A GIRL IN A **THOUSAND**

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achievements."

"But—just see, Mr. King, how you puzzle a poor girl—how am I to tell whether this is a confession, or the recital of some other person's shortcomings, for you remember, no doubt, it to your gallantry I owed my safe-

Jove! how cleverly she succeeded in confusing him; he had an idea she understood all along, and was enjoying a little fun at his expense.

"Ah! yes, but my appearance on the scene was an accident, and not set down on the programme at all. I honestly did my best to crack some of their heads, but imagine I made a poor mess of it in comparison with the fireworks he had arranged. You evidently missed a grand spectacle, because his cab driver chanced to be tipsy and carried him by such a circuitous route that he reached the theatre of action long after the affair was over."

was over."

"Now tell me who 'he' means."

"Can't you guess? Isn't there some one who has tried with indifferent success to add another crown of laurels to

list of victories "Oh you mean the dashing Count

Rudolf?"

She said it indifferently, and he eagerly noted a contemptuous tone in her voice, which pleased him not a little. Evidently his disclosure would not result in any idol being thrown to the ground

"It was Count Rudolf. I could hardly believe it myself until proofs were forthcoming. You see I am not versed in the ways of these continental cavaliers, and had always entertained an idea that a woman must be wooed to-day in the same honest fashion our forbears practiced. It seems there are modern methods of courtship with which a plain, matter-of-fact fellow like myself may not be familiar. I need not tell you they are very distasteful to me, and that I consider the man a scoundrel who would subject to danger the woman he pretends to adore." was Count Rudolf. I could hardly

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"You voice my sentiments, Mr. King.
Please do not imagine I have been blind all this while," she said.

"At least, you relieve my mind of one source of anxiety. The count has a winning way among ladies, and I feared that you might—er—well, have become so much interested in the gentleman that my story would be received with incredulity, perhaps as the idle vaporhat my story would be received with neredulity, perhaps as the idle vaporings of a dreamer."
"I should have believed it, entirely un-

supported by proofs, because you said it, and that will tell you I have consid-erable faith in my fellow countryman. But as it happens, there has already been placed in my possession such know-ledge as substantiates all you have said."

Of course, Rex was badly knocked out

"Well, your nerve, for one thing. The live you done sir?" with a little assumption of girlish authority that rather pleased the man. "We have conceived some monstrous suspicions. Bridge and I, against one harum-scarum character as a child. My father was a solitier, you see, and declared I had inherited all the boldness that made him a captain at twenty one."

me."

"A soldier—a captain—and her father ras, too. Must be quite a military line if them," was what Rex thought, and hen aloud:

"Why did you take such a dreadful isk, if I may make so bold as to ask?"

"You will think me foolish, no doubt, at my informant was unable to tell ne just who this unknown certainer. me just who this unknown gentleman who meant to play the hero might be, since she only overheard the talk by accident in the dark, and my curiosity was piqued until I even determined to find out his identity if I had to take the dreadful risk involved."

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Then Rex grew cold, and a tremor passed through his frame, for it rushed into his mind that circumstances had conspired to make it appear that he was the guilty wretch who had plotted to win her gratitude through ignoble means, since it had been his arm that had brought consternation to her assailants.

CHAPTER XVII.

"Good Heavens! you must have thought I was the man," was what Rex gasped. The recess was over, the play going on, and these two had become so interested in what concerned them that they gave no heed to other things, nor cared what the count and his companion would think at not seeing them re-enter the other box.

Miss Moore laughed; it was a merry laugh, and charmed him with its heartimess, and also assured his heart.

"Well, to be sure, I was at first inclined to look at it that way, and yet I confess I could not bring myself to be-

confees I could not bring myself to be-lieve so honorable a gentleman, who was not known to be partial to the so-ciety of my sex, should exert himself so strenuously to jump with a bound into the gratitude and regard of one lone

Why, she actually smiled; he felt puzzled, for surely it had never occurred to him that she would take the startling news in this way.

"How strange, how romantic! Why, they couldn't do better than that on the boards, I believe. And why should this ecentric party wish to rescue poor me from such a desperate position, Mr. Rex knew he was more or less red in the face, but, having started, there could be no halt.

"You must pardon me again, because I have to refer to your private affairs. I believe his object was to arouse a certain admiration for his heroic conduct, for the valor he displayed in your because I have had all sorts of doubts—it.

looked black for me. I don't understand how you could believe me anything but guitty, Miss Moore?"

"I have had all sorts of doubts—it prevented me from enjoying my usual map this afternoon."

"That was too bad. And you finally determined that, even with the facts so strongly against me, I might be innocent. Really, I should like to know on what hypothesis you reasoned that out. You see, I must have some good traits, and as I've always been unable to find them, perhaps you might tickle my masculine vanity a little," laughing to hide his confusion, for he was eager indeed to hear what she had to say.

"There were several points in your payor. First of all, I could not believe his morning when I met you in the hotel parlor, that you looked like—well, a man who would frighten a girl merely to play the hero act."

"That's real kind of you to speak so." The more we talked the less inclined I was to believe it could be so. Now, I'm not a strong-minded female by any means, Mr. King, but I amuse my-self more than a little in studying human nature. I even flatter myself that I am able to read most people like a book, and even to discover to some extent how much they may be deceived.

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premises.
"Still, you had other reasons for acquitting me?" he urged, and she hesi-

tated.
"Yes. Among the things that influenced me was the fact that the Salvation Army girl who warned me said the man who made such a ridiculous arrangement with those fellows seemed arrangement with those fellows seemed to speak English with a foreign accent. Of course, I had considerable reason to criticise your speech under the circumstances, but though you are an American, like myself, I failed to discover that you spoke in any other way than as one to the manner born.

"Thanks. But you mention a Salvation Army girl; of course, they are numerous, and it could hardly be the one Bridgewater is interested in, but do you happen to remember whether she was at that rally last night?"

"Yes, and she stared at me as though she thought me mad to venture out after her warning."

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"Oh! I thought her look meant something else. So it was Nance—strange how things come about, and that she should be concerned in your affairs. Some other time I'll take pleasure in telling you of my friend's hot hunt for a magnificent ruby, stolen from the temple of an East Indian rajab, who offers a fabulous sum for its recovery, and what this enthusiastic Salvation Army girl and her supposed father, Ras Ragoula, the Abyssinian astrologer, have to do with the matter. This is not the time or place for so long a yarn, though

of course, Rex was badiy knocked out at this.

"Why, do you really mean you knew something about this matter before I was so kind, so generous of you."

"Nonsense!" in confusion again; "it was simply my duty as a gentleman just as it was last night to run up and hustle those beastly chaps who were handling you so roughly."

"While I squealed with all my might, and scratched them in the face like a little tiger-cat, and yet, although you may find it hard to believe it. I actually knew something of the sort was to be "You'did! You knew that, and never flinched? By Jove! I am surprised."

"At what?" demurely.

"Well, your nerve, for one thing. I would not work and the property of grifts a authority that rather pleased the man. I will be a will be a little assumption of girlish authority that rather pleased the man.

"Oh, surely you can't mean aunty?"
Rex nodded his head to signify that

it was even so—that this paragon of virtue had come under the ban—and he old her what Bridgewater had heard. "It's awful, I know, Miss Moore.
v'to be charitable, but for the life o try to be charitable, but for the life of me I can't see why Miss Chester should want to enter into an alliance with this wonderful Austrian unless it is the philanthropical idea of making you a countess. Nearly all American girls dream of such a thing, and she possibly wishes to secure the high honor for you, even against your will. At least, that is all I can make out of it. Knowing her as you do, perhaps you can understand her eccentricity better."

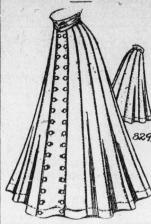
"I'm sorry to say I fear I do," she answered, so sadly that Rex was more than a little surprised.

a little surprised.
"At any rate, the affair is all blown

over now, and since their plans miscar-ried, I wouldn't worry about it if I were you," he said, consolingly.

Headaches and Neuralgia From Colds

TIMES PATIERNS.



Soldiers.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.-Militia orders co tain an announcement of interest to the clergy. It is a notification that when the attendance of troops at services of any denomination is considered by offiany denomination is considered by officers commanding at a station to be necessary, clergymen may, on recommendation of that officer, be paid at the
rate of \$2.50 per annum for each officer,
non-commissioned officer and man of
the permanent force professing himself
a member of the denomination to which
the clergyman belongs. This rate shall
be in full payment of necessary pew accommodation, and in consideration of
the discharge of all clerical duties. The
order applies to both Protestant and
Roman Catholic clergy.
Another order provides that in future
helmets will not be issued to rural corps
except to such corps as are already in
possession of them.
Notice is given that the Glengarry
Highlanders, an infantry regiment organized during Lord Dundonald's time, has
gone out of existence. cers commanding at a station to be ne

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GRAFT CHARGES.

Guelph Council Decide on County Judge's Investigation.

Guelph, Jan. 5 .- That the alleged sharge of Mr. H. N. Norrish, made to layor Newstead, that he had contribut a third of one hundred dollars to and to pass a by-law through the suelph. City Council to lengthen the col-room hours to 11 o'clock on Saturay night, be investigated before the county Judge, was the effect of a resoion unanimously running to night, in view of the graft rumors concern-

are civic contracts a resolution was also assed recommending the incoming Council to make a judicial investigation of a civic contracts made in the past ten

years.

Ald. Stewart created a sensation when he stated that he knew of one man who had yelled graft at the speaker, who had taken up a collection two weeks ago in a city church, and who had failed to get all the money to the pulpit until the congregation started in quiries. He said he had grounds for the fifth chapter of Matthew "mote and the beam."

FOUGHT FIRE.

Crew of the London City Have a Hard Voyage.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 5 .- After fighting fire five days and battling against the turbulent seas two weeks, the crew the turbulent seas two weeks, the crew of the Furness Line steamer London City were exhausted when the ship docked at this port yesterday. The London City sailed from Liverpool December 18 for St. John's and Halifax. For days she was unable to make much headway because of the heavy gale. During the roughest part of the trip a quantity of phosphorous stored in cases on the poop deck caught fire. The crew ity of phosphorous stored in cases on he poop deck caught fire. The crew ought the flames for five days. After stubborn battle the fire was subdued.

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"Such ingratitude depresses one. At times I feel so alone, so friendless in this great city, that it overwhelms me. I had believed my aunt true to me, though what you call her eccentricity has not been unknown to me. Now, whom can I trust Many think me the favorite of fortune, but they can never understand how I would gladly give everything to be a member, however unimportant, of such happy households as I frequently meet. It is a dreadful thing to be an orphan, Mr. King."

170 he continued.)

Headsches and Neuralitis From Colds.

Emigrant Angry at Canada.

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of my sex, should exert himself so uously to jump with a bound into reatitude and regard of one lone bw, how in the deuce," thought puzzers, "does she know I cared so lone way Company.

LAXATIVE BROMO Quintne, the world with the Cold and Grip remedy removes cause. Call for full name. Look for signature E. W. Grove. 25c. well, whose wife paid his passage back from Canada, remaining there herself, deliberately this afternoon broke a large manager of the Electrical Development. Company as well as the Toronto Railway Company.

WANTS \$60,000.

Girl Sues Wealthy Man Whose Love Cools.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 6.—Realization that what he thought was a deep rooted love which would endure forever was merely a boyish infatuation, is the excuse given by Thornton K. Shelmerdine, a member of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and a son of William H. Shelmerdine, financier and Rapid Transit Co. director, for breaking his engagement to wed Miss Martha Masinn, a young and pretty school teacher, of Rock Hall, Md. Miss Maslin, however, declares that there was no mistake in her diagnosis of the affection as genuine and she is still ready to put it to the test.

As a rebuke to Mr. Shelmerdine for taking two years to properly classify his feeling toward her she to-day brought suit for breach of promise in the United States Circuit Court in this city and asks the court to compel Shelmerdine to pay her \$60,000 for his failure to keep his promise to wed her. Judge Holland ordered, a capies issue for Shelmerdine ove which would endure forever was

nis promise to wed her, Judge Holland ordered a capias issued for Shelmerdin and fixed the young man's bail at \$2,500 and fixed the young man's ball at \$2,500. Many are the reasons which Miss Maslin advances to substantiate her claim for \$80,000, but one of the most important, according to the space allotted it in her affidavit, is the loss of a promised trip around the world. He told her that he was very wealthy. It is well known that his father has a large fortune. She alleges that owing to the custom prevailing in small communities like Rock Hall the fact that she did not marry after announcing her engagement makes her position a most unenviable one, and she is subjected to much annoyance.

"It was a mistaken feeling,". oung Shelmerdine. "I thought it "It was a mistaken feeling," said young Shelmerdine. "I thought it was love, realized it wasn't, and talked it over with Miss Maslin. She agreed that we ought not to marry. Then she came north, was badly advised and sues, It is a mistaken condition of feeling." "I'll stand to the boy to my last dollar," said the elder Shelmerdine. Miss Maslin is now back in Rock Hall.

FIERY FURNACE

Young Pole Prevented From Suiciding in Seething Fire.

Buffalo, Jan. 6 .- A watchman at Pratt & Letchworth's plant on Tonawanda street walked into the furnace room last night just in time to pull Stephen Borshoski from the door of one of the

Borshoski from the door of one of the furnaces. The man was trying to climb into the seething fire. The watchman hauled him out, locked him in a room and telephoned for the police.

Sergeant Mooney, of No. 13, went over to the steel company and took Borshoski to the station house. The prisoner made no struggle. A few moments later a policeman walking by the door of Borshoski's cell found him trying to strangle himself with a noose of knotted handkerchiefs.

Borshoski was then removed to the Pearl street station, and again locked up, after verything with which he could harm himself had been removed.

He seems to have a religious mania. One moment he is praying and the next trying to put an end to himself. The prisoner will say nothing about himself, and his apprenticed to the prisoner will say nothing about himself,

rying to put an end to himself. The prisoner will say nothing about himself, and his name was gained from letters ound in his clothes. Borshoski, who is 27 years old, came here from Wheatfield.

COMING THIS WAY.

Port Arthur Now in the Grip of a Fierce Blizzard.

Port Arthur, Jan. 5.-The storm which has been raging farther west broke here to-day and is the worst of

broke here to-day and is the worst of the season. Actual measurement shows that more snow has fallen this year already than all last winter.

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Western Canada to-day is in the grip of one of the most bitterly cold snaps in recent years. All day the thermometer had a standing well on the shady side of thirty below, and the wind is piercing, and, with the low temperature prevailing, makes the cold severe.

Says Her Husband Drank, and She Fort Dodge, la., Jan. 6. With a rifle,

SHOT HER BOYS.

Mrs. A. J. Powell, 30 years old, to-day shot her three boys, two, four and six years old, holding them with one hand at arm's length, as she pulled the trigat arm's length, as she pulled the trigger with the other. Then she turned the rifle on herself, shooting twice.

The second child died instantly, the baby is slightly wouffled, the oldest boy cannot live through the night, and the mother has a chance for recovery.

Mrs. Powell has been conscious ever since the crime, and does not repent, saying constantly that her husband drank, and she could stand it no longer, and wanted them all to be dead.

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The indignant Bestonians had just thrown the cargo of tea overboard in Boston harbor. "Blawst the bloody Yankees!" bitterly exclaimed the captain of the British ship, after they had gone: "they! Il pay dearly for this outrage some day!"

Ut to date, however. Sir Thomas Lipton has never evened up the score.

"Ah, John, I fear I'm not worthy of you. You are such a good man," "Never mind, Bertha; I'll change all that after the wedding."—New York Telegram.