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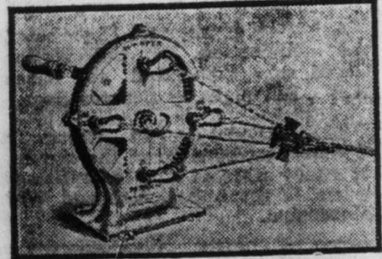
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THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY

It in the fierce light beaming on him, and it blazed and sparkled.

"Friends, my dear and welcome guests," he cried in a ringing voice, "I will tell you a strange story of the first finding of a great gem such as this. A gem known as the diamond from the sky."

And there he told, and with a poetic diction he must have practiced, the story of the adventurer, Sir Arthur Stanley, sometimes called the Fallen Star, founder of the Stanley family in Virginia and finder of the diamond from the sky.

While the revelers hung spellbound at the story, he told of how 300 years ago the reckless Sir Arthur, younger son of the first Earl of Stanley in England, had been banished to America to the English settlements in Virginia and had gone far up the Rappahannock river trails to steal away an Indian prin-



He Took From His Neck the Great Gleaming Diamond.

cess. He told of Sir Arthur's capture by the savage red men, his torture by stake and fire, and then the fall of the meteor in the night that had saved his life and defied him, for the Indians had taken it as a sign of the Great Spirit's displeasure. Then he told of the finding of the great diamond in the cooled meteor and of his ancestor bearing it away and consigning it to his heirs to be worn when a descendant of his would be called to the English court. "It is called the diamond from the sky, the 'charm against harm,'" concluded the speaker dramatically. "For none save a true descendant of the adventurer who found it or the woman he loves can possess it lest it bring disaster and death!"

Thus Arthur concluded and a groom led the horse away. The crowd cheered, the band struck up a lulling measure and the dance went on.

Removing his plumed hat and wig, Arthur led Vivian upstairs to the reception room that they might be alone. As they ascended the stairs a great uproar of laughter rose in the ballroom. Marmaduke Smythe had been standing on a chair to better see and hear the story of the diamond from the sky. In moving to get down to convey Esther's message to the dismounted speaker, Smythe had broken an electric light wall bracket and as a result his metal armor had short circuited a live wire. He was rescued with a smoking plume, hardly any the worse for the electrical



Arthur Begged Her to Take It and to Forgive Him.

mishap, when Vivian and Arthur entered the room where Esther waited. They did not see the slight figure behind the palm.

Vivian threw her arms around Arthur and kissed him.

"Give me the diamond, Arthur, dear," she murmured. But Arthur drew back with a startled cry, for there, looking full at them with scornful gaze, was Esther!

Vivian realized the subterfuge that Esther was an apparition would no longer avail. She shrieked, "Choose between us!"

Arthur thrust her from him and through the door, the one entrance to the room, and turned the bronze bolt, while Vivian screamed and beat outside in rage and bated desire for the diamond.

But ere Arthur had thrust her from the room Vivian's clanking grasp had ripped his velvet sleeve and shirt, and his arm was bare to the elbow as he extended the diamond from the sky to Esther and wildly cried, he knew not why, for her to take it and to forgive him.

But Esther's eyes were wide and wild. Her gaze was upon his naked arm, scarred and marked from the needle thrusts of his drug addiction. She had read of such things in the newspapers. Now she knew—"That is the reason," she gasped in horror and disgust. And with indignant fervor she snatched the diamond from his grasp and threw it from her as an evil thing.

Stricken with shame and remorse, Arthur bowed his head on the table and sobbed. He had not seen or cared where the diamond had been flung, nor had Esther. It had hurtled through the open window and had fallen, only to be caught in the trembling branch of a rosebush far beneath.

Vivian's screams had not disturbed the noisy revelers in the ballroom, showering confetti and singing as they danced and drank. But Durant and Blair, mindful of the diamond, had followed. They found Vivian hysterically scrabbling at the door of the little room, and Blair burst it in.

Marmaduke Smythe was close behind the intruders.

"Where is the diamond? Where is it?" shrieked Vivian, shaking Arthur by the shoulder.

Marmaduke Smythe gave his arm to Esther, and they walked proudly out



"Where is the diamond?" shrieked Vivian.

in silence and left the schemers and their victim.

Below the safety in the ballroom was at its height. Outside the dawn crimsoned in the east—and a hand reached to the rosebush beneath the window and bore away the diamond from the sky!

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Strong on Grammar. A lad just returned from boarding school upon being asked by "dad" how he stood in grammar at the end of the term came back with something like this, remarking an exchange.

"Say, dad, take it from me, grammar was my long suit. On the start I was up against it hard. Couldn't get it through my noodle. Fell down every time I went to class. Finally I says to myself: Look here, old kid, it's up to you. You've got to cut out the funny business and take a brace or you'll see your finish, the surest thing you know."

Well, I studied, believe me. And, say, when it comes to the final exams, did I lose out? Not on your life. I was right there with bells on. There was certainly some class to the way I answered those quizzes. A cold mark of 95 when it was all over. Not so worse, eh? Can you beat it? How I did it I don't know. You can search me. But, anyhow, it's going some, eh, dad? None of 'em's got anything on me when it comes to grammar, that's a cinch."

The old gentleman managed to gasp, "Get the book."

Diplomacy. "Look here, Charlie," said one young underdog to another, who had been asked to run his eye over a letter which his friend had written to his father, in which there was the inevitable request for money, "you've spelled jug 'e-g'!"

"I know," said Charlie, "but, you see, I need the cash and don't want the old man to think I'm putting on airs. That's how he spells it."—Pittsburgh Press.

Negroes will be allowed to register and vote at the election in June for the first time in 12 years in Frederick, Md.

THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN

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CROP GREAT; PRICE HIGH

Field Laborers on the Crop Granted an Eight-Hour Day.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 30.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Sugar valued at \$10,000,000 is being marketed by Porto Rico this month. Every ship to the United States is carrying capacity loads. The month's deliveries, represent probably not more than 25 per cent of the value of the sugar produced this season. Most of the sugar is being sold on a rising market at prices considerably above \$5 per one hundred pounds.

Never before in the history of the island have the sugar men had such a large crop nor prospects of such uniformly high prices. The island's production, it is estimated, will be in the neighborhood of 38,000 tons, an increase of approximately 75,000 tons over last year. And under present market conditions it is expected that the whole crop will be sold at an average of five cents per pound, or better. Large sales this week were reported at \$5.25 San Juan, equal to \$5.40 New York.

Labor troubles which developed at the beginning of the cane harvest in January have practically all subsided and the grinding season is now at its height. At but one point in the island, Arecibo, are there any labor troubles at present and these are expected to be settled at any moment.

In practically every instance the laborers have received an increase in wages and shorter hours of labor. For the first time in the history of the sugar industry the sugar planters have granted the field labor an eight hour day. One of the largest mills in the island, the Fajardo Sugar Company, signed a contract with its laborers providing for a minimum wage of 75 cents a day on a nine-hour basis. This same company has also placed all of its employees in the sugar mill proper on a wage based on the price of sugar. Already they have received bonuses as high as thirty per cent, in addition to their salary.

The cause of the strikes during the present crop, according to the Bureau of Labor of the Insular Government, which has just issued a report on it, was due to the fact that at the end of the last grinding season the employers reduced wages to the same scale in force before the 1915 strike and the laborers were again compelled to strike to regain their former increases. This report indicates that the wages paid the sugar laborers are not at all in proportion with the present prosperity of the sugar men.

Many Free Meals.

Vienna, March 30.—Since the beginning of the war the municipality of Vienna has expended \$20,000,000 in buying foodstuffs for retailing to shopkeepers, and for distribution among the people. From the nineteenth monthly municipal report it appears that nearly 16,000,000 free meals have been provided in Vienna since the beginning of the war. During January the number was only 48,000.

Production Increasing.

Washington, March 30.—American glass production shows a thriving growth. Census reports place it at \$122,592,000 in 1914, an increase of almost \$81,000,000 from 1909.

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