

THE ALBERT GATE MYSTERY

CHAPTER XIII.—(Continued.)
"but that comes in with Jack's part of the story." And he turned towards Talbot, who, thus summoned to the stage, began to explain matters.

"I understand, Mr. Brett," he said, "that you are acquainted with the man who entered the Albert Gate mansion on that terrible night?"
"That is so," said Brett.

"Well, when Inspector Sharpe met me on the door on my arrival he told me that it was Excellency Mehmet Ali, with three strange gentlemen and the junior members of the commission, waited me in the dining-room. I went in and was surprised to find the three visitors, for during the preceding month not a single stranger had entered the house save a member of the government and one or two important officials of the Foreign Office, who came with me out of sheer curiosity to see a collection of remarkable diamonds.

"The strangers bowed politely when I was introduced. Two of them spoke neither French nor English, but the third man spoke French fluently. He had, by the way, a somewhat peculiar accent, different from that which I was accustomed to hear in the French Embassy in London. He was a man of middle age, with a high forehead, a keen nose, and a pair of eyes that were deep-set and full of fire. He was dressed in a dark suit, and he carried a cane. He was the first man I had seen who looked like a Turk. One side of his face was deeply scarred with a sword-cut, but if anything, this did not detract from his appearance, and it gave a manly aspect to an otherwise effeminate face.

"Brett could not help smiling involuntarily.
"Are you sure it was a sword-cut?"
"Quite certainly," he said.
"Did he look like one?"
"Quite certainly. I have seen very many such. Although dark-faceted, they are often pallid enough in reality, and their deep-set complexion is due more to their black hair and eyebrows than to the mere color of the skin.

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PLAYS AND PLAYERS

Among the latest actresses of fame to join the ranks of the moving picture companies is Ethel Clayton, lately led to Frank Daniels, but now a member of the Esplanade company.

John D. Griffin, the well known Irish comedian, died in Providence last week. He was born in Boston 37 years ago and made his first appearance in a dancing and singing act in that city as a small boy. He then went to New York where he was engaged by the Metropolitan Opera Company.

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HE saw and knew the nature of the enterprise he was required to undertake. He saw and knew that he was required to move underneath the shadow of the wings of Asrael. He did not, he would not, question the requirements made of him. His motto on that day was "A good heart and no hope."

I would that I were able to add a single leaf to the eternal amaranth. In long future years, when our nights of horror shall have passed, and there shall have come again "the welcome morning with its rays of peace," young seekers after fame and young lovers of freedom, throughout all this land, yes, and other distant lands, of unending, honor and imitate our late associate as one of the unfading.

The English sparrow was brought to America in 1860, but it was not until 1870 that the species was firmly established in this country. The sparrow's fecundity is amazing. In the latitude of New York and southward it hatches, as a rule, five or six broods each season and from four to six young ones in a brood. Assuming the average annual product of a pair to be 24 young, of which half are females and half are males, and that all live, together with their offspring, it will be seen that in ten years the progeny of a single pair would be up in the billions.

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