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"You get one-fifth, sir; the four of us here get one-fifth each; the other fifth is to be divided among the crew. Ain't that fair enough, sir?"

"It would appear so; yet there is still another matter of some importance to be decided first. There are two women on board; how about them?"

"What!" The vibrant excitement of his high-pitched nasal voice was echoed by the others.

"This steam yacht we have stolen was the property of the Earl of Darlington," I explained. "Lady Darlington and her maid are still on board, in the cabin aft."

This unexpected and undesirable information seemed fairly to stun the fellows, their eyes meeting blankly. I heard Bill Anderson swear.

"The question is, how can we best dispose of them? This is no excursion for ladies, no pleasure trip of any kind, we've started on. Shall we hail some passing vessel and trans-ship them, or shall we run in to Juan Fernandez and put them safely ashore?"

None of the three men ventured to glance toward me, and for a long moment no answering voice spoke. Then Tuttle gave oily utterance to words of compromise.

"Blame' if this don't sort o' knock me all out, sir," he acknowledged. "I don't exactly cotton to either of those ideas of yours, an' I don't know what is best. I guess I'll have to talk it over with my mates here first, but you can tell them ladies that we'll get 'em out somehow before we turn south. Anyhow, they don't need to worry none 'bout bein' ill-treated. Then I take it, sir, that you mean to sail with us?"

"There doesn't appear to be anything else I can do."

"You're about right there. Well, let's shake hands on it."

I did so, deliberately ignoring both the others, and feeling my flesh twitch when I touched his flabby palm. Tuttle chewed savagely on the tobacco in his cheek.

"Damn the women!" he commented in sudden anger. "Better give the crew their breakfast, Anderson. Mr. Stephens, I've sent Dade into the cabin to attend things aft. He'll make a good hand at that sort o' job."

We passed out together into the bright sunlight on deck, and I remained in silence for a moment beside the rail, gazing forth across the empty sea. Had I done what was right in all these circumstances? Had I acted a man's part in this odd emergency? Under God, I was not really certain; yet I could perceive no other action possible. On every side I was a slave of peculiar conditions, a prisoner to environment. I watched Anderson as he called the crew to the cook's galley, and saw the Nova thrust his head down the open hatch to observe the situation in the engine room, then climb the steps to the bridge, relieving the ordinary seaman who had been on watch during our conference. Tuttle disappeared somewhere forward. I turned away and walked reluctantly to the companion.

A slenderly-built, stoop-shouldered young fellow, who shuffled like a waiter ashore, was in the pantry, and I noticed a white cloth spread over the table, which had been lowered from its stanchions and now occupied the centre of the main cabin, and a swinging shelf suspended above.

"Ever act in this capacity before, Dade?" I asked, sizing him up in the dim light.

"Oh, yes, sir," a slight lisp to his tongue. "I've done cabin work on the coast liners."

"Then you should surely understand your business. Lay covers for four."

"Four, sir?" in surprise.

"That is what I said, Dade; two ladies, Mr. Tuttle and myself. That makes four to my figuring. Now, step lively, my lad. When will breakfast be ready to serve?"

"In about fifteen minutes, sir."

I waited until he became busy with his work, his face still filled with amazement over my revelation, then walked around the end of the piano and rapped softly at the after-cabin door. I was in no pleasant frame of mine, being still somewhat uncertain whether I had done exactly right in thus weakly compromising with crime, and likewise thoroughly convinced that Lady Darlington would hold me equally guilty with the others. Any attempted explanation at this time of my peculiar situation would be only so much wasted breath, and I could already imagine the contempt and scorn revealed in the depths of her gray eyes as she listened. Better to let her believe the worst, think as she pleased, and then permit time to make clear revelation of the truth. Not for a moment did I consider the possibility of bearing these two women south with us in our desperate search after treasure. By some means, somehow, I would manage to leave them safely behind, so that this enforced companionship need endure only for a day or two at the most. I could bear the ignominy of it for that brief period, upheld by my own consciousness of doing them manly service. I would have a straight talk with Tuttle before night; meanwhile I could afford to brave her ladyship's scorn. So I gripped my nerves to the necessity of the encounter, and rapped softly on the panel.

Celeste opened the door with a dainty courtesy and a quick uplifting of frightened eyes to my face. She had been crying, and in some way her very manner made me suddenly aware how poorly I stood in the estimation of her mistress and herself. Yet, for the moment, I did not seriously care, stepping quietly within, cap in hand, intent merely on the rapid completion of my visit. Lady Darlington arose instantly from her chair, steadying herself to the roll of the vessel with one hand on the brass rail of the bed, and fronted me silently, the expression of her face expectant but reserved. Gazing upon her, I felt the fully revealed power of her beauty, as the sunlight streaming through the open port illuminated her hair and outlined the delicate oval of her face. Like all decent men, I have ever been susceptible to the charm of refined and cultivated womanhood, and there before me stood one, the ideal of my most idealistic dreaming. Wondrously fair of face, with rare nobility of character stamped upon every lineament, gracefully rounded of form, both voice and manner proof of long-enjoyed social prestige, my lady was certainly bewitching—commandingly so—one calculated to awaken quickly the slumbering soul. The picture remains with me still, distinct, complete—the low, broad forehead shadowed by a wealth of dark hair; the widely opened, thoughtful gray eyes, with depths unfathomable; the firm chin; the slightly parted lips, rosy red with health; the cheeks faintly flushed from excitement; the full, white throat swelling to her rapid breathing; the perfectly molded figure, swaying toward me in poise of anxiety. Yet this was not all; more than the merely physical presentation was that something—indefinable in words—which yielded supreme fascination, her very presence an inspiration, the nature within apparent through the outward form—a woman made to love, adorned by all the graces of highest civilization. Troubled as she was, surrounded by a terror no less real because she failed thoroughly to comprehend it, facing one she must distrust and secretly fear, her first utterance, friendly and courteous, merely exhibited a heart which beat warmly beneath its slight armor of pride.

"I am exceedingly glad to greet you again, Mr. Stephens," she said pleasantly, even endeavoring to smile; "you were absent so long we had begun to expect evil news."

"I regret to say, Lady Darlington, that I bring you only very little of any kind," I replied, striving earnestly to imitate her self-possession. "Arrangements on board have not yet assumed definite shape, so that I can make no promise concerning your safety. I can merely assure your present safety, and pledge you every comfort the yacht affords while you remain with us."

She continued to gaze at me strangely, her eyes filled with questioning.

"Then you—you refuse to tell us our fate."

"Merely because I do not know it. As I said before, I am only one man pitted against twenty. I have asked those in control that you and your maid be transshipped to the first passing vessel, or else landed upon a nearby island, from which you can easily procure passage back to some civilized port. The twenty opposing have this matter now under consideration, and I can do nothing but await their decision. I possess no power to insist."

She pressed her hand over her eyes, as though she would thus hide from me the sudden horror pictured within their depths.

"What are you?" she exclaimed suddenly, her lips trembling, "into whose hands have we fallen? I beg that you answer me honestly—why have you stolen this yacht? What real purpose underlies this terrible outrage?"

I made no effort to disguise the deep sympathy I felt for her, yet there was nothing I could answer but must have sounded both harsh and cruel.

"The motive animating the men in control is similar to that which renders possible most of the desperate deeds of the world—the search after treasure."

"Treasure!" she gasped, thoroughly bewildered. "Where do you propose going in search?"

"Far south, into the Antarctic."

The expression on her face was pitiful, yet I stood helpless to comfort.

"Merciful God! And you actually mean to bear us with you into that forsaken sea of ice? Oh, surely you jest, you seek to frighten; you cannot be earnest in such an act of cruelty. Whom can I believe. What can I hope? You have told me you were the captain of this crew of buccaneers, and yet you say you can accompish nothing with them to forward our release. Then take me to those who can! Let me beg upon my knees for mercy. Surely, surely we are of no value to you in your search after treasure. We are only weak, helpless women. Spare us the humiliation, the long terror, of passing through the awful months of such an experience on board this lawless vessel. Think of what this must mean to me, and be merciful."

To be continued

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BALFOUR ATTACKS HOME RULE BILL

He Call the Measure a Lopsided and Unsymmetrical Scheme.

DEFENDED BY SAMUELS

Postmaster-General Says That Legislation Will Be a Boon to the Irish.

London, April 15.—In resuming the debate in the House of Commons today on the "Government of Ireland Bill," which was introduced in Parliament on April 11 by Premier Asquith, ex-Premier A. J. Balfour ridiculed the Government measure for Irish home rule, describing it as "an unsymmetrical and botched federal scheme, utterly unworthy of British statesmanship."

"Was this lopsided scheme," the Opposition speaker asked, "imitating the architect of the great federal system beyond the seas?"

The alleged supremacy of the Imperial Parliament, Mr. Balfour declared, was about equivalent to the ancient claims of British sovereigns to be kings of France.

Mr. Balfour said that he did not believe that any sane English or Scottish members would support the insane customs proposals which divided the suggested federal system by customs barriers. If Ireland, he said, could use the customs to differentiate against foreign nations, the Government would find itself involved in appalling difficulties concerning the "most favored nation clause."

Mr. Balfour declared that, while other nations, including Germany and the United States and the British colonies, felt that if they were to hold their places in the world it must be by integration, Great Britain was to undergo a process of disintegration through the proposed lopsided federation.

Hon. Mr. Samuel's Reply.

Right Hon. H. L. Samuel, postmaster-general, replying, said that Mr. Balfour's arguments against the home rule bill might with equal justification be advanced against any scheme of colonial self-government. He pointed out that six years ago Mr. Balfour described the grant of self-government to South Africa as a reckless experiment. He pointed out that the experience of 150 years had proved that it was the denial and not the granting of home rule that led to separatist tendencies. Colonial autonomy was not only consistent with, but essential to, imperial unity. Appeals were continually being received from all parts of the Empire urging home rule for Ireland, not only from statesmen of the Irish race, but from such men as Premier Botha, of South Africa, and Sir Joseph Ward, prime minister of New Zealand; while Cecil Rhodes, the great empire-builder, if ever there was one who spoke from the grave, was also in favor of it.

Question of Finance.

Mr. Samuel, dealing with the subject of finance, declared it would be unjust in the first instance to burden Ireland with the whole of the deficit. The state of her finances was not her fault, but the result of English financial administration. Her revenue was paid on the Irish scale, while her expenditure was on the English scale, and it was therefore obviously indefensible, after accustoming the Irish to this scale of expenditure, to impose upon them the burden of finding the whole expenditure. If unassisted, the new Irish Parliament would be faced the first year with a deficit exceeding one-fifth of the whole revenue, which would mean 15 or 20 per cent. of an increase in taxation. At the same time it would be unjust that the deficit should be permanently borne by the British taxpayer. He was convinced that when Ireland became prosperous she would willingly assume her just share of the burden of the Empire. The Government's scheme provided that the finances of the one country should not be appreciably disturbed by a change in the finances of the other. If the Irish Government was able to effect any economy it would be free to reduce any taxes it liked, such as those which pressed heaviest upon the poorer classes, namely, the customs duties, especially those upon tea and sugar. It would be impossible, however, to give Ireland unfettered control of customs, as such would be inconsistent with the general policy of the Government.

Irish Revenue.

The financial experts who had inquired into Anglo-Irish finance prior to the drafting of the bill, said Mr. Samuel, found the situation so utterly unsound that they actually recommended the complete fiscal economy of Ireland with an annual subvention of £900,000. But the Government had been unable to accept this recommendation for various substantial reasons. The whole Irish revenue would continue to be paid into the imperial exchequer so long as the deficit lasted. The total sum transferred annually from the exchequer would be about £6,000,000. But this was not a grant from the British taxpayer, as it was derived from Irish taxes. The total cost of the reserved services would be about £5,000,000, the money loss upon which at the outset would be £2,000,000, but if the present rate of Irish progress should continue this loss would gradually diminish, and wholly disappear in ten years. The Irish Government would be authorized, if it so desired, to borrow money for the purpose of national development, and the Irish executive board would have power to issue loans to make provision for the payment of interest and sinking fund from the transferred sum.

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[Special to The Advertiser.]

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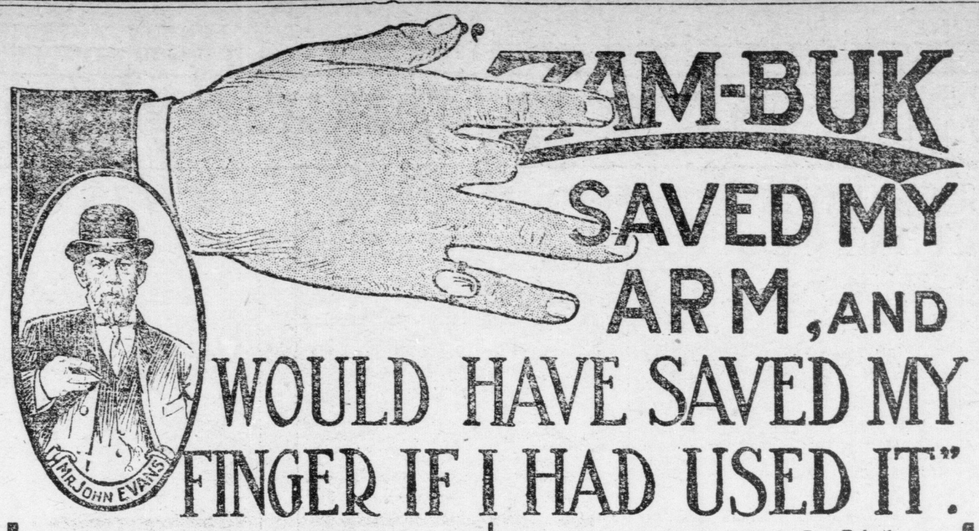

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The finger was amputated, but the wound would not heal. The blood poison spread throughout the hand, and along the whole length of my arm. A second operation was performed, and some of the tendons taken out of my hand. Even this did not end the trouble and the wounds left by the operation would not heal. In a short time it was clear that the poison was extending right up my arm, at intervals along which great lumps were raised.

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BEST DOG DETECTIVES

English Expert Puts the Airedale Terrier in First Place.

London, April 15.—Major Richardson, a British army officer, who lives at Harrow, has had remarkable success in training dogs for police and war purposes. He uses Airedale terriers exclusively, having found that this game, hardy, wire-haired breed, the largest of the terriers, is best adapted for work which requires pluck, activity, and a high degree of intelligence.

The German army is training Airedales for scouting and finding dead and wounded soldiers, having abandoned the effort to train a long-haired native breed of larger size.

The latest achievement of one of Major Richardson's Airedales has been reported from Singapore. Jack, the hero of the exploit, was bred and trained by him and sold to the Singapore police.

When the detective station there got word that a Chinese serving a lafe sentence in the local prison had escaped, Jack was assigned to the case. It was two hours after the Chinese had got away that Jack reached the prison. He took up the scent at once and ran the man down in a jungle.

This was a remarkable exhibition of scenting powers for a terrier, but the Airedale enthusiasts say that this breed can be utilized for a greater variety of field sports than any other dog. In the Jackson Hole country in Wyoming there is a pack of Airedales used for hunting bears, and in the Southern States the Airedale is used for the exciting night sport of treeing the wary 'coon. It has been asserted even that the Airedale makes a good bird dog.

This remarkable breed is a cross between the otterhound, a splendid water dogs, and the old-fashioned Skye-terrier. Bench shows did not recognize the Airedale as a separate breed until within comparatively recent years, and the breed was practically unknown 40 years ago.

He is an upstanding, long-legged fellow, resembling the Irish terrier in conformation, but much taller and heavier, and is distinguished by a saddle or blanket that runs in shade from grizzle to black and contrasts strongly with the tan that covers the rest of the body and the head and legs.

The New York police have some trained Airedales, and police in German and Austrian cities have made purchases from Major Richardson's kennels recently.

CHEYLESMORE'S BIG JOB

New London County Council Chairman Got American Wife by Chance

London, April 15.—The first chairman of the London County Council was Lord Rosebery. It is a Democratic body on the whole, but the chairman appointed this week is another peer, Lord Cheylesmore.

The London County Council looks after a budget that would run more than one European State, and Lord Cheylesmore is just the sort of man that the people of this country trust for a big job. He has been a soldier. He is a famous shot and was prominent in the foundation of Bisley.

He was the founder and for some time the editor of the Guards' Magazine, has been Mayor of Westminster for two years and generally speaking is an all round man. His mother was an American and his wife is an American, "the beautiful Miss Richardson French, of New York," the English papers calls her.

Lord Cheylesmore met his wife in Bermuda when he was in command of the Second Battalion of the Grenadier Guards. This in the ordinary way seems to be a contradiction in terms. It would seem to be impossible for a man who was in command of the Second Grenadier Guards to find himself in Bermuda. But there had been insubordination in the Wellington Barracks, in the very shadow of Buckingham Palace, and the Guards Regiment was exiled temporarily.

It caused a big sensation in military and social circles at the time, but it gained the new chairman of the London County Council his wife, for Miss French was visiting the island at the time the Grenadiers were serving their punishment there, and so the match came about.

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Arrive from the East—*3:27 a.m., 10:55 a.m., *11:12 a.m., *11:28 a.m., *6:30 p.m., *8:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

Arrive from the West—*12:09 a.m., *2:42 a.m., 8:50 a.m., *11:55 a.m., 1:10 p.m., *4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.

Depart for the East—*12:14 a.m., *2:48 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., *12:05 p.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m.

Depart for the West—*3:32 a.m., 7:40 a.m., *11:18 a.m., *11:43 a.m., 1:40 p.m., [illegible] p.m.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—10:27 a.m., *4:00 p.m., *6:50 p.m., 11:05 p.m.
Depart—6:35 a.m., *11:35 a.m., 2:05 p.m., *6:10 p.m.

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Arrive—11:15 a.m., 1:35 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.
Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:26 a.m., 12:35 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

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Arrive—10:50 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:40 p.m.
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Depart for the East—*4:35 a.m., 7:43 a.m., 12:45 p.m., *5:30 p.m.
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