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was Tommy. In a few days, however, he found himself living amid luxurious surroundings as the adopted son
ious surroundings as the adopted son
"Exactly," said Celestia, "and there of Mr. Barelay, who has planned to is nothing more wicked than that" have Tommy marry into wealth. But

did Old Man Smells-good give any signs of what had been going on in his head. When he rose to his feet, he said simply, "Me find um soon,"

Fifteen minutes later he knelt suddenly and appeared to bury his long, hooked nose in the ground. He rose after a moment's sniffing and said: "Me got um sure." Then he ordered one of the guides to remain behind with the dogs.

And then he went forward, pre-

tending to follow a trail, pointing to marks, which the other couldn't see, for the simple fact that they didn't exist, listening, pretending to hear sounds that couldn't be heard, sniffing, kneeling, and poking his long nose into the ground. He led them to the shores of the

lake and pointed quietly across at the island. Even Stilliter could see | a pale column of bluish smoke comng from among the trees.

And they waited till dark. Then Old Man Smells-good, having been "I am

Meanwhile with Tommy and Celestia all had gone well. Tommy's old
camp was less dilapidated than he
expected. A few balsam boughs had

I wouldn't care. I wouldn't care. I wouldn't care a

practiced driver in an old car after a

practiced driver In her excitement and eagerness , to that's why I'm so happy to be with help, Celestia ran into the shallow you. She and I were always happy water, stepped in a deep hole, and, when we were together or locking

completely submerged. Laughing and scolding, Tomm; pulled her out and literally ran her for a long time I was terribly unback to the fire Steam was so rising from her wet, clinging robe, but since the fire could only warm one side of her at a time, and sin the chill of the evening had begun set in, she shivered and now and perhaps.' then her teeth knocked together. He went into the little hut and brought out the buffalo robe which

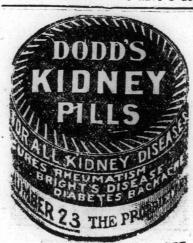
he had left there. It was very much the worse for wear, but huge and

He dried her theatrical white dress and made shift to iron it with a smooth hot stone, and watched her from the corner of his eye and thought how charming she looked, even in that bulky, clumsy buffalo

After supper they sat for a long time by the shore and watched the stars grow brighter and brighter, and as the moon began to rise, dimmer and dimmer. They were happy at being together, spoke in low tones, and Tommy answered many 'questions about the affairs of the earth. "But then, of course," said Celesita

you are wicked" 'I!" exclaimed Tommy, 'I like that! What do you know about it?" "Of course, if you are not a man-

belongs to other people." "That's only a judgment of men ful companion." you all ready-made. But use your own judgment, not somebody else's. keep me happy for long." Since you've known me have I done



one single thing to make you think I'm wicked?"

"but that makes it all the worse. It -it smacks so of hypocrisy. Tommy laughed aloud, thinking that she was joking But he ceased

man, but thinks she is taught by angels, who instruct her for her mission to reform the world. At the age be good. But wickedness is different, of eighteen she is suddenly thrust into the world, where agents of the inter- for you to be with me But as things ests are ready to pretend to find her. are, you'd be safe as long as you The one to feel the loss of the little wanted to be safe, and afterward, Amesbury girl most, after she had probably. In my opinion, very few been spirited away by the interests, men—even murderers and wife-beat-

'It was more fun taiking about Tommy's lack of interest in Barclay's happiness," said Tommy. Suppose usiness affairs changes matters we forget the world. Now you are Barclay meets with success in breaking up the match he had really planned. Turned down by the girl, Tommy goes to the Adirondacks to forget the affair, While there he meets by accelerate Celestia just go on and on through the woods, camping at night by pretty lakes and

He looked her very earnestly in the eyes and sang in a clear, quiet voice, with a kind of gallant tendern ss. those great lines of Stevenson's, be-"I will make you brooches and toys

for your delight, Of bird song at morning and shines at night: and me

Of green days in forests days at sea.' "What is that." said Celestia, when he had finished. "That" said Tommy, "Why, don't you think it's a sort of hymn?"

After that they were silent for a varm- Are you comfortable? She nodded.

Then, very softly—
"Celestia," he said, "are you happy?"
"I don't know," she said, "Can you to the gateway safely.
"I don't know," she said, "Can you to the gateway safely. "Bimeby, swim over," said Old Man be happy when it isn't right for you to be happy? It isn't right for one the mechanic endeavoring to start the

definitely promised an extra two ment the sufferings of others don't once to respond or whether it was bedollars for the wetting, stepped forth get me. You see, I have to be shown, cause the sporting instinct in the Suppose at this moment the entire expected. A few balsam boughs had I wouldn't even know. Celestia, if you rank amateur in a new French racer, made the rotten roof sound above stayed long enough in the woods, in either case the old car was some don't you think maybe you'd torget minutes in responding to his efforts to a long rest and then she had fol- all about heaven and your mission to lowed Tommy along the shores of the earth, and be content to be happy? island while he fished Finally Listen! Once in my life I was really Tommy's long casts were rewarded. happy. I was a little boy; she was a He hooked a fine trout and began to little girl. If she'd grown up she draw him strongly towards the beach. would have looked like you. Perhaps falling forward, was for the moment, forward to being together. Then one day she went away, Celestia. She went to heaven, they told me. And

happy."

He shook his head.
"If I could have gone with her, "But I haven't been. When some

'There is no death.' There are separations that seem 'Now," he said, "you go into the time, then," said Tommy. to us humans to last a mighty long Celestia sighed,

one you love dies"-

"But, I'm happy with you," said "because I can almost imagine that you are she-grown up. I'm going to pretend that you are she; that she is the angel they've sent back to earth to make us all better.' And he smiled very tenderly upo

"But, Celestia," said Tommy, you insist that this world is so unhappy: Tell me this: Why am I perfectly happy? I'm not good. I'm not noble or self-sacrificing. And, yet, behold me; happy as the day is 'ong." did not stop the engine. "And, I'm happy, too," said Celestia

you feel perfectly sure that you are going to make everybody else happy. But that's not why I'm happy. I'm But I am," said Tommy. 'Is that happy because I'd rather be right There couldnt be a better reason. I've had a good supper after plenty of exercise, because the night smells inful, greedy, and covetous of what of balsam, because the moon is shin-

n general that has been handed to "All these things make me happy, too," said Celestia, "but they couldn't "No?" said Tommy, somewhat chagrined. "If these things are en-

ough, why want more?" said Celestia, "after stronger, (and here she laughed softly) their heads fuller of sense."

me," said Tommy; "the longer we stayed here, the less I'd get thinking about other people and the more I'd get thinking about us. Every mor- On the other side the embankment of tal man, I suppose, has his conception of heaven (he pulled luxuriously culvert cuts. One glance shows Arthur at this pipe), and this is mine." After awhile Celestia

against him and laid her head on his shoulder. It was as if she had been a little child. Tommy was deeply noved and touched, and at the same time the close physical contact be-gan to trouble him, to frighten him. He spoke and it seemed as if with his voice he was trying to lift a weight,
"Your poor baby," he said, "You're
dead-tired. It's bedtime." He rose, a little roughly, and helped

When they reached the little hut Tommy said— N "Now, you turn in there and make yourself comfy. Good night." "Good night," she said, and went

In his hiding-place close at hand "No, you haven't," said Celestia, no word or motion had been lost on Professor Stilliter. White with reluctance and antipathy, but strongly resolved, he rose on one knee, cocked his Winchester, and aimed at the small of Tommy's back.

(To be Continued.)

The Diamond From the Sky

By ROY L. McCARDEL

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two automobiles deserted. The new French racer stood throbbing under power at the portals of Stanley hall. The excited dealer had not thought further of the fine new machine when he heard the sheriff's quick summons for assistance. The more phlegmatic and practical mechanic had turned off the power of the old garage car when he had brought the sheriff the jack to smash the door.

Arthur jumped into the throbbing new racer. He had little thought when he had ordered it in a fit of reckless extravagance that its first service for him would be in a need like this. He sensed the use of its levers, and in the Then Tommy said, "Are you instinct of fear and self preservation, it may have been chance that aided him, but the machine bounded away on highest speed, and Arthur turned

to be happy, because other people other car, while the sheriff stamped and swore futilely. Whether it was "I am," said Tommy. "At this mo- that the old dependable car failed for



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sensible. I've never done anything automobiles to know it were well for

Looking back again and seeing he was not as yet pursued, a fit of desper-"You're happy," he said, "because ate recklessness encouraged him in the Esther. By this time all but a few of the curious neighbors had gone, and here than anywhere else; because Esther was at the gate engaged in hanging a white wreath upon it in memory of her dear old friend.

The meeting, the parting, were brief, ing, and because I've got a delight- firamatic and passionate. There was no time for explanations on either side. Arthur held the fair girl to his heart for one brief moment and pledged his love and faith for her, and then was

Now came the other car in a cloud of dust. On sped the pursued. Now while I'd get thinking about people at the railroad crossing the one armed who haven't delightful companions, watchman gave his warning flag. The and for whom the moon isn't shin- gates are down, a long freight train is ing; I couldn't rest then until I'd thundering up. At his highest speed gone to them and tried to make Arthur takes the gates, that smash and their lives easier and their hearts splinter at the impact of his swift machine. He is gone, and the freight train blocks pursuit. Then pride has its fall. Around a bend of the road workmen are digging a great culvert. On one side is a sloping bank of the river. the road bed, across which the open that this way lies death. He will trust became the river.

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