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# FARRINGTON'S ALIBI

By Jessup Minor.

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Farrington looked up with such genuine dismay that even he laughed at himself as he caught his reflection in the glass.  
"But how was I to blame?" he insisted. "The extent of my knowledge of racing is that it's a game where the horse you bet on always comes in last."  
"That's what I told papa," she explained, "but he said he saw you distinctly, and that I could not pull the wool over his eyes in that fashion."  
"Well something must be done," he said decidedly. "I'm not going to lose you because I was arrested in a pool-room raid."  
"Could you speak to Mr. Tennis?" suggested Agnes. "He could tell father that you simply went there with him at his request."  
Farrington shook his head.  
"You don't know Tennis," he chuckled. "He's the biggest sort of practical joker. He might go around and tell now I got him into trouble. Anyway, if he ever got hold of the story, I should never hear the last of it."  
"But you must do something, Ned," she urged. "Father insists that I break our engagement. He says that no man who plays the races can marry a daughter of his."  
"I think I shall have to prove an alibi," Ned grinned. "Is he in now?"  
"Tonight is the annual dinner of the 'Survivors' Club," she reminded him. "He will not be home until late."  
"Well, tell him that I was not in the pool-room," he said. "That I said he had made a mistake somehow. I'll fix up an alibi."  
"It seems wrong to deceive father," she protested.  
"It would be if he were open to argument," he admitted, "but you see, he is so set that this is the only way."  
"Where were you?" she asked. "You ought to tell me where you were."  
"At the office," he said, promptly. "He doesn't like Tennis, so he's not apt to get a chance to ask him."  
"It took much argument and many lies to convince Agnes that their only hope lay in denial of everything. Farrington had been in a poolroom when it had been raided, and the prisoners were being taken down the street that had passed Mr. Ripley. In that moment Ned Farrington knew that it meant a broken engagement, for the uncompromising old man had a hatred of the race track and all its works, and could never be brought to believe that he had merely been in there because his employer had sent him to cash a check, telling him to bring the money to the pool-room.  
"It was late before he finally convinced Agnes and he took a car downtown. Half a dozen men came from the transfer point and stood talking for a while. Mr. Ripley among them. Presently they departed. Mr. Ripley was left alone.  
"If he saw Farrington, he gave no sign, and Ned was equally oblivious of the alderman's presence. A newsboy came along with the night extras and Ripley stopped him, searching his pockets for a coin. Evidently the search was fruitless, for presently the boy passed on and Ripley turned to Farrington.  
"I didn't see you before, Mr. Farrington," he said, awkwardly. "Been up to the house?"  
"In a flash inspiration came, and Ned tipped his hat at a jaunty angle and shifted his cigar to the corner of his mouth, where he gave it a decidedly upward slant.  
"You've got the wrong dope," he said. "My name's Parrish; Bill Parrish. What's the game?"  
"I've been caught down town without any money," he said lamely. "There was a collection taken up that I did not anticipate and the boys in the room took my small change. I shall have to ask you for a few cents, Ned."  
"Ned nothing!" came the sharp retort. "I told you my name was Bill. W-I-L-I-A-M. Bill. If you want a nickel, you can have it, but don't play that!"

'old friend' gag on me. I've heard it before. Here's your quarter. Now roll your hoop and run along!"  
Ripley looked dazed as his hand mechanically closed over the coin.  
"Surely you are Edwin Farrington," he persisted. "I know I cannot be mistaken."  
"Still dreaming?" Ned affected surprise. "Look here, papa, you've just got your coin. I'll make it a half if you need it, but don't try to con me like that."  
"It's a most remarkable resemblance," stammered the embarrassed Ripley. "I have known Mr. Farrington since he was a boy, and the resemblance is most striking."  
"Here comes your car, ride on," said Ned as he turned into the hotel. "You ought to be ashamed of yourself. Ned went straight into the telephone booth and called up Agnes. He rapidly sketched the conversation, and when Mr. Ripley arrived at the house she was ready for him.  
"Was young Farrington here this evening?" he asked irrelevantly.  
"He says there was some mistake about your seeing him in that crowd," she began. "He seemed very much annoyed."  
"Did he have on a gray vest and a blue tie?" he asked irrelevantly.  
"Evening dress, and of course a white tie," she answered. "Why do you ask?"  
"Her father passed his hand across his forehead."  
"It is very strange," he murmured to himself as he made for the stairs. "I think that I had better go right to bed."  
The girl looked after him, and her impulse to run and tell him that he had been right was strong. But her love for Ned was stronger, and she forbore.  
"Mr. Ripley called at Ned's office the next morning, but that young man stoutly denied all knowledge of the loan, and still more strenuously did he deny the language he had been accused of using. Mr. Ripley was more at sea than ever and could only stare dumbly after the young man as the latter went back to his desk.  
"But none of the arguments that Agnes advanced convinced him that he had been in error regarding Ned's arrest, and Ned was forbidden the house while Agnes was forced to pay aside the engagement ring.  
"On the street Mr. Ripley kept a sharp lookout for Parrish. He was only a few weeks later his search was rewarded. "I want to return that loan, Mr. Parrish," he said as he rushed up. "I was so excited over my error the other evening that I forgot to ask your address."  
The other turned his head in surprise. "My dear sir," he began, "my name is Clifton. I could not have advanced a loan since I arrived today from San Francisco. I am afraid that you have made some mistake."  
"You are not Mr. Parrish?" Ripley asked. "A most remarkable likeness."  
"I am not, indeed," said the stranger coldly. "I believe that there is a fellow named Parrish who somewhat resembles me. I believe that he is a bookmaker. He was in California last year following the horses."  
"I should think that my statement was sufficiently definite," he added coldly. "Your persistence is impertinent."  
"That was the final straw. With a murmured apology Ripley turned away. An hour later he looked into the music room where Agnes was sitting at the piano. She looked up as the door opened.  
"You can write young Farrington that perhaps I was mistaken," he said. "Perhaps when I made a mistake when I said that he was in that poolroom crowd. You might ask him up to dinner to-morrow evening if you want to."  
Agnes ran across the room and threw her arms about his neck.  
"There, there," he said. "It's all right now. We are all of us liable to make mistakes. Ned has a telephone, hasn't he?"  
She started up the stairs to where the telephone hung. He followed her more slowly.  
"Agnes," he called as he started upstairs. She turned at his voice.  
"Be sure and get the right one," he said, ambiguously. And he wondered why she laughed.

# STEAMER SANK BUT CREW SAVED

S. S. Greenland Went Down in the Atlantic  
Had 183 Men on Board Who Were Rescued by Other Vessels—  
Poor Sealing Season

ST. JOHN, N. F., March 30.—The sealing steamer Greenland, which became disabled on the sealing grounds early this week, has sunk. The members of her crew were rescued by the steamer Newfoundland and Erik. The news of the loss of the Greenland was brought here today by the sealing steamer Algerine, which put in here from the sealing grounds with a broken rudder. The Algerine reported that the Greenland sank soon after being abandoned by her crew. On Wednesday night the sealing steamer Grand Lake arrived here and reported that the steering of the Greenland had become disabled as a result of heavy weather and contact with the ice and that the Greenland drifting helplessly had disappeared from the sight of the other vessels. The disabled vessel had 183 men on board. The Newfoundland government on Thursday, chartered the stmr. Portia to search for the Greenland which was believed to be in great danger, and yesterday the Portia started out with a week's supply of coal and provisions. No word has yet been received from the Portia.  
The Algerine had only 500 seals aboard. Her broken rudder forced her to return for repairs. She reported that the prospects of the sealing were slightly better than at the time the Grand Lake left the grounds. The sealers Bloodhound having loaded 12,000 panther walrus and eight other vessels securing a fair number of seals. The sealers' catch, however, will be far below the average.

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J. P. MORGAN MAKES ANOTHER LITTLE PURCHASE

BRUSSELS, Mar. 31.—It is currently reported that J. P. Morgan, of New York, has acquired for \$1,200,000, the unique collection of Jules Van Den Peubom, which comprises furniture, pictures, arms, bronzes, ancient engravings and chimney pieces. The collection is installed in a sixteenth century Dutch house at Anderlecht, a replica of which will be constructed in New York under the superintendence of Francois Malfait, the architect.

DR. STOCKTON'S ESTATE VALUED AT \$27,130

In the probate court on Saturday afternoon before Hon. C. N. Skinner, acting judge of probate, letters testamentary of the estate of the late Dr. A. A. Stockton, K. C. M. P., were granted to his widow, Amelia E. Stockton, the executrix named in the will. The estate is valued at \$27,130, of which \$10,000 is real, and \$17,130 is personal property, and was entered on the records of the late Rev. Canon DeVeber. J. Roy Campbell and Dr. A. O. Earle, proctors.

ICE IN THE RIVER WILL START SOON

FREDERICTON, Mar. 31.—The ice in the river is rapidly falling and is now covered with water. A few days more of the present weather will drive it out.  
John Bodkin and his sister, of Kingsport, arrived home this evening from a five months' sojourn in the old country.  
A cable received last evening announces the safe arrival in England of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Winslow.

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# REFORM NEEDED IN THE BRITISH MERCHANT SERVICE

LONDON, March 30.—Telepathy, ghosts and other occult phenomena are being explained on a natural basis by Dr. Bernard Hollander. It is by brain energy, whether electrical or not we do not know, that men acquire influence over others. That such energy exists has been proved by experiments on hypnotized persons who in a perfectly sane manner can see a glow at the finger tips of the hypnotist, and metallic objects rubbed by the latter acquire a stimulus as to produce the same effect. That such energy exists has been proved by experiments on hypnotized persons who in a perfectly sane manner can see a glow at the finger tips of the hypnotist, and metallic objects rubbed by the latter acquire a stimulus as to produce the same effect. That such energy exists has been proved by experiments on hypnotized persons who in a perfectly sane manner can see a glow at the finger tips of the hypnotist, and metallic objects rubbed by the latter acquire a stimulus as to produce the same effect.

An inquiry at a leading wall paper emporium makes the fact clear that not only in dress, but also in house decorations yellow is to be the popular shade this year. It is twenty years since there was a general demand for old gold drawing room papers and draperies.

The freaks of a so-called specter are alarming a hamlet some forty miles from Cardiff. The ghost has been seen by several persons, and a well known inhabitant of the hamlet who was recently married.

The trouble commenced by his finding himself lying on his bedroom floor beside his bed one morning. Naturally he put this down to nightmare. The morning after, however, on awakening he found himself at the other end of the room, and he then became somewhat uneasy. His wife on both occasions had slept peacefully.

The third night, however, both kept awake and their vigil was rewarded by a sight of their mysterious visitor who appeared shortly after the traditional hour of midnight. A trustworthy correspondent ascertained from the victim that the spirit took the form of his own mother who is still alive and well. He says that his mother opposed his marriage with the lady of his choice very strongly, and he thinks that the nocturnal visits are acts of revenge.

In order to drive forth the unwelcome specter the victim resorted to several of his male friends to remain in his house one night, but although the ghost appeared as usual to the young man, his wife and his mother-in-law, the other watchers were quite unable to discern the strange presence.

The young man's mother-in-law declared that the specter was not a woman, but a man. She said that she distinctly saw the specter. She also says that she temporarily lost the power of the right side of her body at the meeting.

The victim declares that the spirit has several times accompanied him part of the way to the village where he is engaged as a collier. His comrades are greatly perturbed by the frequent appearances of the specter and believe firmly in the victim's veracity. The year of the parish and several others have visited the house and tried in vain to elucidate the mystery.

# BARK CRASHED ON LEDGE IN FOG

City of Agra Total Wreck  
off Cape Sable  
Crew Saved After Hard Experience—  
Vessel Sailed Under Norwegian Flag and Was Very Fast

MARCONI STATION, Cape Sable, Mar. 30.—In a dense fog that shut out everything from view, the Norwegian bark City of Agra, crashed on the southwest ledge at seven o'clock this morning, and is a total loss. Captain Hanne and his thirteen men reached shore about six hours later, owing their lives in a large measure to Light Keeper Cunningham who guided them to a safe landing. The bark was bound from New York to Bridgewater to load for Buenos Ayres. A heavy sea was running when the vessel struck. Two hours later the vessel listed. There was no time to save anything and the crew hurriedly took to the two boats. Owing to the dense fog and heavy sea running they had a perilous time reaching shore and but for the Light Keeper who guided them to a safe place where they could make a landing all must have perished. The men are now staying at the lighthouse. Nothing was saved from the vessel which is now lying on her beam ends a total wreck.

The City of Agra was 900 tons register, owned by W. Olsen Forsgrund, Norway. She was built at West Hartlepool in 1890.

(Associated Press Despatch.)  
CAPE SABLE, N. S., Mar. 31.—The City of Agra was built at West Hartlepool, England, in 1890, and was one of the few vessels afloat that carried an old fashioned figure head. The image beneath her bowsprit was that of a life size woman of the Norwegian type and was a finely executed piece of carving. The City of Agra was a very fast vessel and made a number of noteworthy trips. In her last voyage from Buenos Ayres to New York, she covered the distance in 53 days, although heavily loaded and with a very foggy bottom. She has done the Norwegian flag for a number of years.

# PROVINCIALISTS WERE LOST

Nova Scotia Man and P. E. I. Man Went to Watery Grave—Were Fishing on Banks

GLOUCESTER, Mass., March 31.—Two dorymen of the crew of the fishing schooner Precursor, which arrived here today with a fare of halibut, were lost on March 6 in a storm off the western bank. The men were Edgar McLaren, aged 33, single, of Lower Argyle, N. S., and Daniel McLean, 24, single, of Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
The two were dory men and were out in their boat when a storm came up and a heavy sea swamped their boat, which was partly loaded.  
In the same storm the Precursor lost her anchor through the parting of the cable. Later, when off Sable Island she was in collision with the Gloucester schooner Agnes, carrying away the bowsprit of the latter and damaging her own forward rigging.

# VAUDEVILLE

An Easter Holiday Bill of Special Interest

Robbed of its crude and rougher edges that were characteristic of the amusement in its earlier days, vaudeville stands today for everything that is refined, bright, and clever. Indeed it might be justly described as a kind of "Sieve" in the show business into which all aspirants for stage-honors who wish to "specialize" must take their stand and if they are not big enough the inevitable happens, they are crowded out. In St. John, vaudeville has caught the popular fancy with all classes, one of the most noticeable features being perhaps the large number of ladies and children attending the daily matinee performances. This week beginning with a matinee today, a specially attractive bill is advertised and includes the great Todecen-Kenting Trio, acrobats and bicycle riders, who promise something entirely new to St. John. The well known Buster Brown story will be burlesqued in the form of a sketch by Howard and Colby and the Brand Sisters on the bill as great dancers are said to be exceptionally good. The original Delmar Brothers are clever acrobats and barrel jumpers and introduce an unusually cute and well trained dog, familiarly known as "Tumble." The brothers work in a good dose of comedy that will get right home. Cummings and Knight are recommended sketch artists and the well known English comedian and singer, Walter Reed has been specially engaged to give his cheviot impersonations. The Howards, who have established a reputation in Boston in their original illustrated song act, will be heard in all the latest successes and the Bioscopes will reproduce several distinct subjects in moving pictures.

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\*Steamers marked thus sail from Halifax after noon, after leaving St. John.  
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Commencing March 31, steamers leave St. John on Wednesdays at 8.00 a. m., (Atlantic Standard), for Eastport, Lubec, Portland and Boston, and on Saturdays at 6.30 p. m., direct to Boston.

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ON AND AFTER TUESDAY, JAN. 22nd, 1907, trains will run daily (Sundays excepted) as follows:  
TRAINS LEAVE ST. JOHN.  
No. 6.—Mixed train to Moncton. 6.30  
No. 2.—Express for Halifax, Campbellton, Point du Chene, ... 7.00  
No. 26.—Express for P. du Chene, ... 12.25  
No. 8.—Express for Sussex ... 12.30  
No. 134.—Express for Quebec and Montreal, also P. du Chene ... 12.50  
No. 10.—Express for Moncton, the Sydney and Halifax. ... 12.55  
TRAINS ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN.  
No. 8.—From Halifax and Pictou. 6.30  
No. 7.—Express from Sussex. ... 8.00  
No. 133.—Express from Montreal, Quebec and P. du Chene ... 12.05  
No. 5.—Mixed from Moncton ... 12.30  
No. 25.—Express from Halifax, Pictou, P. du Chene and Campbellton. ... 12.40  
No. 1.—Express from Moncton ... 12.45  
No. 11.—Mixed from Moncton (daily) ... 7.45  
All trains run by Atlantic Standard Time; 24.00 o'clock midnight.  
NOTE.—A special train (with buffet sleeping car attached) will leave Toronto every Saturday night for Sydney and Sydney Mines, after arrival of No. 34 (Maritime Express) from Montreal. CITY TICKET OFFICE: 3 King street, St. John, N. B. Telephone 271.  
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# FOR THE Easter Holiday, 1907

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Going March 28, 29, 30, 31, April 1st. Good for return, leaving destination April 2nd, 1907.  
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# HEAVY SENTENCE FOR FORGERY

Bank Manager Goes to Penitentiary for Twelve Years—Joe Phillips Taken to Kingston

BERLIN, Ont., March 31.—John F. Duncan, ex-manager of the Bank of Commerce at 437, who pleaded guilty to charges of fraud, forgery and theft, about \$15,000, was sentenced Saturday by Judge Chisholm to four years in Kingston penitentiary on each charge, sentences to run concurrently.  
Ex-Manager Joseph Phillips, of the York Loan was taken to Kingston penitentiary yesterday to serve a five years' term for signing a false statement to the government.

# INVITE CANADA TO JOIN IN CELEBRATION

OTTAWA, Mar. 31.—L. M. Hayes and H. W. Bailey, of Montpelier, Vt., are in Ottawa for the purpose of inviting Canada to join with New York and Vermont in celebrating the three hundredth anniversary of the discovery of Lake Champlain. They will wait upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier tomorrow morning and invite him to deliver an address.  
At a meeting of the Government on Saturday, Judge McHugh, junior judge of Kings county, Ontario, was promoted to the senior judgeship of the county. E. P. Clement, K. C., of Berlin was appointed to the junior judgeship.