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THE FOOT OF FATE

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(C, 1920, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate For the third time since she entered the station Edith Redway's overshoe slipped at the heel. For the third time she stopped to give it an impatient tug. At the instant a dittle hard bulk of paper bound about by twisted elastic, skidding from under the spurning foot of a passerby, brought up against Edith's offending rubber.

She picked it up. Evidently the paper was wrapped about some small object. Whoever had kicked it her way had passed on. Edith dropped the little parcel into her bag and proceeded to her train.

Sinking into the first vacant seat the girl rested her head against the high plush back and wearily closed her eyes. Two weeks with a grip cold as bed fellow had forced Edith to take a vacation. The listlessness of convalescence

possessed her mind and body. Vagrant thoughts came and went, unpursued to any conclusive end. Cousin Marie, whom Edith was going to visit, would ascribe her sickness to the fact that she didn't wear woolens-she would harp on that. Then the illness itself-doctor's bills and meals in her room-a forfeited summer vacationno money for week-end outings-an employer who expected as untiring service from his office force as from his typing machines!

The approaching summer would loom dreary enough, Edith decided, were it not that a small park, that quaint old square dedicated to the memory of the man who tradition tells us never uttered a lie, lay within easy walking distance of her rooming There were green growing house. things there, and benches where one might sit and watch the passing.

Associated with that park in Edith's mind was a man-a slender young man with dark, dreamy eyes who often walked there alone. He was not like the park's patron saint. He could tell a lie-had told her one. One sunny Sunday morning he had sat on the bench next to her favorite one. Across the walk a toddling, swarthy speck of humanity, fired by the same spirit that sent a famous compatriot sailing over uncharted seas centuries before, set out from the port of his mother's knee on a voyage of discovery, gleefully tottering to the inevitable fall.

Edith and the dark young man had simultaneously rushed to the rescuehalf an instant too late. When the excited parent arrived they were making joint efforts to wipe away the evidences of a bleeding nose. The mother's voluble thanks served as an introduction of a sort, and when they seated themselves again it was upon the same bench. They talked of many things-impersonal mostly. But the man had said he walked in the square every pleasant Sunday morning-he would look forward to seeing her the following week. That was the lie. Two pleasant Sunday mornings had passed and he had not been there. The conductor, coming for her ticket, interrupted Edith's train of thought. As she took the pasteboard from her big she noticed the forgotten little package. Slipping the elastic binding, she found it to contain blue plush jewel box, and in the box reposed a ring-a cameo of ex-traordinarily delicate pink set simply in gold. It bore the profile of a woman, beautifully chiseled. With an inward exclamation of admiration Edith proceeded to closer examination of the ring. Some characters, engraved on the some characters, engrated on the inner surface, she deciphered as "C. to E; 3-2-11-5." Surely that mystic inscription must mean much Somewhere, that some to some one. one was bewailing the loss of the camee even while she was revelling in its beauty. On the sheerest impulse Miss Redway dropped the jewel box to the floor and thrust it under the seat with her foot but not before she had glimpsed the name of a well-known firm of jewelers stamped in gold inside the lid. She tried the ring on every finger and found that it best fitted the third finger of her left hand. Why shouldn't she keep it? The foot of fate had literally kicked it to her. And, anyway, she remembered reading somewhere that beautiful things should belong to those to whom they brought the most enjoyment. It was easy for a rather discouraged, half sick young woman in Edith's place to anaesthetize her conscience.

on ner way nome two cays explice than she had anticipated, spurred by the restlessness of the unaccustomed-ly idle, was sorely conscious of that jewelry firm's name and address. It met her eyes in the columns of the magazine she tried to read; the wheels of the train pounded out the

rhythm of it. The jewelers would be sure to have some record of the per-son to whom the ring had been sold and who had had it engraved. Surely, not to attempt to trace its ownership through that obvious channel was to steal it; no less. This was Satur-day afternoon and too late in the day to do anything about it. But on Monday morning she would give up the ring. Meantime, Edith rejoiced that with a clear conscience she could wear it one more day.

Sunday morning, warm and sunny, advance sample of the best styles in May weather, found Edith Redway strolling toward her favorite bench in the square. And there, looking as candid and trustworthy as if he and truth were one, sat the young man who had lied to her-who had promised and had not come. Steeling herself to ignore him bitterly, Edith was sauntering regally by when he caught sight of her and sprang, up, his face alight. It was too genuine; his delight too sincere. The girl yielded to his entreaties to be seated and let him explain.

He had been called away six weeks before, he said, by the almost fatal illness of his mother, and had re-turned a fortnight ago. He had haunted the square ever since, hoping that she would come. What had happened? Where had she been? So Edith told him about her own

illness and her having to go away, and between them they pieced it out that with any luck at all they would have met in the Grand Central, for they must have been there at the same moment on the day of her departure.

It was in the midst of this interest ing comparison of data that Edith subconsciously resenting the pressure of too snug kid, drew the glove from her left hand. Her companion halted in the middle of a sentence. "Where did you get the ring?" he asked ab ruptly.

"It was given to me-by a friend," Edith told the fib desperately. For some vague woman's reason she was impelled to impress this nice young man that she had the sort of friends who would choose such a ring to give her.

But her companion if impressed was impressed curiously. He glanced sidelong at Edith, at the ring and then straight across the square to the great Washington arch. Also he whistled, low and long and speculatively.

"Do you suppose," he inquired, still, gazing across the park, "that the old boy over there on the arch ever told one like that? Honest Injun, where did you find it?".

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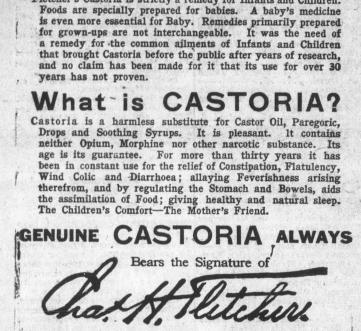
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But anaesthesia is a temperary condition. Edith completely restored un-der Cousin Marie's motherly care and

found it the Grand Central station," she admitted penitently. "Is-is it yours?" "Oh, no, no," was the hasty ioinder. "I bought it, though, for a friend. You'll find it marked, 'C. to E.; 3-2-11-5.' The C stands for my name, Chester-Chester Barlow."

"And the E stands, I suppose, for the name of your fiancee?" Edith was carrying it off bravely.

"I hope so, very earnestly. It stands, you see, for Edith-oh, I peeked twice at letters you had been reading, for I had to know. And the numbers stand for the month, the day and the hour when we first met. It's yours. It has always been yours. Will you wear it-dear?" And Edith is wearing it yet.

Many children die from the as-seults of worms, and the first care of mothers should be to see that their infants are free from these pests. A vermifuge that can be depended on is Miller's Worm Powders. They will not only expel worms from the system, but act as a health-giving medicine and a remedy for many of the ailments that beset infants, en-feebling them and endangering their lives. m lives. m

Police Magistrate Gorman, of Sar-nia, has not yet been officially re-quested by Premier F. C. Drury for quested by Premier F. C. Drury for an opinion on the Ontario Temper-ance Act, he announced when inter-viewed. When the question of the establishment of local dispensaries to supplement, the Act was suggested, the Magistrate remarked that it might help, but, he added, that ap-parently as long as it (liquor) is made those who want it will get it somehow. somehow.

The Forest Standard is placing a Linotype typesetting machine in its office. The Guide-Advocate extends congratulations, hoping The Stand-ard will experience the same innum-erable joys and thrills we have re-ceived from ours in the past few months. months

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Combinations of organdie and taffeta continue to be very much approved. Another fabric combination that is being developed for summer is net and organdie. Both white and colored nets are smart for summer frocks and either plain white or col ored net may be trimmed with hands or insets of crisp organdie in contrasting co'or with excellent results. Organdie has the effect of giving a net dress more character than an all net one possesses. Some flowered cotton nets are also among the dainty summer fabrics. They are frequently made up over taffeta in plain color as dance or evening dresses

Dresses entirely of gingham have not had the demand this season that they enjoyed when they were introduced as novelties two seasons ago. Last summer their lease of life was very uncertain. For the coming summer the most charming gingham dresses are those that employ white organdie in their makeup.

A blue and white or pink and white checked gingham may be made guimpe style, with sleeves and upper bodice of organdie, or organdie and gingham may be combined much as taffeta and organdie are.