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His life has been a testament to the power of perseverance and the strength of the human spirit. He has shown us that it is possible to overcome even the most daunting of obstacles, and that there is always hope for the future. His story is one that we can all learn from, and it is a true inspiration to us all.

His legacy will live on for generations to come, and his name will be remembered as one of the greatest of our time. He has shown us that it is possible to live a life of purpose and meaning, and that there is always a way forward, no matter how dark the path may seem.

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keeping in the Tower where the State Crowns and the rest of the Regalia have remained ever since, save for the interval during which the Commonwealth Government played ducks and drakes with it, and rendered a Jewel House unnecessary. When the Restoration came, and Charles II. ascended the Throne, a new Treasure House had to be found, and the Crown, the sceptre, and the Orb had to be re-made to replace those that had been destroyed. For a time they were not properly protected. Their sole guardian was an old man, eighty years of age, who was appointed Keeper, lived on the premises, and eked out a slender salary by showing visitors over the Tower. It was during this slipshod reign that Colonel Blood, whose burglarious enterprise has been often described, attacked the aged caretaker and tried to make off with part of the Regalia.

How Jewels are Guarded Now. There is no fear of any such incident happening to-day. The Regalia is kept in the Wakefield Tower, protected by every device that science can suggest. Sir George Young, husband described these precautions with as much detail as is desirable, and relates an appropriate story:— "The walls of the Wakefield Tower are 8 feet thick, and there is only one entrance, whilst the windows are heavily barred. In these more or less practical days, however, reliance is not placed solely on solid walls. Sentries are necessary to keep the Crown Jewels in safety. After the St. Patrick's Jewels had been stolen in Dublin, King Edward VII. determined that the Crown Jewels of England should be placed, as far as human prescience could devise beyond the power of anyone to tamper with them. The most expert mechanical and scientific geniuses with Messrs. Chubb at their head, were called into consultation, and the result was the invention of the present octagonal-shaped steel casement furnished with steel bars.

It is usually not allowable to mention what the mechanical safeguards are, but the expert or indeed expert thief may certainly count on being guillotined or electrocuted if he makes the attempt to emulate Colonel Blood's adventure." During the war, when there was danger of the Tower being struck by a bomb, the jewels were removed without any fuss in a Royal motor car to Windsor Castle, and when the war was over they were returned, equally quietly, to the Tower.

The King's Crowns. The Sovereign possesses three Crowns—St. Edward the Confessor's Crown, or the Crown of England, or rather the replica which was made after all the kings and Queens of England have been crowned since 1066; the Imperial State Crown, which is immensely more valuable, and the Imperial Crown of India. Of the State Crown, the Keeper writes:— "It is as a crown comparatively modern, the custom being for each succeeding King or Queen to have their own State Crown made afresh. But the stones that are set in it, of which there are many thousands, are mostly of very great age, and have been used century after century to adorn the State Crowns of successive Kings and Queens.

The State Crown now in the Tower was made for Queen Victoria, in 1839, and with some alterations and additions has been so preserved by Edward VII. and George V. Of the large jewels in it, such as the Black Prince's ruby; Queen Elizabeth's pearl earrings, the Stuart sapphire, the sapphire of Edward the Confessor, and the Star of South Africa (the Cullinan Diamond), historical records proclaim their origin. But the thousands of smaller stones carry with them their own age, for certain forms of cutting pertain to certain centuries. Thus the table-cut diamond is an older stone than the brilliant. Inversely no brilliant in the present Crown could have been in that of Charles II., for this process of cutting was then unknown.

The State Crown. The State Crown is of the Imperial, as distinguished from the Royal shape of the older crown; thus the arches are not depressed where they cross each other, but slope up in the monde. In the hand of the two great stones are the Star of South Africa in front, and the Stuart sapphire exactly opposite it at the back. Between these, round the hand at intervals, are very large sapphires, rubies and emeralds thickly encrusted with diamonds. Above the hand are alternate crosses, pates, and furs-de-lis in diamonds, in the centre of each being a large colored gem. Indeed, the whole Crown is a complete mass of diamonds interspersed with colored gems and pearls.

The Cullinan Diamond was found in the Premier Mine, near Pretoria. It was purchased by the Union Government of South Africa, and presented to King Edward VII. On being despatched to England it was insured for \$7,500,000. It was cut into four portions, the largest portion being made into a pear-shaped brilliant, and set at the head of the King's sceptre; the next largest portion was cut into a cushion-shaped brilliant, and placed in the hand of the King's State Crown, just below the Black Prince's ruby. Both of these brilliants are larger and finer stones than any others, including the Koh-i-Noor. The two remaining

large portions are set, one in the band, and the other in the cross pate of Queen Mary's Crown. The Queen also has three Crowns, or, rather, two crowns and a diadem. These are the crown first made for Mary of Modena, Queen of James II., a diadem made for the same Queen, and the present Queen Mary's State Crown:— "The most important and most beautiful of the Queen's crowns is that which belongs to Her present Majesty, for not only is it officially, but privately the property of Queen Mary, though three of the great diamonds in it may belong to the State. The crown is set with diamonds throughout, no colored stones having been used. In front of the band is one of the four Stars of Africa, and round the band are alternate roses and crosses composed of diamonds. The rims of the band are also set continuously with small diamonds. On the hand stand three fleurs-de-lis and three crosses pates alternately, all set with diamonds. In the centre of the front cross pate is a great and historic Koh-i-Noor diamond. From the fleurs-de-lis and crosses pate spring six demi-arches which slope gracefully upwards to support the monde. The monde is completely encrusted with small diamonds. On the monde stands a cross pate in the centre of which is displayed another of the Stars of Africa, drop-shaped with the point downwards. Inside the Crown is a purple velvet cap lined at the bottom with miniver. The crown is of a considerable size, made to fit the head instead of standing on it, as does the older Crown of Queen Mary of Modena."

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(Part of an Editorial in Collier's)

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You know how it is yourself. You know the direct bearing a clean shave has on your personal morale. Compare the way you feel in making an important call or attending a special meeting when you are freshly shaved with the way you feel with a day's growth of stubble on your chin. There's all the difference in the world. It seems a trivial thing to have such an effect upon you, but for some psychological reason, it does have that effect—and you know it.

What has brought about this change in men's habits? It's not so long ago but that we can remember the beard in all its varying degrees of splendor. Every family album shows how prevalent it was.

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NEW YORK, December 24.—(Canadian Press)—A special despatch from Minneapolis to the Tribune this morning says: "Machine guns of an airplane manned by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and private detectives riddled a plane piloted by Joseph H. Gadbury, alleged confidence man, forcing him to land near Winnipeg, Minneapolis police learned today.

"Gadbury, wanted in Britt, Iowa, on a charge of forgery and obtaining money under false pretences, is held in Winnipeg jail.

"Establishing himself in Britt and promising farmers of that community to build an airplane factory, Gadbury obtained about \$18,000. He is also charged with passing worthless checks totalling \$1390, after which he started for Winnipeg in an airplane. He was forced to land near Emerson, Minn., near the border, where his ship underwent repairs. Meantime private detectives from Iowa were on his trail.

Battle in the Air. "Arriving in Winnipeg these detectives obtained the co-operation of the Canadian police and started out in an airplane to capture Gadbury. On the way to Emerson they met Gadbury in his plane and a aerial battle rivaling an engagement in war was fought.

"The propeller of Gadbury's plane was damaged, the gasoline tank punctured and the fuselage riddled by machine gun bullets before the fugitive landed and was captured, police say."

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