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The KING OF DIAMONDS

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He took the pebble, which he placed in his waistcoat pocket. Walking briskly, he traversed some part of the crowded thoroughfare of barely twelve hours earlier. What had happened to change his mood he did not know, and scarcely troubled to inquire. Last night he hurried through these streets in a frenzied quest for death. Now he strode along full of hope, joyous in the confidence of life and youth. His one dominant thought was that his mother had protected him, had snatched him from the dark gate of eternity. Oddly enough, he laid far more stress on his escape from the meteor than on the accident that prevented his contemplated suicide. This latter idea had vanished with the madness that induced it. Philip was sane again, morally and mentally. He was keenly anxious to justify his mother's trust in him. The blistering wind, annoying the most wayfarers, only aroused in him a spirit of resistance, of fortitude. He breathed it so manfully that when at last he paused at the door of a great jewelry establishment in Longate Hill, his face was flushed and his manner eager and animated.

He opened the door, but was rudely brought back to a sense of his surroundings by the suspicious question of a shop-walker.
"Now, boy what do you want here?"
The unconscious stress in the man's words was certainly borne out by the contrast between Philip, a social pariah in attire, and the wealth of gold and precious stones cut off from him by panes of thick glass and iron bars. What, indeed, did this outcast want there?

Confused by the sudden demand, and no less by its complete obviousness, Philip flushed and stammered.
"I—er—only wished to obtain some information, sir," he answered.

Like all others, the shopman was amazed by the difference between the man's manners and his appearance.
"Information," he repeated, in his surprise. "What information can we give you?"

The wealth of the firm oppressed this man. He could only speak in accents of adulation where the shop was concerned. Philip produced his white pebble.

"What is this?" he asked.
The directness of the query again took his hearer aback. Without a word, he bent and examined the stone. Professional instinct mastered all other considerations.

"You must apply to that department," he majestically waved his hand toward a side counter. Philip obeyed silently, and approached a small, elderly personage a man with clever, kindly eyes, who was submitting to microscopic examination a number of tiny stones spread out on a cushioned leather folding case. He quickly removed the case when his glance rested on the boy.

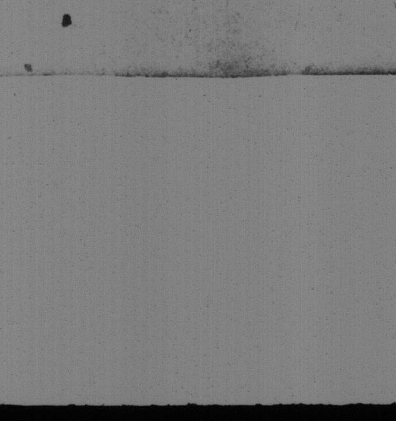
"Well," he said, blankly, wondering why on earth the shop-walker had sent such a disreputable urchin to him. Philip was now quite collected in his wits. He held out the pebble, with a more detailed statement.

"I found this," he said. "I thought that it might be valuable, and a friend advised me to bring it here. Will you kindly tell me what it is?"

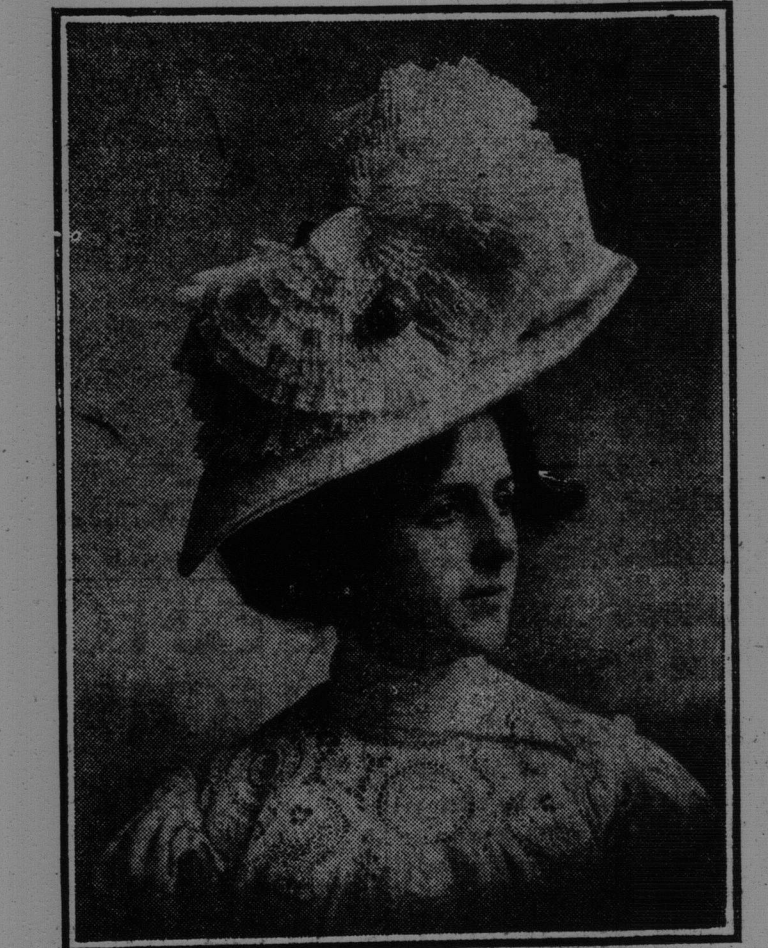
The man behind the counter stared at him for a moment, but he reached over for the stone. Without a word he placed it beneath the microscope and gave it a very brief examination. Then he pressed it against his cheek.

"Where did you get it?" he asked.
"I found it where it had fallen on the pavement."
"Are you sure?"
"Quite sure."

"Strange!" was the muttered comment, and Philip began to understand that his meteor possessed attributes hitherto unsuspected.



Fashion Hint for Times Readers



WHITE HATS REIGN SUPREME FOR MIDSUMMER.
The wardrobe prepared for midsommer which does not include at least one all-white hat is so unusual as to be remarkable. Some of these are practically lingerie affairs, although the shapes themselves are of rice straw or chip, but so well covered that their material is scarcely a detail to be considered. Usually the flaring brims, boldly upturned at one side are faced with the same material as the crown. This is of Valenciennes or Cluny, fine net or allover fancy lace, edging finished and made into choux and ruffles, accordion or knife pleated. Sometimes pleated frilling rosettes are in wheel form, as in the case of this model.

and exercise had made him hungry again. His breakfast was not of ample proportions, and his meals of yesterday had been of the scantiest. It would be well to face the diamond merchants with the easy confidence that springs from a satisfied appetite. Yet, how to manage it? He was sorry now he had not borrowed a sash from O'Brien. The old soldier would certainly have lent it to him. He even thought of returning to the mile End Road to secure the loan, but he happened to remember that the day was Saturday, and it was probable the Hatton Garden offices would close early. It was then nearly eleven o'clock, and he could not risk the delay of the long, low journey.

NEW CITY OF MELVILLE, SASK., AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE G. T. P.

Five Hundred Miles of the G. T. P. Railway Will be Thrown Open to the Public in a Few Weeks--The New City is Particularly Well Located.

Melville, Sask., July 27.—Within a few weeks, another great avenue will be opened to agricultural commerce and industry. Five hundred miles of Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will be thrown open to the public. This traverses the richest middle country of Saskatchewan and will undoubtedly be a success from the commencement.
Four terminals have been established at intervals of about 135 miles, the most important of which being the one to which was given by the company the middle name of its president, Chas. Melville. In fact, "Melville" holds the most commanding traffic position on that great system. It will very shortly be the traffic centre of Saskatchewan.
The charter of the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company, incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1906, includes branch number 10, from Melville to the shores of Hudson Bay in the vicinity of Port Churchill, and branch number 11, from Melville to the American boundary via Regina. Should the government build or finance a railway to the Hudson Bay, the G. T. P. Branch Lines Co. will build from Melville to the Pas, to connect with such railway. As will be seen by a glance at a map of North America, the importance of Melville as a traffic centre is far-reaching. The distance from Melville to Liverpool via Port Churchill is 1,000 miles; to Montreal, 1,200 miles; and any point from Winnipeg, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Kansas City west to the Pacific coast, is nearer to Liverpool by way of Melville, and Port Churchill than via Montreal, New York or any other seaport.
The Grand Trunk Pacific are preparing for that immense traffic and Melville can now show "the goods." Hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been spent by the company in building and improvements necessary for such a traffic. The station is the largest west of Winnipeg. The capacity of the roundhouse is eighteen, twelve of which are at present in use. Terminal yards comprising twenty miles of track are being rushed, fifteen miles to be laid for present requirements. Work is being done also on a site for a grain elevator and a big hotel is also included in the plans of the company for Melville. The town site of Melville is the largest by forty per cent. of all the G. T. P. town sites on the market. The town lots are selling fast. A feature is the possibility of private speculators getting hold of adjoining land to retail as building lots, because the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway comes and goes about three square miles of land surrounding Melville, to provide for terminal needs for ten decades to come.
Where last fall only the grading could be seen, now stands the making of a city—over eighty buildings now compose the melioration town, and new structures are being started at an average of one a day.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER TALKS OF PROVINCIAL PUBLIC WORKS

Hon. John Morrissey Says Many of the Bridges are Badly in Need of Repairs.

Hon. John Morrissey, chief commissioner of public works, is at the Royal and will leave this morning accompanied by Geo. D. Jones, M.P.P., J. A. Murray, M.P.P., and the chief engineer of the department, on a brief tour of inspection of the wharves in Kings county. They will go up the Bellesisle, then along the Kennebecus.
Hon. Mr. Morrissey expects that they will be through their trip on Thursday next. After the meeting of the government next week he will make a tour of St. John county and then Westmoreland. Speaking generally of the results of his recent trip through the province, the chief commissioner said that he had found things in very bad shape. As an instance, he said that there are twenty-two bridges in Kings county and twenty-five in Sussex county to be repaired. Besides these there is a bridge in Kent county built four years ago at a cost of \$10,000, which will have to be entirely rebuilt.
The wharves throughout the province, he said, are also in bad shape, and it takes a lot of money to put them in good condition.
In this connection Hon. Mr. Morrissey thought that the Dominion government ought to build all wharves in tidal waters as the province has not revenue enough to do the work.
The chief commissioner mentioned some items of expense, which had come to his notice after he took charge and which have since been cut off. Among other things he said that it was the custom of the late government to bond all its road superintendents with a guarantee company for \$800 each. Some of money were then sent to these men varying from \$500 to \$1,000 according to the needs of their districts, and the money was disbursed by them. The superintendents were careless about sending in vouchers and the consequence was there was nothing in the office of the department to show where the money went.
When Hon. Mr. Morrissey was sworn in he did away with the bonds for the superintendents and introduced a rule that money should be paid to them till sworn accounts were received or vouchers rendered.
Another matter he noticed was that contractors for the department were in the habit of rendering bills in which such items as telephoning, traveling, picks, shovels and levels appeared. When the chief commissioner expostulated with the men he was told it was the custom. He soon made it clear, however, that such a custom must cease and for some time now those who take government contracts have been supplying their own tools.
Another item of expenditure incurred by the predecessors of the present government was \$6,000 for road machines. In spite of this large expenditure the chief commissioner said there was no data in the office of the department to show that the provinces today has on hand a single road machine. But this is not a solitary instance, Mr. Morrissey said, for as far as documentary evidence is concerned the province has not a single black yard of rope to its credit.
Referring to roads, the chief commissioner said that the split log drag has done excellent work wherever tried and

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