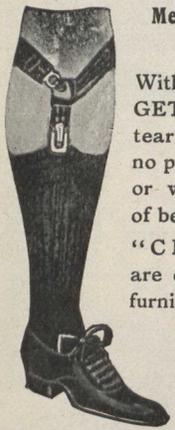


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gave the young man a sudden clue as to the other's identity. It was the Captain, trying to escape. Then Hilary knew his hour had come, and banged the thief's head vigorously on the hard floor. The latter's struggles momentarily relaxed. In another minute Hilary had his hand in Captain Jack's inner pocket and was touching the fateful round, flat jewel case.

The lights went up again as suddenly as they went out, but by this time the case was in Hilary's pocket, and he was blandly staring at the men who crowded about him.

"The Captain's had a fall," he said. "Don't crowd; give him air."

Retribution had indeed befallen the pseudo-detective. He lay stunned like the old man he had struck down and robbed earlier in the evening. The game he had tried to play was obvious. He dared not show the necklace to the others, for they would have insisted on a division of the plunder. Hilary's vigorous assault had shown him to be dangerous, so Captain Jack had turned off the electric light and attempted to escape in the dark.

Hilary was prepared for further trouble, but instead, the oldest of the quartette, who was the landlord, made the way of escape easy. "You clear off," he commanded the intruder. "If you've got any quarrel with the Captain go to his private address; don't you come brawling 'ere and chucking glasses about. And you'll have to pay for the one you broke. I'll trouble you for eightpence." This as he bent over the fallen man and satisfied himself no serious harm had befallen him.

Hardly believing in his good fortune, Hilary tossed some money on the table, muttered something about only wanting his rights, and went out, leaving the rascals behind totally unconscious that he carried a king's ransom in his pocket. For the diamonds were safe; a hasty peep at the case under a lamp-post satisfied him on that head, and almost immediately afterwards he saw the welcome gleam of a policeman's helmet. He attached himself to the constable till the Vauxhall bridge road was reached, and then seeing no cabs took the tram to Victoria Station.

"Where to, sir?" asked the cabby he hailed by the station.

Instead of replying Hilary stared blankly at the man. Where, indeed? He had not the remotest idea of the name of the street where the Graingers lived, and only a vague notion of its whereabouts, but the difficulty only daunted him for a moment. "The Kensington Palace Hotel," he said.

The delivery of the necklace to its rightful owner would be his first act. At the hotel he could probably, by means of the directory, find out Mr. Grainger's address. He sat back in the hansom enjoying the ride and the relief he felt at having retrieved his earlier error. How amazed the Graingers would be at the news of his success, and how warm their gratitude!

As he alighted a second hansom also drew up before the hotel, and a tall, well-dressed gentleman followed him in and up to the enquiry office.

"Is the Duchess of Broughton staying here?" asked Hilary, and when the clerk nodded affirmative, "I'm the representative of Patterson and Sons, and I have a necklace to deliver to her."

"What!" almost shouted the gentleman, overhearing. "You have our necklace—the one Grainger was robbed of? I came to acquaint Her Grace with the news of its loss!"

Five minutes later, the necklace having been delivered to the Duchess, Mr. Patterson and Hilary were driving to Maresfield road, North Kensington. "Bertha Grainger, explained the junior partner, "came to me—I live in Kensington square—to tell me of the robbery half an hour ago. The poor girl told a confused tale which I did not quite understand, except that the necklace was gone, and old Grainger badly hurt, and the only thing to do apparently was to come and tell the Duchess we couldn't deliver it. The loss would have fallen on us, as we are taking charge of it. The Duchess is staying in the country, and came to town by a late train on purpose to attend the Buckingham Palace ball. She particularly requested our representative not to deliver the necklace till eleven, as she would not reach the hotel before then. But here we are at Grainger's house. Now come in, and let's hear the history of your adventures."

Miss Grainger opened the door to them. "It's all right, Bertha," began Mr. Patterson, in a cheery voice, "the necklace is recovered. The Duchess has it. This gentleman brought it to the hotel, and has come to tell us how he recovered it."

"Oh!" said Bertha; that, and no more, but her eyes met Hilary's with a look of relief and gratitude, such a look he had complacently anticipated, but its effect upon him was wholly unexpected; moreover, a second later, when their hands met, a thrill ran through him such as he had never before experienced. The unexpected had been happening all the evening, and now he was vaguely aware that, most unexpected of all, he had fallen in love. And so, as a matter of fact, had Bertha, and the consequences were—well, this happened some time ago, and Hilary occupied himself in his last summer holiday in getting married. And the lady's name—the one she didn't change—was Bertha.

Where the Dollar Comes From

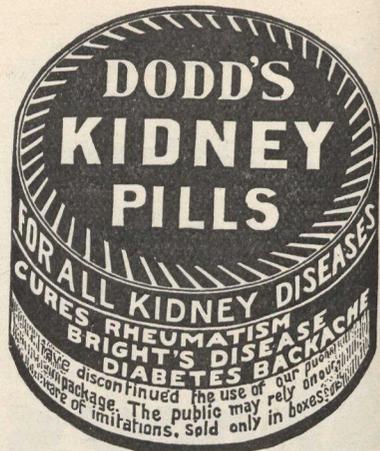
JOACHIMSTAHL, near Carlsbad, where radium baths are to be established next year, is already historic as the birthplace of the original dollar. An authority in the *London Chronicle* says this was the silver guldengroschen, coined in 1519 by order of Count Schlick from the metal of a recently opened mine, and it became known as the Joachimstahler, or "thaler" alone for short. Before 1600 the nimble English language had already made "dollar" of this. Thereafter this name was loosely used of all manner of coins varying in value from three to five shillings, and belonging to all manner of countries, from Sweden to Japan. It was from the prevalence of the Spanish "dollar" in the British American colonies at the time of their revolt that the modern almighty dollar was derived, while in England very modern slang has given the name to the crown piece.

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