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## The Captain of the Kansas

By LOUIS TRACY.

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(Continued.)

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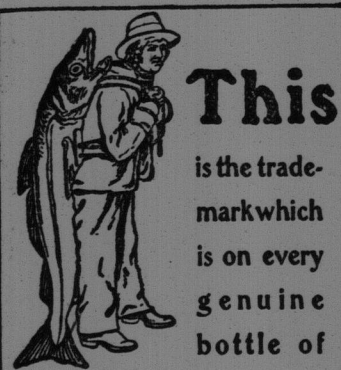
"I don't wish to bind myself to a day or so, Miss Maxwell and gentlemen," he said, "but I've had a good look at the damage, and I feel pretty sure I'll get up steam in one hour within ten days at the latest. I'll be a makeshift job at the best, because I have so few spare parts, and no chance of making a cast-iron, but I'll be a yew's screw the Kansas gets a move on her under her own steam soon after New Year's Day."

New Year's Day! What a lump in the throat the words brought. In three days it would be Christmas, in seven more the New Year! Though, from the beginning of the voyage, they were prepared to pass both festivals at sea, there was all the difference in the world between a steady progress towards home and friends and the present plight of the Kansas. Death, too, had thrown its shadow over them. Some there were to whom the passing of the years would mean no more in this world. Others, the great majority of this ship's company, were probably hidden by the same eternal silence; the last sight they had of them was a dim vision of boats rushing into a chaos of angry seas and sheeted spray.

But Courtenay would have none of these mournful memories. He had solved the mystery of the ship's breakdown, and an expert mechanical engineer had just pledged his reputation to restore wings to the Kansas—somehow dipped wings, it is true, but sufficient, given fair weather and reasonable good fortune, to bring her to a civilized settlement in the Straits. Why, then, should they yield to gloom? he cried.

"Isn't that glorious news?" he cried.

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## Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



DECIDED EMPIRE LINES.

The most decided and yet the most attractive adaptation of the French Empire gown is seen in the pictured dinner toilette of lustrous black chiffon broadcloth. Panels of embroidered chiton alternating with stitched bands of the cloth form the upper part of the trained skirt, accentuating the height of the figure and giving the

fashionable slinky appearance. The bodice matches the skirt in its arrangement of embroidered chiton and "dolt" bands.

White Irish crochet makes the cuff of the short sleeves broken at the elbow by a puff of black chiton, and the chemise and high collar. White furs, black gloves and a black and white hat carry out the high style black and white color note.

"Yes, Did you see the number?"

"Number 3, I think."

"I agree with you. That was the first life-boat which got away."

Christobal, started out of his usual sang froid, whistled in his turn.

"Do you mean to say that one of the boats has fallen into the hands of these fiends?"

"I am afraid so," replied Courtenay. "Of course, that pariah leg may have drifted ashore. In any case, it tells the fate of one section of the mutineers. Either the boat is swamped, or the crew are now on the island, and we know what that signifies."

"There is no chance of bribing these people into friendliness, or, at least, into a temporary truce."

"It is hard to decide, Tollemache and Suarez are best able to form an opinion."

What do you say, Tollemache?"

"Not a bit of use; they are insatiable. The more you give the more they want. The only way to deal with these rascals is to strangle them with a Gatling or a twelve-pounder."

Suarez, when appealed to, shook his head.

"Last winter," he said, "the man sitting aft, he with the single salivary feather sticking in his hair, seized his own son, aged six, and dashed his brains out on the rocks because the little fellow dropped a basket of eggs he was carrying."

The woman nearest to him in his wife, and she raised no protest. You might as well try to fondle a hungry puma. I am the only man they ever spared, and they spared me solely because they thought I gave them power over their enemies. If you had a cannon, you might drive them off. As it is, we shall be compelled to fight for our lives; they are brave enough in their own way."

The experience of the miner from Argentina was not to be gained. The predicament of the giant Kansas— inert, immovable, lying in that peaceful bay at the mercy of a horde of painted savages— was one of the strange facts almost beyond credence which man encounters at times in the byways of life. It reminded Courtenay of a visit he paid to the crocodile tank at Karachi when he was a midshipman on the Boyce. He noticed that some of the high saurians, eighteen feet in length and covered with scale armor off which a bullet would glance, were quivering busily, and the Hindu attendant told him that they had been bitten by mosquitoes!

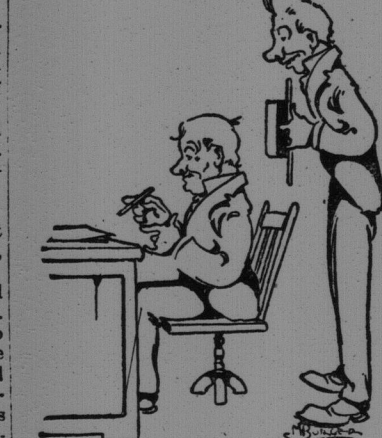
The laughter quietly, but his mirth had a curious ring in it which boded ill for certain unknown members of the Alacat tribe when the threatened tusk came down the byways of life. He learned along the rails of the spar deck, also asked cheerfully:

"What is the joke, Captain Courtenay? And why don't the Indians come nearer? Are they timid? They don't look it."

He glanced up at her. If aught were needed to complete the contrast between civilization and savagery it was given by the comparison which the girl offered on the women in the canoe. The hot sun and the absence of wind had changed the temperature from winter to summer. After breakfast, Elsie had donned a muslin dress, and a broad-brimmed straw hat. Exposure to the weather had bronzed her fair skin to a delightful tint. Her nose and her clear blue eyes and red lips, slightly parted, smiled bewitchingly at the men beneath. The camera in her hands added a holiday aspect to her appearance, an aspect which was unutterably disquieting in its relation to the muttered forebodings she had broken in on.

To be continued.

## THE ONLY WAY.



Editor—The only way to succeed in the newspaper business is to give people what they want.

The Other—Have you a quarter you can let me have?

## SENSATION IN QUEBEC

Omer Rochette Who May Have Poisoned His Wife Marries Another Woman and Leaves Town.

Quebec, Dec. 26.—Without the presence of Omer Rochette, the husband who is suspected of having poisoned his wife to wed another woman, and incidentally to cure the insurance made payable to him, the deferred inquest on the body of Marie Plamondon, his wife, was opened this morning at the morgue, and the evidence adduced corroborated the sensational rumors which have been the general topic of conversation in this city during weeks past, and proved conclusively that the deceased woman died from arsenical poisoning.

Dr. Marois, who made the examination in company with Rev. Mr. Filon, professor of chemistry at Laval, testified. Tests made by the chemist revealed the presence of a minimum quantity of two grains of arsenic in the stomach, which of itself was quite sufficient to cause death, while further quantities of the deadly drug were found in the intestines. The heart, lungs and other organs permitted of no other conclusion but that deceased died from arsenical poisoning.

Rochette has left the city with the woman he married a few nights after his wife's mysterious death and was last heard from in the vicinity of Winnipeg.

## WEST INDIAN CONFERENCE

Canada Will Be Represented at Meeting in Barbados Jan. 14.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Representatives of the various West India colonies are to assemble at Barbados on the 14th of January for a conference and to discuss matters of general concern. The time is deemed favorable for the consideration of closer trade relations between Canada and the West Indies.

Sir Daniel Morris, the imperial commissioner of agriculture for the West Indies, who has taken an active interest in the movement, has invited Canada to send representatives to the conference and an invitation has been accepted. It is understood that the Canadian representatives will be W. G. Parmelee, deputy minister of trade and commerce, who has official duty has brought him largely into consideration of the subject, and A. E. James of Halifax, a merchant of large experience in trade between Canada and the West Indies. The delegates will sail from Halifax shortly.

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ers for each of the boys. The elder inmates were also substantially remembered. Each of the women was given a piece of dress goods, while the men received a warm suit of underclothing.

There are at the present time in the municipal home 178 people. It is easy to see that the master and matron, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woods, are popular among them. The oldest inmate is Thomas Shaw, an Englishman, 104 years old, who, although prevented by infirmity from appearing downstairs, entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. There were a number of others whose feeble health kept them confined to the hospital.

On the conclusion of the entertainment the visitors were shown all through the premises and expressed appreciation of the neat condition in which everything was found. From the tone of the speeches made by the aldermen it was understood that electric light may be installed in the building before Easter, which will be a decided improvement over the present system of oil lamps.

## ONE NIGHT IN JUNE

Klark-Urban Company Gives An Excellent Production in the Opera House.

One Night in June was given a clever and effective production by the Klark-Urban Company at the Opera House last evening, and was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present.

The members of the cast acquitted themselves admirably and the specialties were much above the average. The Stolen Wife, which proved so popular at the Christmas day matinee will be repeated this evening.

Delegates to the opposition convention.

A meeting of the local opposition for the parish of Rothesay was held in the hall at Gondola Point Thursday afternoon.

F. C. Bogart occupied the chair with H. V. Dickson and J. S. Armstrong secretaries. The following members of the committee were present: Capt. Jas. Maynes, George T. Saunders, George Vincent, Howard W. Clark, Fred Keller and Mr. Landis, with W. W. Hubbard, the party organizer. There was a good attendance.