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# The Pearl Scarfpin

It Proved a Dead Giveaway.

By WILLARD BLAKEMAN

\*\*\*\*\* Jack Herkimer was a very pleasant fellow. He was popular with both men and women. Flaxen haired, blue eyed, a boyish face on a massive figure, good natured, careless of everything except the feelings of others, he drew about him so many friends that he found it difficult to avoid distressing them from an inability to accept and return all the favors they lavished upon him.

One day Jack was sitting in a street car when a young lady got in. She sat for a few moments oblivious to the fact that persons are not expected to ride in street cars for nothing, then made a dive for her portmanteau, supposed to be contained in the bag she carried. There was a succession of dives, each more spasmodic than the last; then she arose and started to leave the car without stopping it. Jack interposed. "Pardon me," he

said, placing himself in front of her, lifting his hat and smiling benignly; "if you are without change for your fare I will pay it for you. There is no need to get off."

He held in his hand a quantity of large change and picked out a nickel from among the coins. The young lady, apparently reassured, refrained from her attempt to commit suicide for the want of 5 cents and sat down. But she was still too flustered to thank Jack for the loan. The conductor received the fare, passed on, and the young lady sat trying to regain her equanimity. Presently a thought struck her all of a sudden. It was that it behooved her to make some arrangement for the payment of the debt. She was a young woman and had not the experience adequate to the occa-

"How am I to-to get it back to you?" she asked Jack.

"There's no need to get it back to me at all," he replied, with that winning smile of his. "But if you insist upon doing so"— He hesitated. He would have liked to add, "I'll call for it if you'll give me your address," but it occurred to him that if the young lady did not consider this taking an advantage of her youth there were doubtless members of her family who would, so he finished the sentence by giving his own address, at the same time begging her not to take the trouble to return so small an amount.

By this time the girl had so far recovered her composure as to say, "Thank you very much." She would have liked to return Jack's smile, for it was catching, but she was only sixteen years old and had been brought up to give no encouragement to a stranger.

Jack, who was feasting his eyes on

her beauty, passed far beyond the point where he had intended to leavethe car. When the girl arose to alight she was apparently in doubt whether

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or not it would be proper for her to nod an adieu to the handsome young fellow who had befriended her. She decided in the negative, and Jack, who was about to go out before her in order to hand her off the step, sat still. The episode was ended, but left a very pleasant sensation in the young man's

That night when Jack went to sleep he was paying the girl's fare again and again and assuring her that a nickel was of no consequence and she must not think of returning it to him.

The next day Jack received an envelope addressed in a man's handwriting containing a bit of paper and postage stamps to the amount of 5 cents. On the paper within in the same hand as the address was the word "Thanks." Evidently the girl's father or brother had taken the matter off her hands. Jack felt sorry. He had hoped to receive from the young lady something that would have given him the semblance of an excuse to take another step toward an acquaintance. This return of his loan by one other than the creditor herself ended the matter. And in a week Jack, who had bouquets of smiles thrown at him from pretty girls, forgot all about it.

One day a little box, addressed in a feminine hand, came for Mr. Herkimer by post. Jack was the recipient of so many favors from young ladies that he naturally supposed it to be from some girl with whom he was "spoons." He did not recognize the handwriting, but quite often his favorers who wished to conceal their identity had adsed him through an amanuensis, and he thought nothing of it. Opening the box, he found nestling in cotton a scarfpin set with a single pearl.

Jack ran over all the girls to whom he had recently made love-that is, all he could remember-with a view to getting a clew as to the sender. He formed an opinion that she was one of three, but he could not tell which one. He would await developments, being well aware that no woman was likely to so favor him without in due time getting credit for her gift. Whenever he met a suspect he would put out feelers with a view to testing her as to whether she had sent the scarfpin. But week after week passed and there was

no clew. Jack wore his pearl ornament for several years, studying the face of every woman who fixed her eyes upon it, hoping for a betrayal, but found no one who gave any indica tion whatever that she had bestowed

One September day Jack, who had gone to Europe with the American summer hegira, was in a compartment of a railway carriage in Germany on his way to Hamburg when an elderly man handed a lady into the car, then got in himself. The girl was a beauty, and it seemed to Jack that he had seen her before. It was some time before the gentleman got his hand baggage stowed away in the racks and the lady had settled herself in her seat. Then she looked about among her fellow passengers. Jack from the time he had received the mysterious scarfpin had never worn any other. He saw the girl's eyes hovering upon him and finally light on the ornament. Immediately the blood left her cheeks, then rushed back a crimson flood.

There was no more doubt in Jack's mind that the young lady was the donor of the scarfpin than that she was present before him. But who was she? Certainly not one with whom he had been on intimate terms. He was quite young enough to remember faces, especially of those with whom he had an acquaintance. But no racking of his brain served to bring forth the identity of this lady who had sent him an day's experiences, he said to her: anonymous gift. And yet something had passed between them, for he was sure he had seen her before.

The train was an express and connected. As soon as it was well under way the conductor came through for tickets, and the first person he approached in the compartment was the young lady in question, who referred troubles in court him to the gentleman who accompanied her.

If it were not for suggestion our world would be a very dull one. Seeing the girl ask for her ticket brought back to Jack Herkimer a picture of her when, three years younger, she "I guess it had started to leave a street car in idle rumor." America for lack of fare. The riddle was solved. She had rewarded him old rumor that ever happened." for what she doubtless considered a Brooklyn Eagle. favor of importance, sending the reward anonymously.

Jack was a man of quick resource.

Ostend—Pa, why did you give ma
What he would do flashed upon his
that little ring with a watch in it? Pa brain with electric rapidity. He began to fumble in his pockets for his ticket-that is, in every pocket except where it was. The conductor stood before him, waiting. Jack continued the search until, pretending that the ticket was not forthcoming, he said to

the conductor in the only language he knew, English:

it did not take long for her to become aware that he was enacting this scene on her account. To conceal a smile she turned her face to the window. "You are an American, are you not, sir?" said the young lady's companion.

"If you will tell me what you require I will be happy to oblige you." "I need only my fare to Bremen, where I will take steamer for home."

"I go by the same steamer. I have the documents by which to obtain all

"In that case the matter is simple. I sail on the Crown Princess tomor-

I need from the purser." The gentleman paid Jack's fare. Jack asked for his name and address and was given a card bearing the name of Farnsworth. Then the passengers, having lost all interest in the matter, settled down to their various ways of passing the time. There was one per son who, not being deceived by this audacious imposture, continued to look through the window at the scenery as though she would not lose any of it for a fortune. At last she turned, but carefully abstained from meeting the gaze of the unfortunate man who had lost his valuables.

Americans abroad come at once to a friendly footing. Jack Herkimer was profuse in his thanks to Mr. Farnsworth and, taking a seat opposite him, talked about everything he could think of, expatiating especially on that confidence those born under the stars and stripes have in one another, and so in-gratiated himself into the favor of the old gentleman that the latter at last said, "Permit me to introduce you to my daughter, Mr."-

"Herkimer. I am John Herkimer of

That was the trying moment of Miss Farnsworth's life. She felt a great impulse to fix her eyes on Jack's scarfpin, and Jack threw open his coat that she might get a good view of it. A half vexed, half amused smile played over her features like a fitful breeze among flowers. Jack gave no outward sign of ever having met her before, but there was a happy triumph within that was as plain to Miss Farnsworth as it was unobservable to the others pres

As soon as the steamer was reached Jack, after a pretended visit to the purser, paid his indebtedness and tipped the head steward to put him at table beside the Farnsworths. After such adventures with a young lady and a week's voyage ahead of them if would be absurd to suppose that the principal actors would cross the Atland tic ocean without a love affair. Indeed, the gift of the scarfpin made it plain to Jack that a conquest had been made long before, and he found love making dead easy. Fortunately he had found a girl he wanted and, as he expressed it, "wanted her bad." An engagement occurred on the steamer, and the wedding followed in due course of

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knew, English:

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