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## Brewster's Millions

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## SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Young Montgomery Brewster falls heir to \$1,000,000, left him by his grandfather Edwin Peter Brewster. He is counting his good fortune to Peggy Gray, the daughter of an old friend of his mother, with whom he has made his home when he receives word that his uncle James T. Sedgwick, a bitter enemy of his grandfather, has died in Montana leaving him \$1,000,000 on condition that on his 20th birthday, just one year away, he is absolutely penniless. The money is left in trust of a peculiar character, Eswarson Jones, of Montana, who makes several stipulations as to how the money shall be spent. He must take no one into his confidence, must not be more than a distant acquaintance, nor give extensively to charity. Brewster starts to spend his money and is worried that he can't rid of it fast enough.

He seeks the aid of a young society woman, Mrs. Dan DeMille, to help him get rid of it as fast as possible.

He is fascinated by her and proposes to her. She, however, who gives him leave to try and win her, and on which he lavishes his money, she gambles in stocks but has the luck to gain instead of lose.

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again and got no answer. It dawned upon him that this was something unusual. We wired his secretary and received a response from the chief of police. He asked in turn if we could tell him anything about the whereabouts of Jones. This naturally alarmed us, and yesterday we met the street hot. The result of our inquiries is terrible, Mr. Brewster.

"Why didn't you tell me?" asked Brewster.

"There can be no doubt that Jones has fled, accompanied by his secretary. The belief in Butte is that the secretary has murdered Brewster and has fled with the money. Jones is not to be seen."

"We have dispatches here from the police in Butte, the trust companies and from a half dozen mine managers. You may read them if you like, but I can tell you what they say. About the first of this month Jones began to turn various securities into money. It is now known that they were once the property of James T. Sedgwick, held in trust for you. The safety deposit vaults were afterward visited, and inspection shows that he removed every scrap of stock, every bond, everything of value that he could lay his hands upon. His own papers and effects were not disturbed. Yours alone have disappeared. It is this fact that convinces the authorities that the secretary has made away with the old man and has fled with the property. The bank people say that Jones drew out every dollar of the Sedgwick money, and the police say that he realized tremendous sums on the convertible securities. The strange part of it is that he sold your mines and your real estate, the purchaser being a man named Golden. Brewster, it looks very much as if he had disappeared with everything."

Brewster did not take his eyes from Ripley's face throughout the terrible speech. He did not move a fraction of an inch from the rigid position assumed at the beginning.

"Is anything being done?" he asked mechanically.

"The police are investigating. He is known to have started off into the mountains with this secretary on the 2d of September. Neither has been seen since that day so far as any one knows. The earth seems to have swallowed him. The authorities are making every effort to find Jones or his body. He is known to be eccentric, and he first met much importance was attached to his actions. That is all we can tell you at present. There may be developments tomorrow. It looks very terrible. We had the utmost confidence in Jones. I wish I could help you, my boy."

"I don't blame you, gentlemen," said Brewster bravely. "It's just my luck, that's all. Something told me all along that that wouldn't turn out right. I wasn't looking for this kind of a thing. My only fear was that Jones wouldn't consider me worthy to receive the fortune. It never occurred to me that he might prove to be the on-worthiest one."

"I will take you a little further into our confidence, Brewster," said Grant slowly. "Mr. Jones notified us in the beginning that he would be governed largely by his decision by your opinion. His color was gradually coming back from him, all in that sarcastic vein of his, but in none of them did he offer a word of criticism. He seemed thoroughly satisfied with your methods. In fact, he once said he'd give a million of his own money if it would purchase the ability to spend one-fourth of it."

"Well, he can have my experience free of charge. A beggar can't be a chooser, you know," said Brewster bitterly. His color was gradually coming back. "What do they know about the secretary?" he asked suddenly, intent and eager.

"He was a new one, I understand, who came to Jones less than a year ago. Jones is said to have had implicit faith in him," said Ripley.

"And he disappeared at the same time?"

"The last seen together."

"Then he has put an end to Jones?" cried Monty excitedly. "It is as plain as day to me. Don't you see that he exerted some sort of influence over the old man, inducing him to get all this money together on some pretext or other solely for the purpose of robbing him of the whole amount? Was ever anything more diabolical? He began pacing the floor like an animal, nervously clasping and unclasping his hands. "We must catch that secretary! I don't believe Jones was dishonest. He has been duped by a clever scoundrel."

"The strangest circumstance of all, Mr. Brewster, is that no such person as Golden, the purchaser of your property, can be found. He is supposed to reside in Omaha, and it is known that he paid nearly \$3,000,000 for the property that now stands in his name. He paid it to Mr. Jones in cash, too, and he paid every cent that the property was worth."

"But he can't be in existence somewhere," cried Brewster in perplexity. "How could he pay the money if he doesn't exist?"

"I only know that no trace of the man can be found. They know nothing of him in Omaha," said Grant helplessly.

"No it can't have happened," said Brewster, but his excitement was dropping. "Well," he said, "nervousness has led me to a deep chair. I was always such a stranger to be true."

## SMART SLEUTHS.

Sherlock Holmes Vind By British Detectives In Arresting Eleven Crooks At Once.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—What is regarded by the police as the most important capture on record in the history of the British Empire took place yesterday at the premises of a firm of gold, silver and platinum refiners in Goswell road, Clerkenwell, E. C., eleven men being arrested as the outcome of a clever detective ruse.

Early in the evening Detective Inspector Kyrle, of King's Cross, accompanied by several detectives, visited the premises in Goswell road, and several gold and silver articles, valued at a considerable sum, unsuspiciously offered them for sale.

The articles were recognized by the detective as "stolen goods," and giving the preconcerted signal, his comrades leaped out from their hiding places and arrested the men.

He was secured and taken into the back part of the shop. The detectives concealed themselves again, and waited.

His patience was not tried, for in rapid succession no fewer than eight other men came in and tried to sell goods believed to have been stolen.

They were arrested one by one, and in the evening the eleven captives were brought under escort to the police station.

Some time later, in the presence of a curious crowd, the police, who had "commandeered" a local provision merchant's van for the purpose, removed several thousand pounds worth of gold and silver plate and other valuables, which are believed to be the proceeds of many successful burglaries from mansions all over the United Kingdom.

The two principals in the case have for some time past been suspected of acting as recipients of stolen property on a large scale.

During the evening the police station in Goswell road was purchased by a variety of goods. Among the articles they advertised their willingness to buy for cash were gold and silver plate, dental alloy, false teeth, gilt lace, gilt wood and disused and broken electric lamps.

## PHOTOS BY WIRE.

Electrical Inventor Describes Process of Transmission of Photographs By Telegraphy.

MUNICH, Nov. 8.—Professor Korn, a leading electrical engineer, has given a lecture before the Electro-Technical association that the problem of transmitting photographs by telegraph had been solved in principle, and it was now possible to transmit a photograph or sketch six inches square in less than twenty minutes. This was done over a telegraph line between Munich and Nuremberg, but was equally practicable over 5,000 miles.

The photograph to be transmitted is placed in a transparent glass cylinder, which revolves slowly, at the same time moving from right to left. A ray of electric light is thrown upon the subject and the image is projected on the interior of the cylinder, and reaches the other end of the telegraph line according to the color of the particular part of the photograph.

"You are quite mistaken, my dear. I did not sleep at all. But I won't allow you to stop a minute longer. Oh, rings under the eyes, and sometimes the head aches, and I am tired. Oh, dear sweet philosopher," cried Peggy, "how wise you are! Do you think I need a beauty sleep?"

"I don't want you to be a beauty, that's all," retorted Mrs. Dan. Upon Monty's return from his trying home with the lawyers, he had been besieged with questions, but he was cleverly evasive. Peggy alone was insatiable. She had curbed her curiosity until she was almost mad, and then she implored him to tell her what had happened. The misery he had endured was as nothing to the reckoning with the woman who had the right to expect fair treatment. His duty was clear, but the strain had been heavy, and it was not easy to keep his mind clear.

"Peggy, something terrible has happened," he faltered, uncertain of his course.

"Tell me everything, Monty. You can trust me to be brave."

"When I asked you to marry me, I thought that I could give you everything. I never meant that you should marry a beggar."

"No, child, not that. But I was pledged not to speak of the money I expected, and I wanted you so much before it came."

"And it has failed you?" she answered.

"I can't see that it changes things. I expected to marry a pauper, as you call it. Do you think this could make a difference?"

"But you don't understand, Peggy. I haven't a penny in the world."

"You hadn't a penny when I accepted you," she replied. "I am not afraid. I believe in you, and if you love me I shall not give you up."

"Durst!" And the carriage was at the door before another word was uttered. But Monty called to the coachman to drive just once around the block.

"Good night, my darling," he said when they reached home. "Sleep till 8 o'clock if you like. There is nothing now in the way of having the wedding at 9 instead of at 7. In fact, I have been so busy that I have had to come to you to see if you will be able to come to me. You will be able to do it. I have in the world, child, but I am the happiest man alive."

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## POINT OF VIEW.

"Evolution" remarked the bachelor philosopher, "is a slow process."

"Don't try to fool yourself," rejoined the married couple. "It moves by jumps. As long as they're every year women discover that they never knew how to dress properly before."

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