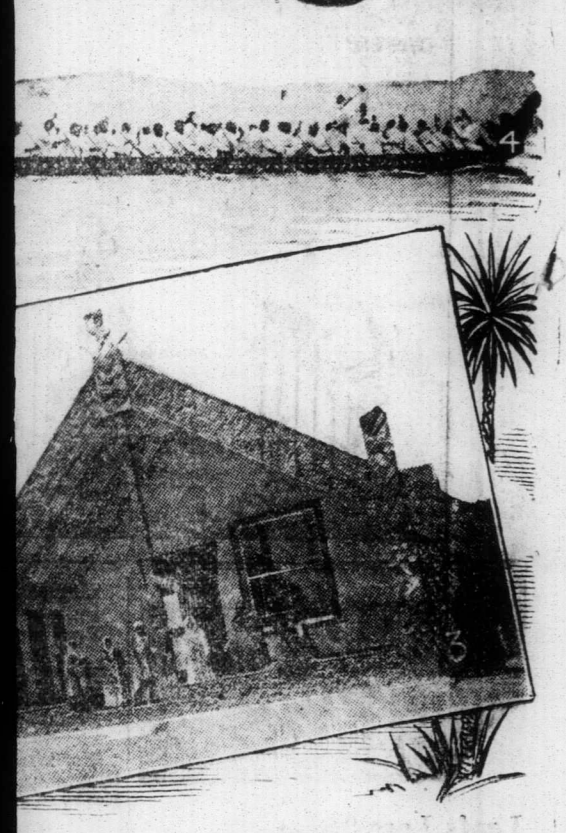


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come back to her shed of the husk of sin and selfishness. And so when he opened his eyes he looked into Esther's, and they both read what their lips could not utter—forgiveness, love and happiness.



"Arthur, my dear son, is here!" Hagar murmured. "Arthur, my dear son, is here!" Hagar murmured. Present in the face of death, Hagar also knew that the husk of evil had fallen from Arthur and that the wings of the morning had wafted clean strength to his soul.

CHAPTER XVII. The Passing of Hagar. We all deal with destiny, wittingly or not. He who has been Arthur Stanley and John Powell, alike wretched and profligate and yet fondly beloved, had mounted the stairway of the wind and ridden upon the wings of the morning, without fear and without hope.



The Happy Lovers Journey Across a Nation's Breadth. grew bright; his tanned face glowed with happiness, and ever through the sun and shade Esther, his beloved, rode by his side, her tender hand in his.

ton? Have they not everything their hearts have long desired? They have the wealth of John Powell, for Blair was next of kin when it was proved the supposedly dead John Powell was Arthur Stanley, fugitive. They have the diamond from the sky and the Stanley earldom, for to these things long desired Blair also is heir as next of kin.

Blake waited cautiously to strike, and Abe Bloom had been in too many shady transactions to be in any position to make an open demand on Blair for the diamond, which had been promised him in the bargain for his silence.

So Blair and Vivian journeyed to London and were received, with some ill grace, by Marmaduke Smythe, for a lifetime solicitor and family lawyer to the earls of Stanley. But Marmaduke Smythe did his duty as he saw it. He had all the credentials, and in due time Blair was inducted into the house of lords.

They gazed upon the calm face of Hagar hand in hand while Arthur pledged his vows again to be whole of heart and body as the dead would wish.



It was in a meteor three centuries before, had desired, "When a descendant of my body shall be called to the English earldom of the Stanleys!"

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