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THE ADVENTURE OF THE BLUE CARBUNCLE

(Continued)

For a moment he had staggered and nearly fallen, but the brandy brought a tinge of color into his cheeks, and he sat staring with frightened eyes at his accuser.

"I have almost every link in my hands and all the proofs which I could possibly need, so there is little you need tell me. Still, that little may as well be cleared up to make the case complete. You had heard, Ryder, of this blue stone of the Countess of Morcar?"

"It was Catherine Cusack who told me of it," said he, in a crackling voice.

"I see her ladyship's waiting-maid. Well, the temptation of sudden wealth so easily acquired was too much for you, as it has been for better men before you; but you were not very scrupulous in the means you used. It seems to me, Ryder, that there is the makings of a very pretty villain in you. You knew that this man Horner, the plumber, had been concerned in such matter before, and that suspicion would rest the more readily upon him. What did you do, then? You made some small job in my lady's room—and your confederate Cusack—and you managed that he should be the man sent for. Then when he had left, you rifled the jewel case, raised the alarm and had this unfortunate man arrested. You then—"

Ryder threw himself down suddenly upon the rug and clutched my companion's knee. "For God's sake, have mercy!" he shrieked. "Think of my father! of my mother! It would break their hearts. I never went wrong before! I never will again. I swear it. I'll swear it on a Bible. Oh, don't bring it into court! For Christ's sake, don't!"

"Get back into your chair!" said Holmes sternly. "It is very well to cringe and crawl now, but you thought little enough of this poor Horner in the dock for a crime of which he knew nothing."

"I will fly Mr. Holmes. I will leave the country, sir. Then the charge against him will break down."

"Hush! We will talk about that. And now let us hear a true account of the case as it happened, sir," said he. "When Horner had been arrested it seemed to me that it would be best for me to get away with the stone at once, for I did not know at what moment the police might not take it into their heads to search my room. There was no place about the hotel where it would be safe. I went out as if on some commission, and I made for my sister's house. She had married a man named Oakshott, and lived in Brixton Road, where she fattened fowls for the market. All the way there every man I met seemed to be a policeman or a detective; and for all that it was a cold night, the sweat was pouring down my face before I came to the Brixton Road."

My sister asked me what was the matter, my foot, and suddenly an idea came into my head which showed me how I could beat the best detective that was ever set on foot. My sister had told me some weeks before that I might have the pick of her

goose for a Christmas present, and I knew that she was always as good as her word. I would take my goose now, and in it I would carry my stone to Kilburn. There was a little shed in the park, and behind this I drove one of the birds, a fine, big one, white, with a barred tail. I caught it and prying its bill open I thrust the stone down its throat as far as my finger could reach. The bird gave a gulp, and I felt the stone pass along its gullet and down into its crop. But the creature flapped and struggled, and out came my sister to know what was the matter. As I turned to speak to her the brute broke loose and flattered off among the others.

"Whatever were you doing with that bird, Jim?" she says.

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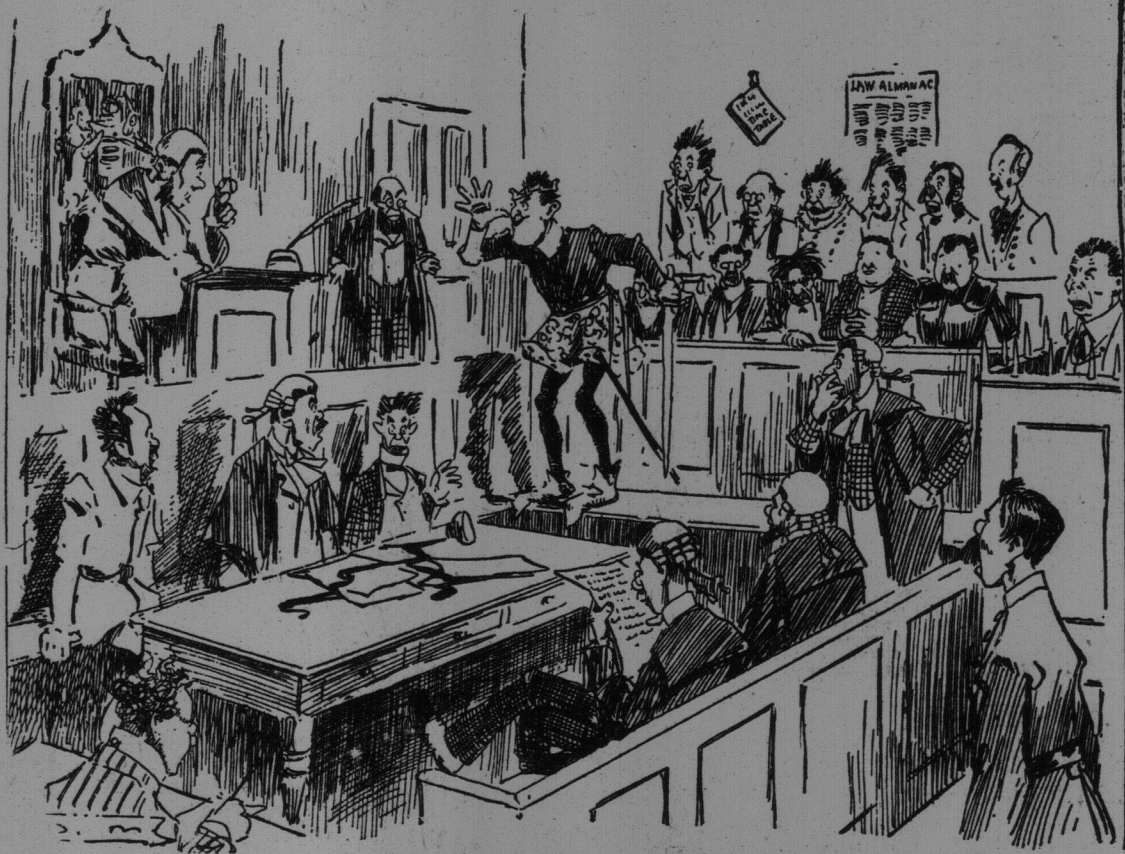
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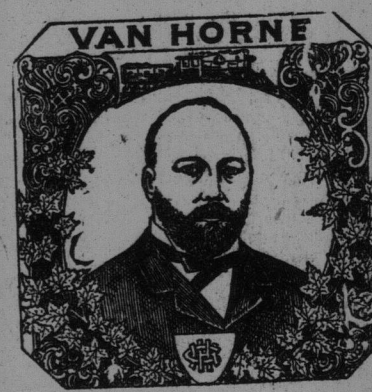


Prince Hal and Judge Gascoigne.

The closing years of Henry IV's life were troubled by the riotous and dissipated conduct of his eldest son, Prince Hal. This young man, on one occasion, insulted and drew his sword upon Gascoigne, the Chief Justice of the King's Bench, because the judge insisted upon dealing impartially with one of the Prince's disolute companions. Upon this, the Lord Chief is said to have committed the Prince.

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SHEFFIELD

SHEFFIELD, Aug. 18.—The weather for the past few weeks has been exceptionally fine and the crops are all suffering for the want of rain.

Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Otag left for Boston Thursday after a very pleasant visit among relatives at Lakeside Corner.

Mrs. W. J. W. Bridges entertained a number of her friends very pleasantly Friday afternoon and evening to a birthday party.

Miss Mary Peck returned home from St. John this afternoon; also Miss Alice Cleave and Miss Nettie Crothers.

Mrs. B. H. Grant of Carleton (St. John) is visiting relatives in Sheffield.

Miss Ida Day, Miss Penny Camp, Miss Edie S. Bridges, Miss Helen Ferguson and Foster Camp all attended the Women's Missionary meeting, which was held in Frederick Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gilbert have returned home from a very pleasant trip to Amherst.

Miss Maud Wesson of St. John, and her cousin, Miss Smith, of Albert county, are up staying a few weeks at Mr. Wason's cottage at Upper Sheffield.

Mr. Ulmer from Albert, Albert county, arrived by steamer Victoria Friday to visit friends at the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey and son Alexander are here from Edmondston.

Miss L. Briggs was at Gagetown Friday. Mrs. James E. of Upper Gagetown was in Sheffield Tuesday on business.

LUMBER PROPERTY SOLD
Hopedale Hill Aug. 18.—This afternoon James C. Wright sold at auction his 800 acres of timber land with saw mill and the standing timber on a fifty-acre lot adjoining the buyer being Warren Downey, of Cape Station, who secured the property for \$18,000. The property is situated at Memel, four miles from here. The general impression is that it sold well. J. Alex. Fullerton was the auctioneer.

Among the lumbermen present were G. D. Prescott, J. L. Peck, James W. Smith, F. J. McClean, Warren Downey, Oscar Downey. The bidding was quiet.

Wife—Too dear, Charles! Don't be absurd. It's a regular duck of a house. Husband—Nonsense, my dear. It must be a woodcock, judging by the big bill.

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