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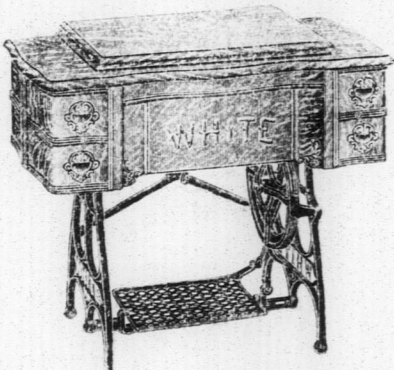
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**The Diamond From the Sky**

By ROY L. MCCARDELL

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"For what you have said about Esther, either you or I must die," Arthur says. "Take one end of this handkerchief and stand across this open grave. Hold the handkerchief in your left hand, as I hold this corner of it. Now take your pistol, and when I count to 'Three' raise and fire, and the one of us left alive will pull the dead man into the grave!"

Arthur counts "One!" when the now fearful murderer essays to fire. But the watchful Arthur is too quick for him. His pistol speaks first, and instinctively tugging the handkerchief as he fires, Arthur drags the bleeding Blair into the grave, prone on his face. Arthur leaps into the grave after his fallen foe and tears open his shirt to see if the heart still beats, and there, on the breast of Blair Stanley, gleams in the moon rays the ethereal glitter of the diamond from the sky.

Arthur Stanley had known its every aspect, for the Stanley archives are full of it, in print and manuscript, pictured and described. "So there it has been, in the keeping of my cousin!" he mutters, and hardly realising what he does, except the baleful gem is his by every right, he tears it from the neck of the figure in the grave and clambers out and stumbles on his way.

Beside a cross, white and majestic in the moonlight, he halts. The moon shines on the diamond in his bloody hands as he stands by the grave where lies, as he believes, his own mother. Then, feeling the brand of Cain is on his brow, Arthur Stanley 2d stumbles on, still clutching the diamond from the sky in his bloody hands.

In the new dug grave Blair Stanley moaned and stirred. The wound in his forehead had been a glancing one, only sufficient to stun him, and now as he came to consciousness in the clammy depths of the grave his first impulse was to clutch wildly at his blood stained and disheveled shirt bosom.

The diamond from the sky was gone! The death of the good doctor had been all in vain. And Blair Stanley also fled beneath the moon, bootless and in truth blood guilty.

At Stanley hall Arthur gained access to the library and shuddered again as he saw the stains on his hands and on the great jewel that seemed to gleam all the brighter for them in the glare of the library lamp.

It was not to show the diamond from the sky that all men yearned for; it was to have it, to possess it, even in secret, that caused them to lie, to swindle and even to grope through blood for it.

Well had the late Colonel Stanley known the baleful history of the diamond that had fallen to the feet of his adventurer ancestor in a meteor. The Stanley "charm against harm" it was called, and now look what harm it had already done! Arriving in the good name of sweet Esther, good old Dr. Lee's fair ward, but Arthur did not know that the good doctor lay cold in death at the hands of Blair Stanley.

Arthur felt instinctively that the diamond from the sky was responsible for Blair's impugning the good name of sweet Esther, good old Dr. Lee's fair ward, but Arthur did not know that the good doctor lay cold in death at the hands of Blair Stanley.

The wild thought, the wilder hope, that he might go elsewhere and under a new name, still holding to the diamond from the sky, rehabilitate himself and then seek out Esther in secret and wed her now possessed Arthur.

Among Arthur's many extravagances which the lax administration of estates in Virginia permitted, a scapegoat heir was the buying of a costly French automobile. It was a day when automobiles were rarities and luxuries, and the young spendthrift of Stanley hall had preceded himself with the thought that he would be the first to own an automobile in all Fairfax county.

Arthur reasoned that Blair, who he supposed was lying dead in the grave that had been dug for another, would not be found till perhaps noon. Even then they might not connect his tragic death with the broken guitar and the other signs of struggle in the doctor's garden.

Meanwhile the dawn had come and Esther, who had been aroused at the pistol shots, was in great agitation and alarm. Comforted and encouraged by the first glimpse of dawn, she had descended to the lower hall of the house. The door of the doctor's study stood ajar and she glanced within.

There in the dim light of the morning sun filtering through the window shades she saw the doctor in his dressing gown stretched limply across a table. She touched his cheek to assure him and found it cold. Those pale lips, kindly even in death, could never keep their promise to tell her who and what she was "on the morrow." Here it was the morrow, and the lips that could tell were cold in death.

Highwaymen tried to take \$5000 in ransom from Dr. Amos Squire at Tarrytown, N.Y.

**THREE STATES AGAINST VOTES FOR WOMEN**

New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania Defeat New Proposals.

New York, Nov. 3.—Women suffrage was defeated yesterday in all three states as the proposition was submitted to the voters—New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

In this state the figures at midnight indicated that the suffrage amendment had been beaten by at least 200,000 votes, with the five boroughs of New York City and the up-state counties about equally strong in supporting the overwhelmingly adverse verdict.

In Massachusetts the majority against was more than 100,000, villages, towns and great cities returning figures of about 2 to 1 against the suffrage proposition. Boston, like this city, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, voted heavily against the gallantly aspiring women.

In Pennsylvania, where suffrage received considerable support in the rural counties, the Republican organization, swinging state and big cities, smothered the suffragists. The count of votes was so slow that no accurate estimates could be supplied, but the opinion was that Pennsylvania had voted down suffrage by at least 150,000.

**DIVORCED FROM POLITICS**

Everywhere the vote on suffrage seemed to be cast quite irrespectively of party lines or affiliations. Communist and Democratic officials turned a cold shoulder to the suffragists. Communities that elected Republican officials calmly rolled up a large vote against the proposition and had given the voters the privilege of voting. Right and left in big cities and in the countryside, suffrage was roughly handled.

The first great drive of the equal suffragists in the closely populated States of the east resulted in the rout predicted by political observers. New York followed positively in the footsteps of New Jersey and Massachusetts followed New York. If the majority in this State is increased beyond 200,000, as was anticipated last night, the movement has met with a worse defeat here than across the Hudson, where it went down on October 19 by 150,000.

The suffrage leaders would not admit that the verdict against them had been so crushing. They had been outlined above. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt insisted that the antis had carried this State by 137,000 only, that Massachusetts had lost by 85,000 and that Pennsylvania's results would not be so discouraging as at first indicated. On the other hand, the antis, having access to press accreditation upon official returns, claimed 200,000 majority in New York, 100,000 in Massachusetts and at least 150,000 in Pennsylvania.

**NEW YORK CITY ANTI.**

In this city as elsewhere the suffrage vote was counted only after the returns on individual candidates were canvassed, which process delayed complete figures, but at midnight enough had been received from the five boroughs of Greater New York to indicate that the majority against suffrage in the city would be not short of 100,000.

At midnight Manhattan was apparently 32,400 against the suffrage amendment; King's 41,200 against, Queen's 7,500 against, the Bronx 10,000 against and Richmond 1,500 against. Since early in the night the anti-majority had been mounting slowly. Where it seemed about 75,000 at 8 p.m., it appeared to be close upon 100,000 a few hours later. The suffragists were especially disappointed at the showing made in Brooklyn and in the upper part of Manhattan.

Rumors revived last night that despite protestations of neutrality, both Tammany and the Republican organization secretly intrigued against the cause. More than half of the election districts in Greater New York, 1,120 out of 2,079, showed a majority against suffrage of 96,000.

The returns from the up-state counties, where the antis had spread their efforts widely, and where they had made a special appeal against votes for women on the ground that "woman's place was in the home," were saddening to the suffrage leaders. One county after another sent in a majority against them.

The good order maintained at practically every polling place was a most agreeable feature of the election. There was little brawling, there were few attempts at fraud. The number of arrests made in the 12 hours the polls were open was astonishingly small when a previous history of elections is kept in mind. But pleasant even than these features were the general air of courtesy and politeness shown at nearly all of the polling places. The policemen had little to do. This state of affairs was attributed, rightly or wrongly, to the presence of women watchers at the polls. The most confirmed opponents of woman suffrage had to admit that

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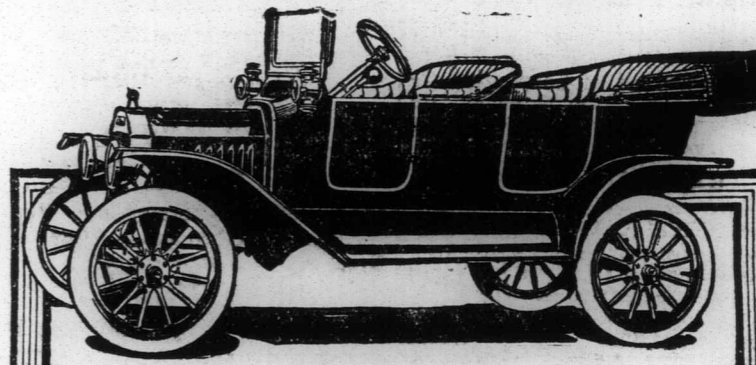
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