Who would gain it now? If Blake got it as agent of Abe Bloom and his brother, the pawnbroker, would she be able to cajole it from these astute Hebrews? She doubted this. But if Blair Stanley got it, Vivian knew it would be hers without dispute.

Cunning as Detective Blake was and as astute as were the Blooms, Vivian Marston felt a supreme confidence in the daring unscrupulous determination of Blair Stanley to get the stone to gain her love.

The diamond from the sky, crime stained as it was, had never been sullied by the hands of traders. Since the day, according to its legend, it had fallen to earth in a meteor and had been gained by the first Arthur Stanley, gentleman adventurer of colonial Virginia, three hundred years agone, it had never been cheapened or debased by being in the hands of little men who bought and sold its gleaming glory and appraised it at a price.

It had no price; it was a jewel to adorn beauty at the hands of daring.

This beautiful woman of bold heart did well to rely on the desperate young man who had reached up from the knees of murder already for the diamond from the sky. Now further incited by his infatuation for her, she knew he would not fail.

After Blake and he had sent Mrs. Randolph and Vivian Marston home, Blake had sought a telephone and notified Abe Bloom that the diamond from the sky was on the neck of the Chinese idol. Then it was that Blair Stanley had stolen away and had seized the diamond by swift and daring action in climbing the fire escape at the back of the den, smashing the window and snatching the diamond.

We have seen how the frenzied Chinese tong leader, Hung Li, had, in attempting to maim the despoiler, severed the neck of the idol and cut down the swinging lamp before the idol just when the detective, Abe and Ike Bloom, supplemented by the English lawyer, Smythe, had arrived on the scene.

(To be continued.)

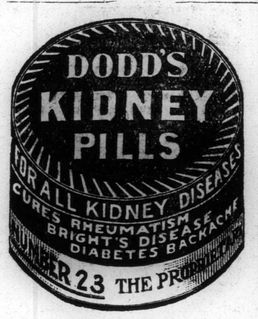
GREEKS WILL TAKE TROOPS FROM SALONIKI

Germans, Austrians and Turks Will Pursue Allies Into Greece.

London, Monday, Dec. 12.—Greece will not demobilize, but will withdraw all her troops from Saloniki except one division, according to the Times' Paris correspondent. This, the correspondnt adds, is the result of the negotiations at Athens, and the Entente allies have decided to vigorously prosecute the Salonicia enterprise.

A despatch to the Times from Athens says the embargo on Greek shipping has not yet been raised and that the Greek grain shipments continue to be held back in the Entente allies' ports.

"In the event of the allied troops being forced into Greek territory they will be pursued," says the Athens correspondent of the Morning Post, "not by Bulgarians, but by Austrian, German and Turkish troops, in order not to arouse Greek public opinion. For this purpose, Turkish troops, said to consist of three divisions, have already joined the enemy forces at Gieveli and Doiran."



CENSORSHIP IN BRITAIN IS RELAXED

After December 20 Foreign Office News Matters No Longer Supervised.

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Naval and Military Matters, However, Remain Restricted as Ever.

London, Dec. 13.—The censorship over matter in both newspapers and telegrams to foreign countries relating to Foreign Office affairs will be suspended on December 20, except as regards press telegrams from one foreign country to another over British cables. The censorship of matters regarding naval and military operations remains the same.

Announcement of the change was made yesterday by the Official Press Bureau in the following statement:

"Sir Edward Grey has arranged that from December 20, 1915, censorship by the Press Bureau on behalf of the Foreign Office shall be suspended. This will not mean a change in the provisions of the Defence and Realm Acts or of regulations made thereunder. They will be binding, as heretofore, but the responsibility of seeing that they are compiled as regards the publication in any newspaper or by any news agency of matter relating to foreign affairs will rest upon the directors of that newspaper or news agency.

"As regards mater telegraphed abroad from this country, the responsibility will rest with the senders of telegrams. The censorship of press telegrams from one foreign country to another over British cables will remain unaltered, since the senders of such telegrams are not within British jurisdiction and cannot be proceeded against under the Defence of the Realm Acts.

"Nothing in this announcement affects the existing arrangements for the censorship of naval or military matter, to which wholly different considerations apply, nor the censorship of other matters, save so far as they relate to foreign affairs."

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London, Dec. 13—A tribute to the patriotism, courage and energy of the British fisherman is contained in the government's annual report on sea fisheries for 1914, just issued.

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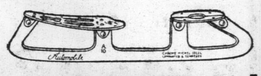

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