

The Man From the West

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Bosh kept close watch up and down the street, and upon all the windows adjacent or opposite. But Val scarcely made a sound as he deftly worked his tools. He knew a good deal about locks in general, and Yale locks in particular. It was not long before Lawley's door swung open to his manipulations. Bosh looked round and entered softly with a beating heart. He wondered how the real professional burglar felt. It was awfully interesting work, with Val for a leader and with Mary's interests at heart; but it seemed to him a bit "steep," this secret entrance into another man's house in the dead of the night watches. Val softly closed the door and drew a bolt. Then he struck a match and lit the small lantern that was part of his equipment. The match he placed within the lantern, and the light shone.

"We'll leave no traces behind us, sonny," he said. "Are your boots clean wiped?" Val had been into this house before, for Lawley used the lower portion for his business offices, and lived in the rooms above. The dead old servant slept in the basement, as Val had already discovered. The man from the west had laid his plans; he knew exactly what he meant to do, and he wasted no time in doing it.

"We'll come upstairs first," he said in a low, throaty voice. "My idea is that the little document we're after won't be found in his office. Anyhow, I mean to glance through his private papers first."

Lawley's private study was a fair-sized room overlooking the street. Its windows were close-shuttered now, and Val made no bones about lighting two candles he had brought with him, and setting them upon the mantelshelf, where they lighted the room well.

In the window, which was slightly bowed, stood a great oak writing table with numerous drawers and pigeon holes—and possibly some secret receptacle, as well as was evidently an ancient piece of furniture.

Val stood looking it over with very close scrutiny. The boy Bosh uttered an exclamation of surprise.

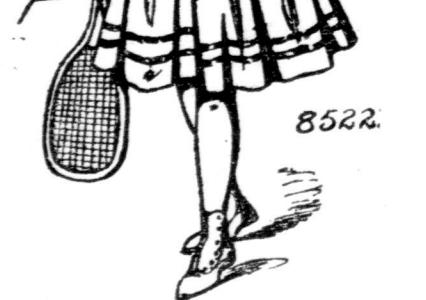
"Why, it's the twin brother of the old table at Combe Basset that the Mater gave Hilda and me—because it wasn't fine enough for my old rooms. Mary showed us the trick of the secret drawer; I'll bet my boots it'll be the same here."

Val's eyes lighted. He gave the boy's shoulders a hearty smack—there was anticipated triumph in his glance.

"Sonny, I did well to bring you along. This is a bit of sheer good luck. Talk of the stars in their courses fighting! Bless if they're not just rampaging round for us this show! Now, listen

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here, lad. There was once a packet of papers tied up with tape and deposited in an iron box, and sunk deep in an old well by Miles Acryngton in his old age, when he had become suspicious of everybody. When he was dying he wanted to tell Mary a good deal; but all she could make out of his charge were the words, "Search well, search well."

"Oh, by Jingo," cried Bosh, "I begin to see through a brick wall!"

"Of course I am. We all want to do the house, but she never thought of a certain old disused well, and if she had she'd have found nothing there."

"Why in thunder not? If the old man—"

"Because there was another old man who knew the box would be swallowed up in some sort of quicksand, and so he put the box up, and dared not tell the squire, but after his death opened it to see if there was anything in it, and only found some papers."

"By Jove—the old chap's last will!"

"He never thought of that—thought they were just old love letters and put them aside. He told nobody till he told me. I got him to let me have the packet to look through; but it was nothing but old bits of blank paper tied together with tape."

"I say though, how rum."

"So rum that I saw there must have been trickery somewhere; and bit by bit I got out of the old man that fact that this man Lawley had once had the run of his house and the opportunity to examine and peruse papers—all though a packet looking precisely like the squire's still lay where it had always done. The old man suspected nothing—thought it was the same. I'm of a different opinion. My idea is that in some spot in this house there lies a packet of old yellowish paper, tied up with red tape, which probably contains some document which may make all the difference in life to little Mary—and some other folks, too. Say, sonny, you know what it all implies—are you ready to go through with this?"

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came from as fast as boat can take them!"

Mary's face was flushed and eager. "Oh, Val, where have you been? And what have you got?"

Val stepped forward and gave her a kiss plump on her cheek. She looked into his eyes and smiled. She trusted Val as a brother.

"Little Mary, I've been a dolt! a powerful queer bit of business these last hours. Guess you'd have tried to tell me you'd just known what I was at. But I shan't nowise ashamed, and I'll stand the racket if there's any made. Mary, dear, I've found a certain paper that was once let down a well for safe keeping. Things didn't pan out quite as old Miles Acryngton meant; but if he can see any what goes on this side the Great Divide he'll be a glad man by this. Guess he must have been getting a trifle uneasy before. But we'll have everything right in a jiffy now. And I'll take the liberty of looking away that paper safe in my little house here, till we get over some big-wig of a lawyer to see what it all means. And Bosh and I have got to get some breakfast and take the 8:30 express to town, for we're mighty curious to know what's been going on there; and it's time it was on to see my little pard clean through the job!"

Mary gazed at him in mute amazement, and then looked at the glowing triumphant face of Bosh.

"Oh, Val!" she exclaimed, and turned to the house to see to the matter of a travellers' breakfast.

To Be Continued.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN BREAKS OWN RECORD

C. P. R. Flyer Makes Wonderful Run Liverpool to Quebec.

Montreal, Sept. 2.—The Empress of Britain today finished her fastest trip of the season from Liverpool to Quebec, when she tied up at her wharf at Quebec at 5:10 p.m. This beats the previous season's record also made by her by nearly three hours.

It is expected that the present run will stand as a season's record, as the British has this summer made a consistently better gait than her sister ship.

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