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The Diamond From the Sky

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Her compelling desire, a desire that held her in provincial Richmond, was her desire for a star—her desire for the diamond from the sky.

Once in all its blazing magnificence it had shone upon her breast. Vivian Marston longed to again hold and possess the diamond. Her thoughts were upon it by day, and at night her dreams were bright like gold and red like blood.

She had heard its story and knew that, after Arthur, Blair was next in claim for its possession.

Vivian sank her head upon Blair's breast beneath the wistaria bough. She tempted him with languorous glance and alluring lips. "Get and give me the diamond and I will be yours," she

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Then Mr. McGee notes the boy, in sudden pain and fright, has dropped some bubble plaything into the swill of

(To be continued.)

A CRITICISM OF AMERICAN CHARACTER

Continuing his criticism of the American character, evoked by the Ford peace expedition and similar manifestations, Prof. Rudolph M. Binder of New York University writes as follows in the New York Sun—

"These manifestations of sentimentalism in the case instanced are expressions of a very widespread state of mind, and they bear directly in the end upon the question of our own security and the price of preparedness. No sensible man wants war, and least of all the soldiers in the trenches. We want to keep the peace, but even so we must pay the price of that domestic calm. Schiller said—'Even the most pious man cannot buy peace if his wicked neighbor dislikes him.' Inferentially, then, the wicked man must be made to respect his pious neighbor, if peace is to prevail; and a show of force is about the only extreme argument in such a case. Homer has told us that the Trojans lusted for the fight, while the Greeks fought only when it was necessary, thus picturing in a general way the extreme planes of civilization. The Greeks realized the value of preparedness and knew that their national well-being depended upon it, even though their ordinary pursuits were directed toward far higher things.

"But if we want peace at any price we must be willing to endure snubs and to accept insults. If one resents an insult there cannot be peace as we really get higher things. I am satisfied that the Lusitania crime was the consequence of our lack of military force and the official attitude of peace at any price. As representative Germans have told me, the Fatherland believed that we were willing to be bulldozed. Hence her long delays in answering our notes. As Joseph H. Choate has said very sentimentally speaking of the American Government, 'It has issued many notes, admirable notes some of them, but none has yet gone to protest.' If they really have face value, why is it to pay the price in the end if protested? Are we ready for it, or do those international demands represent only words—just bluffs?"

"We are proud, but that very pride imposes a price of maintenance. Schiller said perfect peace was for a world of angels; but an exhorting Bryan or a pacific Carnegie cannot raise us to that dizzy realm. We must go to the root of the matter of spiritual got to grow to that stage of spiritual evolution like the oak, not the orchid, and have our roots firmly planted in solid soil before we can raise our heads confidently in the face of life's storm. The price of peace for us is unquestionably preparedness. We cannot afford to lose sight of this even for a moment."



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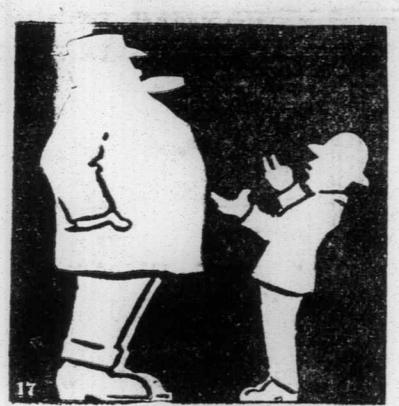
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A singular case of salvage has come damaged, and turned turtle, but still to light at Queenstown, where the Russian vessel Baltzar was towed the cargo of timber floating her. She other morning laden with timber was towed bottom upwards into Berr from a Gulf port bound to Cork. It has been, where a salvage contractor appears that on September 27 she was got the vessel to float again.

Old World Notes

A cable car accident of somewhat peculiar nature occurred a few days ago in Edinburgh, as the result of which a man lost his life. A girl in attempting to get on a car had slipped, which caused several men who were on the top, to rise from their seats and lean over, anxious to see what had happened to the girl. At that time another car going in an opposite direction came along, and, when passing, struck one of them violently on the head, rendering him unconscious. He was removed to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary where he died.

A veteran of the Crimean war and the Indian Mutiny died recently in Wick, at the age of ninety-three. He was a married man and his wife accompanied him on most of his campaigns. She attained to greater fame than her husband. She was credited with being the heroine of the episode related in Kinglake's history, when the British fled from the advancing Russians, were chased back to their duty by an "irate" Scotswoman, flourishing no more dangerous weapon than a household besom.

Armed men visited a woman's house at Hazelhatch, County Dublin, the other night, and demanded rifles, which it was thought had been stored there by her late husband, who had acted as treasurer of the local National Volunteer company. The men represented themselves as agents of the government despatched from Dublin Castle to demand delivery of the rifles. The woman's son refused to comply with the request, and he was instantly covered with revolver bullets by some members of the party, while others proceeded to search a part of the house where the rifles were supposed to have been formerly kept. Their search, however, was in vain. The party, who left behind them some empty sacks, took their departure rather hurriedly, owing to the disappearance of one of the employees, who they feared might appraise the police of the visit. They got away with the aid of a motor car which was awaiting them on the road.

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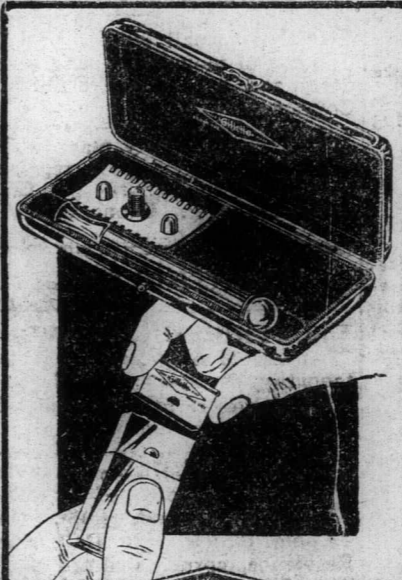
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