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The Diamond From the Sky

By ROY L. McCARDELL

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CHAPTER XXII.
To Seek Her Lover!

WHEN Blair returned to Richmond his mother received him with remarkable cordiality, considering the conditions under which he had left both Fairfax and Richmond. Abe Bloom, the gambling house keeper, and his brother, Ike Bloom, the pawnbroker, received him with a cold, businesslike indifference, which was rather strange when it was remembered what both these gentlemen had endured at the hands of Blair.

But both the Blooms were so obsessed with the desire to secure the diamond for their own at any cost that they had casually remarked they were glad to see him and to "let bygones be bygones."

Blair's mother had only shown one touch of bitterness in her conversation with him alone upon his return. This was when she had informed him that the price of the silence of the two Blooms and the detective, Tom Blake, had been her written agreement, which Blair must sign also, that the diamond from the sky must be relinquished to the Blooms if it ever came into the possession, legally or otherwise, of Blair Stanley or his mother.

As for Tom Blake, the detective, he seemed to have no scruples one way or the other, but kept his own counsel and worked diligently and silently for his clients, and them alone.

It did not seem to occur to the detective—at least, he gave no sign that it did—that he was compounding a felony in suppressing the evidence he had secured, which undoubtedly fastened the guilt of Dr. Lee's murder on Blair.

Mrs. Stanley had dismissed Vivian Marston from the matter, by simply stating to Blair that Abe Bloom had informed her that the vivacious individual in question had one, if not several, previous husbands prior to her marriage to Blair.

"The minister who married you to that creature has moved away from Richmond," said Blair's mother. "There are reasons not necessary to intrust you that make it desirable that you should marry Esther, Harding." Mrs. Stanley had added.

And Blair looked upon Esther and saw that she was fair, and, while his infatuation for Vivian was still strong, his unscrupulous mind dwelt with pleasure upon the thought that if he married Esther the fact might arouse the jealousy of Vivian.

If Vivian was a married woman, married other than to him, what would it matter if he married Esther? So Blair paid court to Esther.

Such were the threads in the web of destiny that were being woven around Esther in Richmond.

Abe Bloom wove for the diamond from the sky. In far Los Angeles his agent, the luxurious Vivian Marston, wove also for the diamond, but for herself. Perhaps Mr. Bloom surmised this, but if so he deemed he had the means that held her at his mercy.

Mrs. Stanley wove her web for some deep purpose of her own, deeper now than it ever had been. If she suspected Arthur's claims to the Stan-

ley heritages the earldom in England and the great diamond, so strangely missing, in America, were null and void, she said no word.

Blair thought only of his own desires, and so he wove also.

As for Detective Tom Blake, he helped the weaving, too, but whether he wove for Bloom or for Blair or for Blair's mother or for himself only Tom Blake knew.

In the far west a sheep herder who called himself John Powell had found an outlaw's stolen plunder under the skeleton of a horse in the desert. Few who knew Arthur Stanley, the light and reckless young master of Stanley hall, near Fairfax, Va., would have recognized in this bronzed and shabby sheep herder the dashing scapgrace who had been suspected of murder.

But John Powell no longer thought of himself as Arthur Stanley. His cheeks burned with shame at the recollection of all the years he had squandered a heritage not his. He was a

gypsy changeling and impostor. Back in Fairfax, let them think him a fugitive murderer, if they chose. He would bide his time and return a rich man, stand his trial, and, without implicating Blair, be cleared. He felt an added shame as he thought of Blair. Bad as Blair was, he, John Powell, Arthur Stanley that had been, had usurped his place. Blair was the rightful heir of Stanley. He, as John Powell, would make a name and fortune for himself, and Blair all in good time might have the Stanley earldom and the diamond from the sky.

And then John Powell's thoughts would turn to Esther. Was she his sister, or was she, too, a changeling? He thought of Hagar and his heart hardened. She was his mother, but she had wrought bitterness and woe.

John Powell carefully laid out his plans. He hid the outlaw treasure beneath some sheltering rocks in the desert. He took but a few hundred dollars in patience until the hue and cry after such of the train robbers as had escaped with their lives had died down. It was thought the survivors had gotten away with the plunder. Only the funder knew this plunder had fallen under a drying horse in the desert.

John Powell resolved he would relinquish his employment as an ill paid

sheep herder in the next month and take the stolen treasure with him and make it the capital on which to found a great fortune in the bustling west. He saved his conscience with the thought that when he had built up John Powell's vast fortune he would return the stolen money to the express company anonymously.

Meanwhile Luke Lovell journeys eastward again. But he cannot travel as Blair Stanley and other fortunates with money travel. Luke Lovell returns by freight. But in the desert and the trainmen throw him from his place on the bumpers and mock him as, bruised and sore, he rises in the desert dust to curse them as the freight train bears them on.

Down the endless miles of railroad track, across the dusty desert, he staggers. Blinded by the sun, choking and burning with thirst and half delirious, he tumbles from the track and makes his way, fevered with delirium, across the trackless desert.

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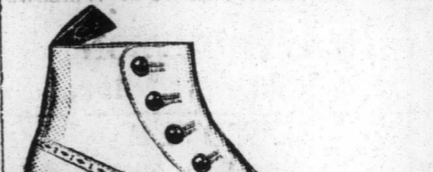
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