**EN OF EDEN.**

**s of African Natives An Explorer.**

cts about an almost ere related before the ical Society by Mr. He made a long jour- to the Victoria Nyan- te, on behalf of the , some Miocene de- arungu, on the east e. For five weeks he ives in a district five om the nearest white es belonged, he said, Kavirondo, a race of (with noticeable ad- tic blood) remarkable and their utter lack ness in this respect, were living in the before the Fall. At eir standard of moral- cuously higher than oring tribes in East nsequence, they were increasing in num- Nandi owing to their dying out.

d entirely on millet nly eating meat when ttle or sheep died a or when indulging in on such occasions as chief. However, their nagnificent, and their g burdens was unex- mes there was a small obacco outside their they were confirmed women even more so nd it was not uncom- n a young girl of 13 f their long-stemmed und with iron wire. ly wore anything but e beads or cowries k and another round an occasional coil of e arms or legs; or, if f grass fibre, the dis- ge of matrimony, was he waist belt. Old ore in addition a fillet rcling the forehead, gn of mourning.

have a passion for cially for coils of brass Hence it had not been to run telegraph wires ntry, excepting along ed Uganda railway, as on foot for linking Government stations ireless telegraphy. No ne amiss to the Kavi- nd they even twisted e spectacle frames in uropean travelers. On Mr. Oswald, this race men, tending humped ed sheep and goats, rden of life fairly ater-carrying fell exclu- women and was never the men who were, above carrying heavy pyrus stems and grass their round huts and and fences, and they women in tilling their

**Postage Stamp.**

nk square in the corner is quite a veteran, for marks the 75th birthday stamp. Hill, of England, was poor school teacher in letters were expensive y a time, when a boy, his mother watch the postman with anxiety, nty purse it was not al- to produce the 50 cents tter which to-day would cent, for postage was in those days. ce was of little use to ss of common people, s never being visted by

nd was an ambitious onged to do something world, and in addition establishing and carry- hool for boys, managed e manner of the George lic of to-day, he devised an adhesive stamp, "a just large enough to np, and covered at the lutinous wash." ble obstacle was thrown but after many discour- s scheme was accepted, age stamp was produced s convenient "bit of pa- ved its right to a long fe, and to-day is deemed by rich and poor alike.

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'I see sir," the detective said slowly. 'We were hoping to get valuable information from Mr Basil Wilton, but we were given to understand that at present his condition would not admit of an interview."

'Ah there you were handicapped," Septimus Lockyer said gravely. 'Now I am a privileged person. As I say, luck has been with me; nevertheless all the hard work has been done by you."

Hewlett felt in no mood to be soothed even by the great lawyer's praise. Later on no doubt it would reoccur to his memory pleasantly; at present he could only remember how very near he had been to the solution of the secret of Grove Street and yet how very far from the right path his suspicions had wandered.

'You said I had unconsciously given you two clues, sir," he observed at last—'one that Mrs Perks was a native of Saxelby. Would you mind telling me the other."

'The other?" Septimus Lockyer repeated carelessly. 'Oh, that was with regard to Gregory. I could not make him out for a long time. From the first I felt sure that if he did not commit the murder himself he knew who did. I inclined to the latter opinion, but the problem that presented itself to me was why had he kept silence When you told me of his love for Cecile de Lavelle, of which you heard from Miss Merivale, I began to see my way. The interview at which you assisted to-night has removed my last doubts; Gregory is using his guilty knowledge to force Cecile de Lavelle into a marriage with him. I have just telephoned to the registrar, and he tells me the names have been hung up for the last three weeks at the office, and the marriage is to take place to-morrow morning. Doubtless had he known of her whereabouts all this time he would have brought forth his weapon sooner. Now he has had his way; in return for his promise of secrecy she has promised to marry him at the registry office in the Harrow Road at ten o'clock to-morrow morning. Why do you look so grave, Hewlett? Don't you agree with my theory?"

The detective hesitated.

'Yes, sir, I do as far as it goes. The worst of it is that it is a theory—that so far we seem to have but little evidence to prove it. We might justify an arrest, but I am afraid we could not obtain a conviction without more proof."

Septimus Lockyer nodded thoughtfully.

'Quite right, Hewlett. You mean that we must have definite evidence to offer with regard to Cecile de Lavelle's being actually on the spot at the time the murder took place."

'That is what I mean sir," the detective assented. "And proof that Gregory was in a position to know anything with regard to the murder."

The K.C. did not answer for a minute.

'Gregory himself will supply the necessary evidence to-morrow," he said at last, without raising his head.

'Gregory?" The detective looked at him. 'I don't understand—"

Septimus Lockyer gave a curious little laugh.

'I have been thinking out my scheme ever since you came in; I don't think it will miscarry. When Gregory finds that his bride does not appear to-morrow morning, when he discovers, as he imagines, that he has been made a fool of—for you must remember it is evident that Cecile has eluded him once already—when he is arrested as an accessory, I fancy we shall find him ready to tell us all he knows."

'And she—I suppose you will arrest her before, But then will she not send to him—let him know somehow?" questioned Hewlett, looking puzzled.

Mr. Lockyer puffed at his cigar.

'I think my plan will provide for all that. A taxi sent by Gregory will arrive at the veiled dancer's rooms in Islington at nine o'clock to-morrow morning; it will take her by a circuitous route to the corner of Gray's Inn Road, where it will stop at a signal from two police officers, who will then enter and make the arrest, driving their prisoner safe to Scotland Yard. In the meantime Gregory will be kicking his heels outside the registry office in the Harrow Road, and, you know the vengeance he vowed if the girl played him false again—he will be ready to turn King's evidence when he is arrested. Oh I do not think our case will present any extraordinary difficulties now. What do you say?"

Hewlett's face cleared as if by magic.

'Say? What can I say sir, except that it is a grand scheme? I believe you will carry it through all right."

'I believe we shall," Septimus Lockyer assented. 'The watching of Gregory shall be your part, Hewlett. See that he is looked after until he is safely in the hands of the police. And tell Mr. Edward Wallace to keep an eye on Mrs Perks—we shall want her too. I think that is all."

Hewlett took the hint and rose.

'I will put things in train now, sir."

'Perhaps it would be as well." The great K.C. held out his hand. 'It has been a tough bit of work, but I think we have managed it very well together—you and I."

'You are very good, sir." Nevertheless the chagrin on the man's face was patent to Septimus Lockyer's keen eyes. Hewlett walked slowly along Piccadilly towards Charing Cross. He had a modest couple of bachelor rooms in Buckingham street. It was expensive perhaps, but it was on the spot for his work. Cowham, who was a married man, lived out at Streatham and grew flowers and vegetables in his spare time. The senior partner had always been of the opinion that it would not do for the both of them to cultivate the domesticities. He had never been better pleased with his proximity to the scene of his labors than on this particular night; it was sufficiently near for Inspector Hudger, after his interview with Septimus Lockyer, to come in and talk over the plans for the next day—sufficiently near for Hewlett himself to go to his office and get out his notes of the Grove Street murder and go over them for the hundredth time. How was it that he had missed such a very obvious solution? he asked himself despairingly over and over again. It seemed to him now, looking back, that from the very moment he found out that Evelyn Spencer had been murdered his attention ought to have been directed to her impersonator. Now that he knew how it had occurred Wingrove's flight was so easily explainable that he was inclined to underrate the suspicion to which it had given rise.

The long hours of that night seemed endless. He was up betimes; his share of the business was to watch Gregory. Well, he would at least do that thoroughly.

Gregory was still staying with his sister, Mrs. Dickinson, in the little side street off Praed street. At half past nine he emerged in a new and particularly ill-fitting suit of clothes, with a flower in his button-hole. Hewlett, keeping himself well out of sight, followed at a respectful distance. As he expected, Gregory made straight for the Harrow Road. The registry office stood some distance down. Gregory did not hurry himself; he sauntered slowly along, glancing now and then at the passing cabs, as though expecting that one of them might contain his bride. It wanted five minutes to the hour when he finally reached the office and went inside. Presently he reappeared and stood on the step, gazing up and down the road. A church clock close at hand struck ten; he still waited.

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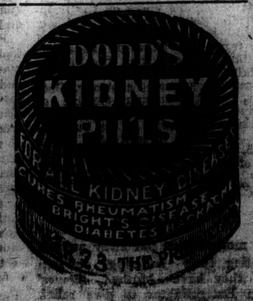


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