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The Crimson Slipper.

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(Continued.) "Yes," she said with a sudden flush and a slight shudder. "He was an Englishman and a man of local standing. I don't think he was at the big house all Monday, and he came to my room often to work on the paper. He was worse than the two foreigners, worse even than the terrible old miller."

"And he shall have a worse punishment," Howell cried, with his eyes glowing. "Miss Denzell, I promise you your revenge! Mr. Duncan, that man, the master of the house, was the man who murdered Roger Danvers."

"I sprang up with a startled exclamation, not for the news he told, but because Mary Denzell, with a low, wailing, sob had fainted away. "My fault, my fault," said Howell, sorrowfully. "I forgot for the moment that the fellow's hands had touched her."

"I'll not be very much mistaken there's a few burning in your kitchen, sir, for I can see smoke from the chimney stack; and if that smoke a cup of your man's coffee I can do with it."

"The train had deposited us in the straight run before the bend, fortunately, and coming up the moor without encountering a soul we had between us somehow brought Mary Denzell to with in sight of the house."

"The door of my house opened before I reached the bell and Minton stood on the threshold, with the peculiar air he always had when he was full of meat. "Welcome home to you, sir, and the lady," he said; "and welcome to you too, Mr. Howell. Breakfast will be ready when desired."

"I am a true prophet, sir; I saw Mrs. Foreman said to me last night, 'The master hasn't got the ore and trap, and he can't get here till the week-end, but I saw, 'Whether it's a horse or whether it's a train or a hair-pin, the table will be laid at five; and I put my hand on Minton's shoulder and patted it. It was a trivial matter, but it pleased me, and I suggested to Mary Denzell that she should see to it that she was ready to receive her guests."

"I'll show you the advantage of having a professional man at your elbow, sir. You can't send that little post-office clerk in the office with a 439 sorting mail. I make it my business always to get pally with the clerks who take early duty. If that wire goes to the back door with a message from me it will be put through at once. If you'll give me a pen, sir, I'll take a copy of the cipher and write a line for my friend."

"I saw immediately that he was right. I had not been so preoccupied with my own feelings as to fail to notice that the wire was for love."

"Now," said Howell, triumphantly, "I'll show you the advantage of having a professional man at your elbow, sir. You can't send that little post-office clerk in the office with a 439 sorting mail. I make it my business always to get pally with the clerks who take early duty. If that wire goes to the back door with a message from me it will be put through at once. If you'll give me a pen, sir, I'll take a copy of the cipher and write a line for my friend."

"I handed him a pen, and he had just finished his task when Minton entered with the tray. "Now, sir, I must have a thoroughly reliable man for the job of substituting coffee and milk for the coffee and milk coffee amelia. I never smelt better in my life."

"We'll go to the cottage after we have eaten something, then," I suggested. Howell shook his head. "No, we must see Miss Halliday first," he asserted. "There's far more danger of the paper being removed at the hour of the morning."

"I saw that he was right, though I was impatient at the delay. "But will she speak before you?" I asked. "She must be made to," he answered. "What you require is an independent witness. Your line is that you don't want to hear her, and won't hear her at all, if it is not to be present. But that way, having a compeer she will insist on speaking, if I know anything about the sex."

"Howell," I said, "I believe you know the nature of the communication she is here to make. What did you mean by that?"

"I'll send it off as soon as the office closes," I replied. "I must write it myself," she answered. "It is a cipher message that I must send, but I hardly remember now, I'm so tired and my head is dazed."

"I went into the smoking-room and brought back some ferns, a pen, and a writing-pad. She thanked me, put the pen on her knee, and after thinking a moment wrote, 'Oxydanth, London, W.'"

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THE BIBLE, AND RUSSIA'S DEFEAT

By Rev. Dr. R. S. MacARTHUR, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City

Attempt to explain unfulfilled prophecies are usually fruitless speculations. It is not easy always to identify them before their fulfilment has taken place. The question has arisen frequently of late as to whether or not Russia has a place in these mysterious prophecies. There are interpreters who affirm that Russia is mentioned in at least two passages of Scripture—Ezekiel, xxxviii, and Ezekiel, xxxix, 1. The first passage reads, in the King James version: "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the chief prince of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal."

"Does 'Roah' Mean Russia? 'Magog, the prince of Roah, Meshech and Tubal.' This is the name usually employed for the head of a nomad tribe. The meaning in the three great Sythian tribes, of which 'Roah' is the first. Scholarly interpreters, among whom the learned Gesenius, consider it beyond doubt that 'Roah' is intended to be the tribe on the north of the Caucasus, the tribe taking its name from its neighborhood to the Rha, which is the Volga, and so, these interpreters affirm, we have in the name of the north an old name of the Roah or Russian native."

Other learned interpreters, however, identify the word 'Roah' with the word 'Ras' in the Koran. In a Latin chronicle, A. D. 899, we have the first certain mention of the Russians by this name. These interpreters make Meshech stand for Moscow, and Roah for Russia. If this interpretation be correct, it certainly is a most marvellously interesting. This early Biblical notice of a great empire, and its position in the Caucasus, is the solitary instance in Scripture of the mention of a great modern nation. It is most unfortunate that in the King James version the word 'Roah' does not appear; it does appear, however, in the Revised Version, in the American standard edition.

There are, of course, various explanations of the words Gog and Magog. The common opinion, however, is that they refer to a people who were to come from the north to invade the land of Israel and suffer defeat in that land. The names were generally understood to be natives of Asia, or more particularly of the Scythians or Sarmatians, who, it is believed, are in part at least the ancestors of the Russians of today. Some vague knowledge of these mysterious people had reached Palestine at the time of Ezekiel's prophecy. The words Gog and Magog are found in Revelation, ix, 8. Interpreters of this passage also believe that the terms refer to the Scythians who reside between the Caspian and the Buxine seas, or in the region of Mount Caucasus. According to Hebrew custom, the name Gog might include all the unknown barbarous tribes about the Caucasian Mountains. It is affirmed that great numbers of these people would be gathered together in battle—the numbers being as the sands of the sea.

The Meaning of Armageddon The question now arises as to what is meant by this battle, or series of battles. We know that the Russians were entirely right when he said:—"Scratch a Russian and you find Tartar." The Russians were overcome in 1222 by the invasion of Mongol tribes. In the battle on the banks of the Kalka, a tributary of the Sea of Azov, in 1224, the Russians were totally routed by the world-renowned conqueror, Genghis Khan. The Mongol invasion arrested the progress of Russian civilization and almost blotted out the nation. Russians intermingled with the Mongols; thus the Mongol strain came into Russian blood. Not until the time of Ivan III, who took his crown in 1462, did Russia throw off allegiance to the Mongol Khan. The Russians then, both geographically and ethnically, were distinctively Tartar tribes, and the descendants of the people introduced by Gog and Magog, Roah, Meshech and Tubal. All these interpretations look forward to a great battle in a place called in Hebrew Gogmagog, Armageddon. These interpreters find another identification for the Russians in Jeremiah, i, 14:—"Out of the north an evil shall break forth, upon all the inhabitants of the land."

as Japan is concerned, is the "Golden Opportunity." All our missionaries in China dread the dominance of Russia vastly more than the dominance of any heathen nation. Wherever Russia plants her foot, flowers of liberty, intelligence and true religion wither and die. Whether Russia be invited or not in Jewell's prophecy, she certainly is the evil breaking forth out of the north. Whether Manchuria be Armageddon or not, the overthrow of Russia there may well stand as a fulfilment of prophecies representing the overthrow of evil from whatever quarter it may come. The word Armageddon properly means "The Mountain of Megiddo," a city on the west of the River Jordan; but in the mystical language of prophecy the word mountain represents the church, and the stirring historical events which took place at Megiddo have a typical reference to the sorrow and triumph of the people of God under the Gospel. There have been many interpretations of the passage in the Book of Revelations. Some have referred the battle of Armageddon to the defeat of the Turkish power, or Mohammedanism. It certainly has been a great hindrance to the spread of the Gospel.

TO RUN SATURDAY TRIPS The directors of the Hampton & St. Martins Railway announce their intention of giving a service equal to that on the I. C. R. and a feature of their plan is to run Saturday evening excursions from St. John in connection with the Intercolonial. These they hope to start perhaps next week. The excursions tickets will include a trip from St. John to St. Martins Saturday evening and leave St. Martins Monday morning for the return of the Intercolonial. It is a meeting of the directors in St. Martins Thursday night W. E. Skillen was appointed general passenger and freight agent of the road and W. G. Scovell was elected a director in place of J. D. Titus, resigned. There were at the meeting F. M. Anderson, president of the company; W. E. Foster, vice-president; W. E. Skillen, secretary; J. Ernest Vaughan, Thomas McArthur and Hon. A. McKeown.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE The members of the Sons of Temperance in this city are looking forward with much interest to the mass meetings to be held under their auspices on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the York Theatre on Monday evening in the North End, and on Tuesday evening in the West End. The principal speaker will be ex-Councillor Michael Kelly, of St. Martins, who is just starting out on a second tour of these parts, in the interests of the work in this province. It is expected that large audiences will be attracted, especially on Sunday afternoon, to hear the blind orator, who has been a life-long worker in the cause of temperance. Arrangements for special music are being made.

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