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The Imprisoned Heiress
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The Spectre of Egremont.

CHAPTER XXVI

The blood spurted up from the wound he made, but he had not time to repeat it for the earl sprang up and confronted him, regarding him with fear and horror.

As the intruder recognized the man he had injured, he uttered a hoarse cry of dismay, and darted toward the door.

But the earl was determined that he should not escape.

Uttering a shriek that rang shrilly through the corridor, he sprang after the intended assassin, clutching his coat.

The man immediately turned at bay.

"Let me go," he said, menacingly in husky tones. "I tell you I'll kill you if you detain me."

He enforced his words with a stroke of his dagger that took effect in the earl's side, and caused him to relax his grasp and fall back in a chair.

The assassin again turned to flee.

But he was not soon enough. Lord Ashcroft, returning from his sister's room, and hearing Lord Egremont shriek, came in time to cut off his retreat.

The man tried to get past him, but sur hero, comprehending the situation at a glance, barred his progress in that direction, and put himself on the defensive, while the wounded earl pulled the bell-cord with strength born of frenzy.

The intruder seemed bewildered for a moment, and then he rushed upon Lord Ashcroft, endeavoring to stab him.

A fearful conflict ensued.

The sound of hurrying feet came from the corridors; the Lady Lorean's shrieks rang through the house, and at these signs of general confusion and coming rescue the masked intruder uttered a yell of despair.

The next moment the family and servants came pouring into the room.

Lady Egremont and Alexina were among the foremost, and both nearly fainted at the sight of the desperate assassin.

Seeing the danger, as the men-servants began to form a cordon around him, and as Lord Ashcroft retreated before him, the would-be murderer uttered another yell, so full of horror that it almost curdled the blood of the listeners, and then he dashed toward the window.

Before his purpose had been fairly divined he had plunged through the heavy glass, and precipitated himself upon the lawn below.

"After him!" said the earl, whose wounds had not been remarked. "Bring him up here, and unmask him in my presence."

Half a dozen servants rushed out to obey the command.

"Come here, Evelyn," then said the earl. "The fellow has nearly killed me. If I had only a doctor!"

The Heir to Beecham Park

CHAPTER I

"Din-din," said the child, nodding her head with its wealth of red-gold curls. "Mardie 'ungry. Mammie a din-din, too?"

The lady shivered.

"Yes, mammie will go to a pretty place, too," she answered hurriedly.

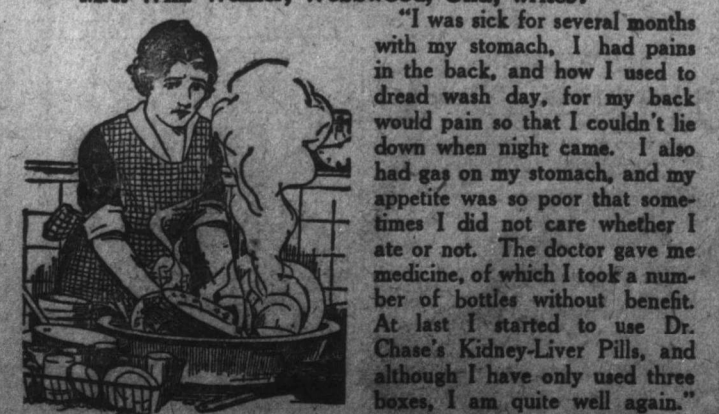
When they reached the cab, the doctor came up to them.

"If you will allow me to suggest, 'The Plow,' is the best hotel. I would come with you, but I must drive straight to the infirmary. Give me the child for a moment while you get in. She has lost her hat, poor little thing; but the town is not far off, and the best place for her will be in bed."

Mardie went willingly to the doctor's arms. She prattled to him about

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A Wise Discretion

It is said of Mr. Justice Avory that before he became a judge he defended more murderers than any other man living.

Naturally he knew a lot about criminals and their doings, and once when he was prosecuting a man on a charge of burglary the prisoner, incensed at something counsel had said regarding him, interjected angrily:

"Here, hold hard, gov'nor! You'll be accusing me of murder next."

Mr. Avory—as he then was—turned over a few papers which lay in front of him, and then, in his cold matter-of-fact manner, said:

"To which murder do you refer? I have here particulars of three in which you are alleged to have been concerned."

For the rest of the hearing the prisoner remained silent.



Swallowed a Screw

In an operation declared to be most unusual, a wood screw one and a half inches long was removed from one of the bronchial tubes of James McGinn, 18 months of age, Long Island.

The child had been suffering for days with what appeared to be broncha-pneumonia and was being treated by Dr. R. H. Shippey. Dr. Shippey yesterday decided there must be some irritating substance present and had an X-ray taken.

The screw disclosed, the operation was performed at Seaside Hospital by Dr. Albert Schurten and is apparently successful.

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For a great many years the medical profession realized the need for a more "direct" way to treat inflammation of the air passages commonly known as "colds." Medicines taken internally have to be first absorbed by the stomach and then pass into the blood.

A Chemist's Discovery.

Finally a chemist in the States found a way to combine Menthol, Campher, Thyme, Eucalyptus, Juniper Tar, and other time tested remedies in ointment form so that, when rubbed over the throat or chest for sore throat, chest colds, bronchitis, or croup, the ingredients are vaporized by the body heat.

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Post Office Made to Run Itself

Three Important Services Given Without Anyone on Duty.

A miniature automatic post office, which will supply three important services without anyone having to be on duty, has been built for the G.P.O., and is to be seen in the courtyard at St. Martin's-le-Grand.

Little bigger than a telephone box, it contains a letter box, a telephone and automatic stamp machines. The letter box is built into the back of the kiosk-like construction, and above it are the stamp machines. At night it will be lit on the top by a lantern displaying the words "Post Office," "Stamps," and "Telephone."

It is to be sent to Bath, where it will act day and night as substitute for a sub-office which is to be closed for reconstruction.

"The idea is not likely to be generally adopted," a G.P.O. official told a "Daily Chronicle" representative yesterday. "The kiosk, which is 3 1/2 ft. by 3 1/2 ft., and about 9 ft. high, would take up too much space on the pavements to be really practicable."

"At present we have no intention of making any more, this one having been built for its special purpose at Bath. If it is a success we might consider its adoption in other places where an office has to be closed for repairs."

He added that the booth is sound-proof, so that a person using the telephone will not be disturbed by anyone using the stamp machines.

Canada's Net Debt Increased

Owing to the heavy interest payments on the public debt, the total net debt of Canada increased by \$35,405,272 during the month of November. In the same month last year the increase in the net debt amounted to \$27,816,530. Decreases in revenue from customs and excise were responsible for the increase in the amount which was added to the debt in the month just past, as compared with the November, 1923, figures. The net debt of Canada is now

\$2,411,754,947. On November 30, 1923 it stood at \$2,414,641,424.

The statement covering the eight-month period which has just closed shows a falling off in ordinary revenue of more than \$39,000,000, when comparison is made with the figures for the eight months of the last fiscal year. Total ordinary revenue collected up to the end of November of the present year was \$240,330,000. Last year these collections amounted to \$279,743,989. The decrease in customs revenue during the eight months of this year, as compared with the eight-month period of 1923-24 was approximately \$10,000,000, and excise taxes showed a decrease of nearly \$30,000,000. Total customs revenue received up to November 30 of the present year was \$72,964,625, and total excise tax collections were \$55,588,848.

During the month of November alone, customs yielded \$8,218,746, as compared with \$9,534,482 in November, 1923, and excise tax collections amounted to \$7,697,436, as against \$11,327,747.

Total ordinary expenditure for the eight months elapsed was \$208,871,732, as compared with \$211,259,606 for the previous fiscal year.

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Bees Swarm at Sea

A swarm of bees, perhaps en route from Japan across the Pacific, settled on a boom of the steamship West Nornetum, which was well out from Yokohama, bound for Portland, Ore. This is the first case known to the steamer's captain of bees swarming on a vessel at sea.

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