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The Diamond From the Sky

By ROY L. MCCARDELL

Blake asked that the house and the furnishings be offered as a whole, and tendered an opening bid of \$2,000. Mrs. Stanley drew her thin lips together, and Blair nervously lashed himself to a suppressed and murderous anger. The Stanleys had not expected competitive bidding. Blake admitted acting for an unnamed client.

Neither Blair nor his mother dared openly affront the interloper, as they deemed him. But they bid desperately to the limit of their resources only to see Stanley hall and all its furnishings, save the deer head already purchased by the English lawyer, go for \$20,000 to Thomas Blake, the agent of the unknown highest bidder. They dared not vent their cold anger upon the smiling and inscrutable Blake, but Mrs. Stanley turned with a torrent of bitter, contemptuous gibes upon poor Mrs. Randolph, who happened to remark that her poor nerves were shattered and that she wanted to faint. In consequence Blair and his mother went to their house in Fairfax and did not return with Mrs. Randolph to Richmond.

Meanwhile what of the diamond from the sky? It gleams upon the breast of a papoose nursed by its stolid mother, in the glare of the California sunshine, outside an adobe hut. Luke Lovell, it is fated, is to see and gain again the diamond from the sky. He has taken up with associates as bad as himself and has become a bootlegger, or illicit whisky peddler. With a companion of his own ilk he passes by the desert Indians' hut and sees the diamond in the square hat gleaming in the sunshine, a papoose's plaything.

It is only a bit of glass and tinsel in the mind of the soddan, drink craving Indian father. Despite the angry protests of the squaw, the glistening ornament is bartered for the vile whisky of the eager white man.

And so the diamond moves on again. Santa Barbara, on the seacoast, resort for rich tourists, is not far away, and thither Luke Lovell and his cronies bear it, seeking a purchaser able to buy this gem of price.

With Arthur Stanley that was, who is John Powell now, how fares it? How have his fortunes, fortunes to be founded on stolen means, prospered? Not well.

Arthur has fallen into the hands of oil sharks and has invested the meagre plunder in the Good Hope wells. The Good Hope wells have been a joke of these oil fields. But who is to warn a guileless young investor?

John Powell has played with high stakes in a crooked game and has lost. His men who laughed at him behind his back for his simplicity now feel for him. Jack Wilson, his foreman, seeks his despairing young employer and finds him in the shanty that is the office of the Good Hope wells.

"I am sorry, boss," says Jack, "but I'll tell you something. There is oil in the Good Hope. We've struck every indication. If you only had money to drill deeper the oil is there. That money you sent east would save you!"

"It's too late now, Jack; that money saved something more to me than these wells." "I'm from Pennsylvania," says Wilson. "I believe if we torpedoed the big well we'd start the oil. I know it ruins a well if the oil doesn't start, and already the shysters are coming to take the property away from you because we didn't strike oil, and the last payment is due. So let's do something desperate, boss; let's torpedo the big well!"

John Powell is desperate, and he agrees. The man of law representing the unpaid owners hears of the plan and arrives with an injunction. But the desperate John Powell defies law, as when he was known as Arthur Stanley he defied all order. The lawyer is held back waving the "scrap of paper," the injunction. The nitroglycerin charged torpedo is lowered to the bottom of the well, the heavy iron detonator is dropped, and all run for their lives. A throb shakes the earth, and the derrick rocks. Then arises a geyser of mud and a spouting fountain of roaring oil and gas!

The big Good Hope well has "come in" a gusher! John Powell is a millionaire! No such gusher has ever been known in those fields, as the long dry and long despised Good Hope becomes. No oil millionaire gets rich so quickly as popular young John Powell!

His associate, Jack Wilson, wearing impressively his first dress suit, gives him "the swellest banquet with carpet trimmings" that Los Angeles leading restaurant has ever known. Vivian Marston dines with an elder-

ly admirer at this same restaurant the night of the banquet.

John Powell's associates toast and praise him for the pluck and resolution that snatched victory from defeat, and ever Vivian's dark eyes are on the dashing and handsome feted oil magnate. Her elderly admirer testily endures the pangs of jealousy.

But it is not love or sudden infatuation that draws the dark eyes of Vivian Marston to the young millionaire at the head of the festal board. Where has she seen this lauded young favorite of fortune before?

John Powell's secretary enters deprecatingly with a telegram. It has come to the offices of the Good Hope Oil company, and the secretary, thinking it important, brings it to the feast. Arthur opens it and reads:

Ether Harding departed parts unknown. Hagar Harding better. Bought in Stanley hall for \$30,000 you sent. Will keep everything quiet. BLAKE.

Ether departed for parts unknown. Arthur crushes the telegram in his nervous grasp. Mechanically he hears the friends that honor John Powell chant jovially. "For he's a jolly, good fellow!" As one dazed he rises and departs with his happy, felicitating as-



The Big Good Hope Well has "Come in" a Gusher!

sociates and is hardly aware of the dark eyes of a luxurious woman fastened upon him.

Walled by the green high hills and the gray and higher mountains at its back, beautiful Santa Barbara slopes down to the sea.

There is the gardens of the Lord seems the scene to the desert burned eyes of Luke Lovell and his fellow bootlegger as they stand upon the hill near the old mission and gaze upon a panorama as of paradise below them.

Far off at anchor on the sapphire waters of the bay a great white yacht rides like a swan upon the tide.

"A guy rich enough to own a skiff like that can afford to buy the diamond from us," growls Luke Lovell.

That night they untie a rowboat at the water's edge, and Luke Lovell pulls out the cart to bear them out to a purchaser for the diamond from the sky.

But the evil men do who fall beneath the great jewel's baleful spell is not yet at an end. Luke's companion rises stealthily behind him and strikes him down.

There is a hoarse cry in the night, a death struggle on the water. The boat goes over, a drowning man gasps in agony, and the diamond from the sky is sinking in the deep, cold waters.

(To be continued.)

To Take Away Peetages. By special Wire to the Courier. London, Jan. 13.—The suggestion has been made in the House of Commons that the Dukes of Cumberland and Albany, now fighting against Britain should be removed from the British peerages. Premier Asquith has intimated that it would be a slow process. Legislation would be necessary, he said, which the government was not prepared to initiate at present.

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Miss Judson has gone to spend the winter with relatives in Ipsylanti, Minn.

Miss Mae Sturgis is holidaying at Hagersville. A few from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Wm. Apps on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. MacDonald spent Sunday with friends at Mt. Zion. Mrs. MacTavish of Minto, Man., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Garton.

Mrs. (Dr.) Spaulding and sons, Wilson and Melvin, of Cohocton, N.Y., spent a couple of weeks with her mother, Mrs. S. Wilson.

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