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ALL FOR GOLD.

their inability to deliver it on ac- remain open a few days longer. It the coat of arms must come off or be with a cry of pain the Italian quickcount of insufficiency of address. is a curious coincidence that this gal- altered into samebody else's."

ter raised numerous difficulties about illeras,' the new Peruvian Copper more risky—and they're too com-said Taft, and while he did so Balbi's mon." of his being the person whose name the moving spirit."

ing the sheet over, read the signa-ture, "Pauline Spencer." A puzzled look came into his face, and he gaz-ed at the paper without attempting to read the contents. (What is it? A circle around all through that country, and the it is the paper without attempting to read the contents. ing the sheet over, read the signa- too.'

to read the contents. "Pauline Spencer! Pauline Spen-before?" he muttered. all through that country, and the two. And the worst is I shall have and something that you should take to stop for a bit. I dare not turn some figure. That's nothing !'-out too many. We must not discover 'I tell you that it is something, before?" he muttered. all through that country, and the two. And the worst is I shall have and something that you should take to stop for a bit. I dare not turn some figure. That's nothing !'-out too many. We must not discover 'I tell you that it is something, head of. It is the badge of a club or

"Well, my good man, is it not for these places." you after all?" asked the official. "Very well. Perhaps you're right. ter game than yours. "You seem in doubt. Had you not Though Pauline is certainly much better read it?" The pauline is certainly much better than she was, still, it will be thing. I have got hold of the right recognize love, honour, loyalty, vir-

"Yes, yes!" and he glanced at the shock of poor Wallace's death. I suppose nothing more has come to light?" the shock of poor Wallace's death. I have come to your wealthy London." They will rob or murder relatives

"Sir-Whether this letter will ever as much in the dark as ever. One reach you is very uncertain, as I never knows what they may be doing, have no means of knowing your ad- but to all appearance they have giv-

"Nothing, my dear Balbi, nothing! have them if they were given to me. A little stain, a little acid, some They were offered me at one time." glass paper to take off sharp edges, "Offered to you! How's that?" a crack or two here and there with a "Only I found that mine. At first heavy hammer and plenty of worm-holes bored and there you are." The little Italian chickled to him-It is almost worked out. A few months and there will be nothing

(Continued.) "I don't know. I did not look particularly, but I think it was Eng-"Thank you. I'll go and ascertain." Balbi made his way to the post of-the glass frame addressed:— SIGNOBE PIERO BALBL. SIGNOBE PIERO BALBL. sovereignity of the reigning chief. SIGNORE PIERO BALBI, Cuzco. Arequipa. Mollendo. Peru.
The envelope was dirty, frayed and travel-stained and bore the postal stamps of the three towns named, to-gether with note in pencil and ink made by numerous postmen stating
the discovery is exquisite, and al-though the envelope was dirty, frayed and travel-stained and bore the postal stamps of the three towns named, to-gether with note in pencil and ink made by numerous postmen stating
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the exhibition will only their inability to deliver it on ac-

ly raised his hand, which he had

cyes fell on the bench itself. "Taft," he ecxlaimed suddenly "Ah, and jewellery?" "who sists at work here?" "A sour tempered fellow named Raynor."

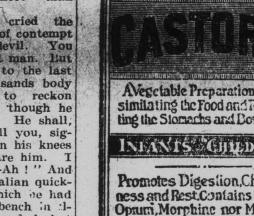
of his being the person whose name was inscribed upon it. At length, however, after some de-lay, Balbi was able to satisfy the authorities, and the letter was hand-ed over to him. Without waiting to leave the office he tore the envelope open andi turn-ing the sheet over, read the signa-"What does he do ? " "Works in metal." "Does he design ? " "A little at times." "Did he do that ?" pointing to

smell a rat. Ah, Balbi, mine's a bet- association. They thieve, they rob, they kill, for themselves alone. They "Not if you get hold of the right care for no one else. They do not

Balbi nodded. just the same as they would anyone

"Good for anything?" He nodded again.

else. If you have one of them with you, get rid of him or you will regret "Then when the time comes put it.

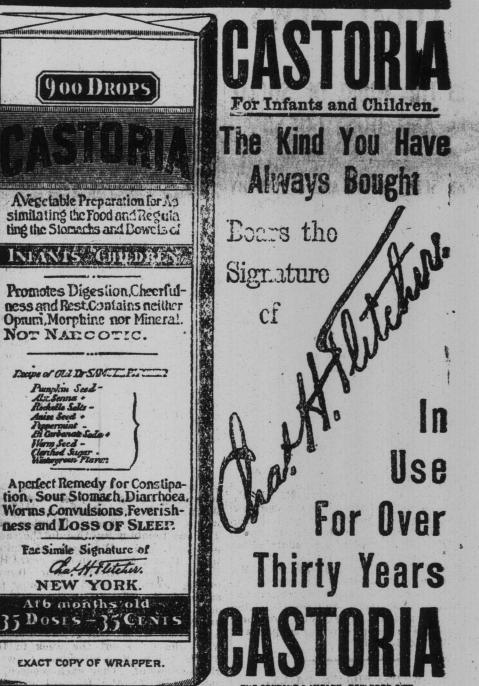


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the weak of knowing your ad-dress beyond what I can gather irom entries in the diary of the late Mr. Wallace Vipan—'' "The late! Ah, I knew it!" Then it is voice "Yes signed to be would have enjoyed in-the weak of the shareholders with nothing"." Then when the time comes put "Balbi, my dear fellow, you seem the on to it. I've got a pound or two to spare just now. But mind "I was going to ask you to take in your safe until I want them, but"



FILLE IN A PARTY

"The late! An, I knew it! Then things of and let's be one root in leave the shareholders with nothing in your safe until I want them, but r with a catch in his voice, "Yes, sig- pan! how he would have enjoyed in-with a catch in his voice, "Yes, sig- pan! how he would have enjoyed in-but a lot of worn-out machinery on while you have one of these fellows more, the letter is to me and con-specting the antiques!" tainsthe saddest news I have ever re- Dora Colvin and Gerald found their their hands." ceived." And thrusting it into his trouble had not been expended in "Eo, my friend, this is nithing like myself." Pocket, Balbi left the office, and it vain. The collection at Messrs. Pond that."

tinued the perusal.

gret to say Mr. Vipan was murdered Some of the scared vessels, so de- rectly." gret to say Mr. Vipan was murdered Some of the scared vessels, so de-very shortly after his return home, scribed, were of very delicate and the motive for the dastardly crime graceful form, though in this case the motive for the dastardly crime the workmarkhin was rule while on the board. Too many guinea-pigs peared round a neighboring corner. being perfectly apparent to me to the workmanship was rude, while on the board. Too many guinea-pigs peared round a neighboring corner. If whom he was betrothed and to whom the other hand the circlet and the for my taste, and there was that "Did you see that?" whispered the he confided all his prospects and in- regal ornaments were marked by the man Guelfo."

tentions. I feel certain, from what intricate labour and minute excel-Mr. Vipan has told me about you, lence displayed in their every part. had no inflection of interrogation There are plenty around here." "You would hardly believe they about it. It was far more like an that his terrible death will be a sad blow to you, of whom he was ex- were as old as stated, would you?" angry growl, so fierce that Taft to your doors and windows every knew more of those last few months evidence than this." tremelyfond. At present his murder-'said Dora, gazing at a golden boss or looked round astonished. er has not been discovered, nor can shoulder ornament. "They show so "What's the matter? Do you know

I find any trace of your letter and few signs of age or wear.' him?" enclosure among his papers, although "That is accounted for by the care-the showed me the former the very ful manner in which they were pack-""Saw him once at an inquest

iday before his death, and then as ed. Each separate article was wrap was on, nearly a year agosured me he had shown them to very ped in coarse linen and laid by it-young travelling fellow who few. A second enclosure you sent self in the box or chest, masses of murdered."

is in my possession. and has been grass or rushes being used as pads "Not Signor Vipan?" seen by oo one else. In case you between each to keep them from "The should ever come to England, pray touching," said an attendant, who him?" see me, as it would give me the kept guard over the glass case in 'He was the best friend I ever greatest pleasure to meet one who which they, were exhibited. He saved my life. Tell me greatest pleasure to meet one who which they were exhibited. was so highly esteemed by him so "And you have the chest as well?" about it-everything, everything!" dear to both of us. I may tell you inquired Dora. that I have also something which "Unfortunately no. Directly it was went across and seized Taft's hand." "My dear man, I'll tell you. might lead to the discovery of his removed from the soil in which it murderer, but which at present I am had been buried and was exposed to what has it to do with you?" aunable to make use of .- Trusting the air it crumbled into dust and "Everything! Everything! this may find you, yours very truly, nothing remained but the iron corner hang the man who killed my friend."

England contained the following let- the case," pointing out the same. ter:-

Strada Regia. "Mollendon.

"Signorina,-Your letter has reach- goldsmiths." ed me. I leave for England at once. "It is a pity, miss, but it could length Taft paused, having pretty At present I cannot speak of the sor-not be helped. Nature will have her well exhausted the subject, Balbi row it has brought to my heart. I will see you .- Yours in all respect,

"Piero Balbi. "The signore's death shall not go Wandsworth, were two men. The one ers?" unavenged. I have sworn it."

CHAPTER X.

The Faker of Antiques.

"A most curious and unique collecmine near Caxamalca, in the heart of word of your lingo. That was be-the mountains of Peru, and in all fore you set off for that forsaken jets over the workman's bench hand- after writing to you I was struck probability formed a portion of the

regalia of the chiefs of the nation of "the place, Peru." the Incas who owned that section of then! Eh, my good Mr. Taft?" the country until they were decimated and reduced to slavery and worse hardly two sixpences to jingle on a drawing out the paper and glancing "And you are quite strong and well to by the treachery and cruelty of the tombstone. But times have altered at it. "It is no longer ago than I again now?"

Spaniards, under the leadership of Pizarro, in the internecine war which it?" Pizerro, in the sixteenth century, "Yes, I've made money, and I'll shares now."

when, taking advantage of the intern- make a great deal more directly. tween two rival chiefs, he poured his "Out of the folly and ignorance of cine war which was then raging be-"Out of the folly and ignorance of legions into the country and conquer- silly people.

"Your show, eh!"

"Ah, I understand." house with them."

but a lot of worn-out machinery on

"You mean that?"

Italian.

night. Addio ! "

CHAPTER XI. In Memory of Wallace Vipan.

The following morning Piero Balbi knocked at Lord Oxendale's door in Mount Street and inquired if the Sig-"The very man. You didn't know And in his excitement Balbi rose,

heart and intensified the feeling of ine half rose. all you know-everything." "What a pity! I should like to have For the next hour Taft did nearly attraction he already experienced to-

seen whether the joiners of that dead all the talking, Balbi only throwing wards the unknown lady. age were as good workmen as the n an interjection now and then or asking a question. And when at minute or two when the door opened and Pauline entered. The first sight me of her sad and pathetic beauty com-

said That same evening, seated in a "And what did you think-Guello

little back room in Frogmore Street, or Ellis or both of them the murder-Wandsworth, were two men. The one ers? was smoking cigarettes, which he rolled himself with a speed and dex-terity that bespake long practice. No, I'd bet my life on it. If they wanted murder done they'd hire terity that bespake long practice. Someone to do it for them. They'd come, "I cannot tell you how glad I terity that bespake long practice. They will get them." And Pauline let which, I my memory does not play the room. "Corpo di Bacco !" muttered the Italian to himself. "My purpose is The other was more sedately enjoy- never risk their own necks; they're am to see you and make your ac- doubled now. Not only shall Signor been closely following my doings in

ing his tobacco through the medium of a "churchwarden." not made that way. But now," ris-"'Fill up your glass, Balbi" said night, and I want to see if I can claimed the little man, seizing her tion of valuable relics are now on the latter, pushing the whisky bottle put my hand on that prospectus for hands.

view at Messrs. Pond & Verulams, jewellers, of George Street, Hanover how glad I am to welcome you to Taft led the way upstais, where the interview at Messrs. Pond & Verulams, is you who have jewellers, of George Street, Hanover how glad I am to welcome you to to the way upstais, where the interview at Messrs. Pond & Verulams, is you who have interview at all-is you who have it is you who Square, consisting of some very an- England. I mean to do you to rights various rooms were coverted into at the same time given me such a found, half on the floor of his bed- formation.' cient gold and silver ornaments and as long as you honor us with your workshops, and in one of which was pleasant surprise. For it is so long

also some sacred vessels of great presence, for I haven't forgotten placed his business desk and safe. since I received your letter saying beauty and exquisite workmanship, what you did for me years ago in Unlocking the latter he took out that you were coming to England

We are given to understand they Florence when I was there studying some specimens of ancient Venetian that I feared that some misfortune were discovered concealed in an old your antiques without knowing a jewellery in the course of "fake had overtaken you."

ed them to Balbi to examine while down with fever and for some weeks "Ah, we were both of us poor men he searched his desk for the pros had a battle with death, and it was friend. He has spun the hemp that

long before I was permitted to take shall hang him. Look, look ! "Poor! I should think so. I'd "Here it is!" he said at length, the voyage." rant fool that he was to let his conceit sign his death warrant ! Do

for both of us since then, I take thought-six months since so "Quite, thanks be to the saints,

there's no chance of your getting any and ready to embark upon the task that I have undertaken.'

"I don't want them. I wouldn't "Ah, Mr. Balbi, in that lies



"Signoria, it is still hard for me to ing so, I can across this scrap of on the premises I'd rather heep them speak of him. He was more than a paper," handing Balbi an irregularlybrother, the truest. firmest, most torn piece of tinted yellow paper

loyal friend a poor man ever had. He which appeared to have been ripped was not until he was in the solitude & Verulams was quite equal to the was not until he was in the solitude & Verulams was quite equal to the of the room he rented that he con-description given in the paper. The one the other day somewhere in your probably come around and see you Balbi can never forget that. And ing paper, as it contained in one corthe room he rented that he con-nued the perusal. "-for,j' the letter went on, "I re-like anything they had seen before. "The one the other day somewhere in part of the world, but where I put tomorrow." And the pair descended though it is now impossible to show ner a few words in coarse print. "You will see," continued Pauline, two in opening it—the latch rather mains, and his humble friend will de-"that a rough plan has been drawn "Yes, yes, I know it. But tell me chambers in Ducie Street. There is

something of your travels together. also what I think is a date upon it. "Yes, some slulking blackguard. Anything, everything concerning him It certainly does not appear to afford is of the greatest interest to me. And much information, yet crime has of-"Then take a word of advice-see, you were such close companions, you ten been brought home on slighter

of his active life than anyone." The Italian turned the paper over, "Si, signoria. Indeed that is so." examining it with the greatest atten-And for the next hour that fair Eng- tion.

lish girl and the rough, true-hearted. "Again, signoria, you have made little Italian miner, seated side by an interesting discovery. This scrap side, conversed about the man who of paper, I am almost sure, was was so dear to both of them. torn from the margin of a journal

At length Pauline said : published daily in Mollendo. The "And now, Mr. Balbi that you few words of printing are part of an have been so good in answering all of advertisement of a tobacconist who noria Spencer was within. On giv- my questions, it is not fair to trouble has a shop there. I remember the ng his name he was immediately you further today. It is your turn wording of it, though neither his now to question me, and be sure that name or address appear. Of the plan The little man was strangely excit-I will try and give you any informa- I can say nothing, as I have not

ed. For the first time in his life he tion in my power. First of all let seen the Signor Vipan's chambers." was about to meet an English lady, and, more than that, that lady to whom his dearest friend was betroth-wou sent him the half of the vichava visiting them are in our out of the vichava visiting them are in a with a set of the vichava visiting them are in a set of the vichava visiting them are in a set of the vichava visiting them are in a set of the vichava visiting them are in a set of the vichava visiting them are in a set of the vichava visiting them are in a set of the vichava visiting them are in a set of the vichava visiting them are in a set of the vichava visiting them are in a set of the vichava visiting them are vichava visiting the vichava v whom his dearest friend was betroth-ed; and the manner in which he had been at once admitted showed him that his coming was looked for and in which he had been at once admitted showed him now that Wallace is gone, knows of gointing it out, "indicates the inable to make use of -- Prusting the air it crumbled into dust and his may find you, yours very truly, nothing remained but the iron corner hang the man who killed my friend." that his coming was looked for and PAULINE SPENCER. clamps, the handles and the lock "Is it so bad as that?" "Unly let me find him. But tell me incident was, it went straight to his it for you in a moment." And Paul-access was gained from the roof of an outbuilding, and the evidence at

"No, signoria, I ask that it should the inquest failed to prove whether be in no, safer custody than yours. that window was fastened on that He had not waited more than a Keep it, if you will so far oblige night or no. Besides, if it had been, the catch was of so simple a des-"Certainly, but there are two things cription that anyone could have forc-

connected with my dear one's murder ed it with a pocket knife.' pleted her conquest over the Italian's that I would like you to see. The "Just so, but this date. which ap-

police overlooked the one; the other pears to have been written at an ear-no one has seen besides myself. I lier time, and with a pen and pencil, "Mr. Balbi-Signor Balbi, I sup-pose I should say!" she exclaimed, will get them." And Pauline left which, if my memory does not play ma false, the date on which I wrote

Vipan's death be avenged, but the sig- Peru and have gained a knowledge of

noria's grief shall be paid for. Every my discovery. Then, having ascertear she has shed, every pang she tained that I had written to the sig-has suffered shall exact its price." nor, followed, or even travelled by

room and the other half in the draw-er containing his papers. To me it sible?"

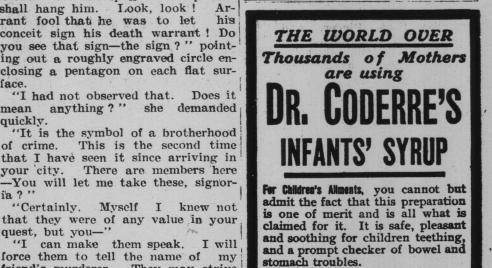
reveals nothing-" "To me it tells a very great deal !"

closing a pentagon on each flat sur-

"I had not observed that. Does it

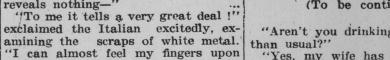
"Aren't you drinking a little more

the throat of the murderer of



(To be continued.)

"Yes, my wife has a cold in the my head and can't smell a thing.



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