

the government so long as the government is prepared to discard its former distrustful attitude toward free criticism.

MOUNT ZION

Miss Ora Coakley is spending a couple of weeks in Brantford, the best of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Lowey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Davies and children, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, in New Durham.

Miss Gladys Swears spent one day last week with Miss Mable Force, Harley.

Mrs. Wm. Bonney and Mrs. Clark Dean of Harley attended a quilting at Mrs. Chas. Reid's one day last week.

Miss Rettle Brooks is spending a few days with Mrs. E. Plant of Fairfield.

Some from this neighborhood attended the funeral of the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. E. Plant on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Force of Princeport were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Has. Read on Thursday last.

Captain Richard P. Hobson in an address in Philadelphia, declared Russia had saved more lives by prohibition in a year than she had lost in the entire war.

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The Diamond From the Sky

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It is Vivian's wish also to keep Blair from Los Angeles. The time may come when she may need him, though, when she battles against Durand, the king of diamonds, and the rest of the "pack," as they call themselves. But just now she is not in open warfare with the "pack." She suggests to Arthur that Blair stay and look after the yacht in Santa Barbara and that later they join him there for a cruise all together. How she is to exert her will upon Arthur in the proximity of Blair is a matter that Vivian leaves to the time and the place.

Blair and the sailing master of the yacht get their telegraphed instructions from Arthur, and when Blair goes aboard he finds the sailing master and a few of the men of one watch aboard, the rest of the crew having been given shore leave in the absence of the owner.

"Make yourself at home, Mr. Stanley," says the sailing master. "You will find things in Mr. Powell's cabin."

"I will need a good deal of fixing up," Blair explains laughingly. "My watch and I got lost in the mountains while hunting." And he indicated Luke, who had come aboard with him.

"Let your man go to the forecabin, and I will see he is fitted out," said the sailing master. "As for you, sir, I take it from Mr. Powell's telegram you are to help yourself to what you wish of his things till your own crew arrives."

The sailing master led Blair to Arthur's cabin and then said he would take the launch to the wharf and round up the crew in Santa Barbara. "Which," he added, "won't be hard to do, as Santa Barbara is a temperance town. It is only a question of which of the men are at."

As the launch panted to the wharf the sailing master and the man running the launch were aware of a very pretty girl in a snowy yachting costume being rowed in the direction of John Powell's yacht by a hunchback of foreign aspect. The sailing master noticed the girl in the rowboat eyed him keenly, but turned as though disappointed.

Arriving by the companionway, Esther cautioned Quamba to make no explanation if questioned, as she wished to give Arthur the happy surprise of facing him unannounced. But no sailor on watch barred her way nor were any questions shouted over the rail to Quamba. The yacht swung idly at anchor, and such of the crew as were on the boat were in the forecabin with the gypsy fellow who had come aboard with the friend of the owner. Here the bottle of liquor that Luke had brought was augmented by some of the same quality one of the hospitable sailors had in his bunk.

In Arthur's cabin Blair had refreshed himself with a shower and had donned fresh linen and a yachting suit of Arthur's. The two young men wore of the same size, and the uniform coat and cap fitted Blair to a nicety.

Esther, crossing the deck, saw no sailor or officer in charge. She heard some one stirring about and there, in what was evidently the owner's cabin, she noted a tall and stalwart young man in uniform, his back turned to the open door. Esther tiptoed forward and, pulling the diamond from the sky out in view upon her neck, her lips had framed the words "Arthur!"

When she found herself gazing horrified into a mirror that reflected the handsome but wicked face of Blair!

Esther turned with a cry for help and sped across the deck. Then, from the doorway to the forecabin, the bulky form of a leering, sodden brute creature faced her. It was Luke Lovell! Esther turned and darted to one side, missing the clenching grasp of Blair Stanley by a half-breath.

The sudden revelation of hope and happiness to fear and despair had driven Esther to a frenzy of sudden flight. As though upon the wings of fear, she fled. Hardly knowing what she did save that she escaped her "ghost," Esther plunged over the open side of the yacht into the sea!

Down, down she sank in the cold, warm water. There was a ringing of death bells in her ears, a pres-



Arthur Realizes That He Is a Usurper.

sure upon her heart that seemed about to burst her accents. The strangling sea water rasped her tender throat. She clutched at her neck instinctively. Her hands closed upon something hard and cold, colder than the cold depths in which she sank—it was the diamond from the sky!

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

The Happy Man. Upon the whole matter I account a person who has a moderate mind and fortune and lives in the conversation of two or three agreeable friends, with little commerce in the world besides, who is esteemed well enough by his few neighbors that know him and is truly irreproachable by anybody; and so, after a healthful, quiet life, before the great inconveniences of old age, goes more silently out of it than he came in (for I would not have him so much as cry in the exit); this innocent deceiver of the world, as Horace calls him, this "munda persona," I take to him, have been more happy in his part than the greatest actors that fill the stage with show and noise, nay, even than Augustus himself, who asked with his last breath whether he had not played his farce very well.—Abraham Cowley

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The oyster supper held in the hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, was well attended and all report a good time and plenty of good oysters.

Masie Derringer of Detroit, is spending a couple of weeks with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Derringer.

J. W. McCauley spent Sunday the guest of W. J. Pettit's.

A large number attended the variety show held on Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Nellie Murphy. She received many and useful presents.

Miss Eugene Keen spent the week end with Miss Nellie McElhone.

Miss Clara Lawrence spent a couple of days last week at Anderson's.

Mrs. John Grant of Toronto, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Several from this vicinity were in Delhi on Tuesday, where about one hundred and fifty soldiers of the 133rd Battalion from Simcoe and Courland had dinner.

Miss Zita Pettit of London, spent Sunday at her home here.

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Mrs. Manley of Chicago is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Williams.

Miss Elvidge of Brantford, is visiting Mrs. Jos. Elvidge.

Miss Rounds who has been staying with Mrs. E. Park, has returned to her home in Brantford.

Mr. Harold Charles who has enlisted for service overseas, and is in training at St. Thomas, spent over Sabbath with friends here.

Dr. Gavin who has been very seriously ill is improving.

Mr. E. Park has sold ten acres of land to Chas. French, ten acres to Gilbert French and twenty acres to Irwin Pepper.

Messrs. E. Chilcott, S. Metcalf and P. Porter, attended a convention at Toronto last week.

Miss Bloodworth of Woodstock is visiting Mrs. John Smith.

At the quarterly meeting of the Burford Methodist circuit the question of making Burford and Fairfield as one circuit and Cathcart, Woodbury and Bethel as another circuit was brought up and discussed. The matter was laid over for another week.

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