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gently to the chink in the door, whispering in his ear: "See, we need not wait. You have your pistols, I have mine; the door is not even locked. We'll just step through and cover them and Runjeet will snap the darbies on their wrists."

Teck whispered this in the policeman's ear, and then: "Ready! Now!"

A wrench the door flew open, and Ives Holborn, springing to his feet with an oath, looked into the muzzle of a big Webley revolver and heard Teck's voice saying: "Put up your hands, Holborn. A wrong move and you're a dead man. Now, Runjeet, the darbies, please."

The Baboo's guard raised his tulwar. As he did so the chief's pistol crackled and a bullet ripped through the giant's shoulder. He spun around like a top, reeled, and fell across the iron box.

"Oh, it's you, Mr. Bloomin' Teck!" said Ives Holborn. "I'd know your bloody fat voice if you was dressed like a coster. Wot's the little gyne? Here, Straddles, y'u swipe, behyve. These gents is visitors from Scotland Yard — wot's the gyne, Teck?"

"We've come for the pearls, Holborn, and you and this terrier. Put the irons on, Runjeet," Teck added. "Hold out your wrists, Straddles, and you too, Holborn. That's right!"

That was the evening of the 19th, and on the morrow, the 20th, the Darwaza wore his pearl kasaba at the durbar. Ives Holborn and Straddles are still doing time in the Andaman Islands for that job.

Hansen's body was never found and his murder was never brought home to the murderers.

The Baboo got a year in spite of his protestations that he knew nothing about the theft of the pearls.

A Famous Canadian Shrine

THE shrine at Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec, is rapidly becoming famous over a considerable portion of this continent, as the scene of notable and marvellous cures. Last year 80,000 people made the pilgrimage, and this year, when the season ends, it is estimated that no less than 100,000 will have made the journey. As yet, however, Canada is scarcely within hailing distance of France, where as many as 300,000 have journeyed to the shrine at Lourdes in a season.

The interesting feature of the pilgrimage to the Canadian shrine, however, apart from the cures, is the distance many of the pilgrims travel. Not only from Quebec, the Maritime Provinces and Ontario do they come, but from Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and even Dakota. The travel from the Western States has been stimulated by the efforts of the Canadian Pacific Railway in co-operating with connecting lines and organising excursions at low rates with stop-over privileges. These excursions have been patronised by thousands, not only of sick but of well persons, who have seized the opportunity to visit the famous shrine.

Travel on the present large scale is the development of recent years, and is due to improved means of transportation from the city of Quebec to Ste. Anne. Twelve years ago, travel to the shrine was largely local. At that time it could be reached only by cab or caleche from Quebec city, and was visited mainly by the afflicted in the immediate neighbourhood and by tourists to Quebec who "took it in" as one of the sights. An electric road was then built from the city to Ste. Anne which had the effect of greatly increasing travel. The road is now operated by the C.P.R. and pilgrims are conveyed directly to the shrine.

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