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Yourself in His Place" he attacked the evils resulting from labor conditions. The elder Wardlaw appeared in produced.

"Foul Play" is based on the injus- ness into court, prevented by tice of British justice, which refused the law from going on the stand to let an accused man testify in his ert Penfold was as a man with a own behalf. This law stops the mouth scaled mouth, forced to let the proseof the hero, who is accused of forgery cution pile evidence against him. All and makes a felon of an innocent that his counsel succeeded in doing

be innocent. So the ease and dispatch note, knowing it to be forged. with which Robert Penfold was hur- His defense that he did not know it strange.

was 22 years old when he was sent trouble, to Oxford to read for a degree, his father having decided that the old was an university man. suspected the young man, though he was a university man. head was a university man.

years as clerk in his father's office. stead a preponderating amount of out a word. greed and cunning. It was lucky for him that his private tutor was the brilliant university men of his day.

scientious by nature, was the more that had been done him made him zealous in the case of Arthur Ward-doubt even his Bible, and when he law because his father, old Michael was sent at last to the penal colony Penfold, had been cashier for the of New South Wales he was bitter When the Rev. Mr. Penfold learned justice from his selfish, ignoble human was insured for only £8,000. The down with the snip. After a decade it was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for Wardlaw's visit to was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for Wardlaw's visit to was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for Wardlaw's visit to was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for Wardlaw's visit to was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for Wardlaw's visit to was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for Wardlaw's visit to was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for Wardlaw's visit to was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for Wardlaw's visit to was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for Wardlaw's visit to was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for Wardlaw's visit to was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for wardlaw which it evidently never the chief reason for wardlaw which it evidently never the chief reason for wardlaw which it evidently never the chief reason for wardlaw was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for Juan chief reason for wardlaw which it evidently never the chief reason for wardlaw was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for the chief reason for wardlaw was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for the chief reason for wardlaw was decided that the best chance was his daughter had set off for the chief reason for wardlaw was decided that the best chance was high the chief reason for the chief reason for the chief reason for the chief reason for the chief re ber of the firm and to have the relns This bitterness of thought and soul get his degree he did not content him- and sinking him into a condition self with giving the young man mere- where he was unable to hope for bet-

to curb young Wardlaw's wild courses, er for the governor of the colony, Gen. although he did not know what ex-Rolleston. travagant expenditures the young felthreatened with expulsion. This meant ruin to him. His father never would forgive him, especially as it would lead to a discovery of his debts, most of quietly out of the funds of the firm as soon as he should have them in

In this emergency Robert Penfold threw all his influence into the case, and after days of desperate effort succeeded in saving his pupil. Soon afterward Wardlaw passed his examina-

his hands.

debts. The other six hundred you break and there is no compromise. may have, and you can pay them back to us in easy installments."

Robert Penfold was deeply touched Arthur Wardlaw hurried to London and asked his father to make the loan. That gentleman declined instantly saying that it was not busi-

Young Wardlaw was hard hit by the though, to do him justice, he was eager enough to repay his great obligation to the tutor in some way. There was a more serious side to the matter. The £1.400 that he had expected to get out of the transaction were needed by him desperately. They were to cover debts that must be paid at all could not resist a grean, though his hazards before there could be any dis-

He reflected quickly. Within a few name to a note now he would be in law. power by the time it was presented.

A few days afterward a stranger called tion that Wardlaw had been guilty of on the young clergyman and said that some deep though unimaginable he had been sent by Wardlaw, who treachery toward him. The convicwas ill. He produced a note signed by tion had grown till he hated his foraddress of a bill discounter who would against the fate that had overwhelmcash it.

The young clergyman did so and locked up the money in a cupboard to and kept himself out of sight till the wait till Wardlaw should arrive. That hated man had again returned to evening three detectives appeared England. Then he was found by a with a warrant charging him with detective who gave him a little note forgery. Certain that there was a from Helen, in which she informed mistake, Penfold was willing to go him that in return for his services disgrace maddened him and he fought firm of White & Co. his captors with all the strength of a famous university athlete.

The note broker had observed a trivial irregularity in the note and had gone to Mr. Wardlaw's house to call his attention to it. Phus an unforeseen accident brought about the discovery of the forgery at once

Penfold's desperate resistance put him into a bad position. His total in- ployed to ship an enormously valuable der and raised her huge stern clear lung trouble. She sailed before me ficult matters. He loaded the cutter ability to explain the mystery made cargo on two vessels that belonged from the sea. his defense almost absurd. He could only say that he had been promised Proserpine, eighteen immense cases of God!" broke from the boatswain. The ror on the general. His face became painted on the rocks of the outer reef the money and therefore had every gold dust and ingots, insured for Proserpine, diving into the sea, showed livid. He cried: "The Proserpine!" in huge letters, visible far at sea: reason to accept the note even though £160,000, were to be carried to the two great splintered holes in her run, and fell forward on the table with a it was brought to him by a total London house. The other, the Shan- just below the water line.

Almost all of Charles Reade's novels the forgery was discovered, became were novels with a purpose. In "Put dangerously ill with a brain fever be-

"Very Hard Cash" was founded on court, swore that the signature was a abuses among private lunatic asylums. forgery, and swore that his son, who "It's Never Too Late to Mend" was was not expected to live, had declared before he became unconscious such an attack on the British prison that he knew nothing of the note. He system that years after its first added that Penfold had applied to him dramatization there was almost a riot through young Wardlaw for the loan in the London theater where it was of two thousand pounds, which has been refused.

Unable to bring his only wit-

was to put a famous expert on the stand, who proved to the satisfaction In Charles Reade's time trials were of all that the forgery of John Wardsummary; and a criminal charge car- law's name could not have been done ried with it a strong presupposition of by Penfold. The Government assentthe accused man's guilt, despite the charge, but pressed for conviction on legal fiction that he was presumed to the second charge of uttering a forged

ried to the dock and thence to the was forged was quite unconvincing. prison was neither unusual nor Who could have any object in forging a note by which another was to benefit? Of course nobody even dreamed of suspecting Arthur Wardlaw, whose Arthur Wardlaw, son of the great illness was generally understood to London merchant, John Wardlaw, be due to grief over his friend's Not even Penfold himself

Arthur already had served seven was sentenced to penal servitude. He He had forgotten most of his Greek gave one frightful cry and then perand Latin and had accumulated in- initted himself to be led away with-

For one long year he was herded with miscreants of every type in a Rev. Robert Penfold, one of the most convict hulk. His associates could not affect his brilliant mind or de-The young clergyman, intensely con- grade his strong nature, but the wrong house of Wardlaw for many years, against all the world and hopeless of

ly a course of instruction, but went ter things, unable to be aught but to his room at all hours and forced brood on the black past, when he was nature of the cargo of the Proserpine, Wylie had change lifted from it by obtaining a ticket-

Amid the flowers and plants that he low was making. Finally for a worse loved something of the old Robert freak than usual young Wardlaw was Penfold awoke in him. He spent his days, from dawn till night, in simple. indefatigable labor. He took up his reading again. He applied to the genwhich he had counted on paying James Seaton, and completed the eral for leave to change his name to change from his hated past by grow-

changed him utterly. Soon a new interest was added to despite its pain. He fell in love with her disposal. the general's daughter Helen, al-Protesting everlasting gratitude, the existence of such a humble crea-

my father's partner at once. I have he well knew, but it was a heavenly erpine. arranged that the firm is to lend you madness, and his nature was like all, Penfold's passion now began to over-£2,000, of which you will let me have strong natures—when they yield, they power him. On the night before the £1,400 to pay some very pressing do so like giants. The flood gates day of sailing he found himself on the and kissed her reverently.

and could hardly express his thanks. garden with a pistol. His vigil was the traitor, should be married to the badly hurt that he lay in the hos- resolution. pital for weeks.

unexpected refusal. It was not Robert flowers and delicacies for him. One shaven clergyman came alongside and this time. I see the Shannon is in, her quick woman's with she soon their eyes at once, and in three hours morning when he was almost well the presented an order for passage made so your gold is safe. I had luck in perceived that he loved her. There-that ship will be at anchor and you—that his false friend was the forger.

With that converted was the forger. tress' fiance had arrived from England Hazel. for a visit, and she mentioned his name.

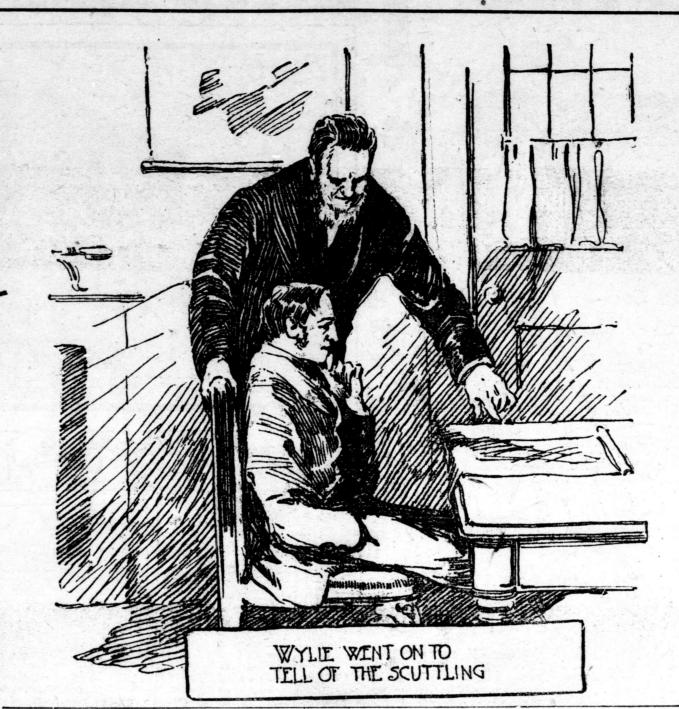
On learning that Helen was engagown love was so hopeless, but when he heard the name of the man the knowledge became insupportable to weeks at the most he would be head him and he felt as if he would go of the firm. If he signed his father's mad. The man was Arthur Ward-

In his two years of brooding Pen-He said nothing to Robert Penfold, fold gradually had gained the convic-John Wardlaw for £2,000, got Pen- mer pupil with the concentrated hatfold to indorse it and gave him the red that had formed in his heart

ed him. He disappeared from the hospital with them at once; but when they she had obtained for him the office of tried to force handcuffs on him the shipping clerk with the great Sidney

That firm soon felt that it had obtained a treasure in James Seaton. He had nothing left but work, and he threw himself into it with all his great energy and intelligence. Before long he was in almost full charge of a

great part of the business. One day White & Co. were em.



metal.

Wylie, that he did not like. The man as he could. had loitered suspiciously about the to tamper with the cases.

Wardlaw, directing that the ladies' Rolleston's father. his life-a hopeless one, but sweet cabin on the Shannon be placed at

Seaton had discovered that the Shanthe general's daughter Helen, allow and the general the general that the general the general that the gener Arthur Wardlaw said: "You have told ture as James Seaton, ticket-of-leave leston. That young woman had me that you want to buy that living man. He gazed at her day after day promised here fiance implicitly near Oxford, but cannot do so with- from a distance. He cut the choicest to sail on the Shannon. To keep her out £600. As you know, I shall be flowers for her. It was madness, as word, she decided to sail on the Pros-

wharf staring with wild and bloodshot One night he discovered that a gang eyes at the ship that was to bear her announced. For a second Wardlaw tion that the ship had been souttled, board." of convicts were plotting to rob the away. He groaned. He felt himself turned pale. Then he recovered him- and Penfold recorded their affidavits house. Thereafter he slept in the going insane. That Arthur Wardlaw,

Each day Helen's maid arrived with was weighing anchor, a tall, smooth- aboard, is down at the bottom, too, by and awed by his unselfishness. With Penfold. "The bonfire will attract young woman told him that her mis- out in the name of the Rev. John that job, too. I managed to hide fore it impressed her all the more you will be rescued."

It was inevitable that the two, being maintain rigidly the position of one lead and cor who shows a fellow-passenger such

The ship was well in the South Pacific and distant about a thousand miles from Robinson Crusoe's island of heard a conversation between the mate wouldn't do such a job again!" and the captain that told him that they planned to scuttle the vessel.

word went forth that there was a leak. about anything except his own hide. frained so steadfastly. The water gained fast. The boats were Almost from the beginning he had She told him about her health. He Miss Rolleston.

Wylie, the mate and the rest of the the captain. When that worthy at last asked. "Why, where is Helen?" came on deck he was crazed with drink. He declared wildly that he would

stranger. He could not produce any non, was to carry forty cases of exproof, for young Wardlaw, who had actly equal dimensions, containing inhidden himself away in terror when gots of lead and copper. This cargo ter. He evidently had been sucked had happened—that the Proserpine On

Sydney had been to arrange for this to run for Juan Fernandez, although Fernandez, which it evidently never of government as soon as he should was fast robbing him of all incentive shipment and to provide elaborate nobody knew just what its bearings had reached. The old warrior gripped safeguards to insure the safety of the were. The boats thereupon bore north- the table and bowed his head under east, and the cutter ran so all night. the blow without one word. Penfold, or Seaton, had charge of When morning came the long boat was the case. Arthur broke down com-

> and even took pains to see them safe changed his course completely, and for a long voyage. In a week General I am by," and put her shoulder unaboard the vessel. There was some- after fifteen days at sea was picked up. Rolleston was steaming down the der his arm. thing about the actions of the mate, He made his way to England as fast channel to search the South Pacific.

> warehouses, and he more than sus- the mouth of the Mersey at the same sound on a gloriously beautiful island friendship; for who was he, a convict, pected the sailor of having attempted moment with a big ship. Wylie looked in the Pacific-safe and sound, but at her. She was the Shannon.

ing a wonderful silky beard that returned to the office to find that Miss ger, a tall, noble-looking soldier, in weeks. Long before the end of that loving her from afar; yet he had left Rolleston had presented a letter from whom Wylie did not recognize Miss time hunger and thirst had nearly untried no means that keen brain or wardlaw, directing that the ladies' Rolleston's father.

Rolleston had presented a letter from whom Wylie did not recognize Miss time hunger and thirst had nearly untried no means that keen brain or and discovered that they reported to

A little while later, Arthur Wardlaw, sitting in his office in London, to distill some water with a bottle and day as in heaven. Indeed, the island received a telegram: "Have arrived, a rubber bag; but the crude apparatus was fast becoming the world for A smile of great joy came over his replace it. face and transfigured it. Whatever else might be his faults, he loved Helen of the rum and decided to kill the last of the ducks had been liberated, Rolleston with a perfect and unselfish girl. Two sailors stood by Penfold. they saw a cloud of smoke on the devotion. He opened a little morocco In the fight two of the attacking party horizon. case that was on his desk surrounded were killed, but the two loyal men alby a silver rail. The exquisite face of so got their death wounds. The other

self and ordered him admitted.

The next day, just as the Proserpine a young woman that was passengers inspired by his heroism in the boat in the warehouse one evening. They when his every action after they locked me in and gave me the whole landed showed her that he would make the only passengers on the ship, should, night to myself. By the time morn- no advances and that she had to fear light the pile." be thrown together more or less; but ing came all the gold was in boxes nothing from him. ed to be married the unfortunate man the clergyman took great pains to marked for the Shannon and all the He found a cave for her, while

had been in hell before you put your tience. Juan Fernandez, when Hazel over- But for all the gold in Victoria I his attitude became still more re-

safe game. crew got into the long boat. Both craft story before the door opened and dis- soon she found no trouble in breathing set sail, and stood slowly along with closed-General Rolleston. Wardlaw and began to grow strong and brown. the sinking Proserpine, waiting for leaped up with a glad cry. Then he while her step was no longer drag-"Helen?" said the general in sur-

prise. "Helen is not with me. I fol- island was rich in fruits and game not desert his ship. Suddenly the discovered that for years she had been water. Food, therefore, was abundvessel lurched, dipped her bow un- hiding from me the fact that she had ant, and he had time for more dif-

face working fearfully.

was insured for only £8,000. The down with the ship. After a debate it had sunk at sea and the cutter with

The old merchant came from At that very moment Helen Rolles-

were safe aboard the Proserpine, and the Shannon was landing her passen-drifted and sailed for more than two her till the end of days, serving her, had kept up their courage by all sorts bring deliverance to her. of expedients. He even had managed From this time on he passed every

the girl smiled out at him. He stopped sailor went mad and leaped into the The next moment Wylie was they insisted on making their declara-

suspected something, a clergyman and Penfold more and more. She had been straining for a glimpse of it.

lead and copper was in the Prosper- himself slept in the boat, just far enough away so that he could hear her Then he went on to tell of the scut- should she call. He made the cave courtesies as are her due. In their conversations, however, he betrayed thing. When he got to the part where wonderful with mother-of-pearl shells laked in just the right places. Light venture. He rush fitted her out for placed in just the right places. Light so wide and great a knowledge on al- the boats parted company he burst which were found in prodigious quanmost all subjects that Helen Rolleston and the same exceedingly interested in lad to do it and see it and think of fruits, the best fish and birds that soon became exceedingly interested in had to do it and see it and think of fruits, the best in skill and pa-

hand to such work! That two thous- Each day she marveled more and and pound that you promised me for more at his knowledge, his resourcethe job was more than I could resist. fulness and his strength. Each day spectful, and, as was natural, each Wardlaw smiled coldly at his out- day she began to think a little more burst. He had been playing a desper- of this admirer who might so easily Before he could decide on action the ate game for too many months to care have urged his cause and who re-

ordered over and provisioned. Hazel mismanaged the affairs of Wardlaw & started at once to give her a course looked after Miss Rolleston and gath- Son. He had gone into colossal spec- of treatment based on his reading of ered all the articles that he could ulation and had lost. This daring in- the new medical teachings about conthink of as being of possible use in surance swindle would put him on his sumption and lung troubles. He made such an emergency. These he put in- feet again, and then, he swore, he rich broths for her and forced her to to the cutter into which he helped would not speculate again, but play a live almost entirely in the air and the sun. This and the wonderful climate Wylie had scarcely finished his of the island worked wonders. Very

ging and listless. Penfold worked incessantly. The lowed her after she sailed because I discovered that for years she had been hiding from me the fact that she had lung trouble. She sailed before me on the Proserpine."

Arthur Wardlaw fixed a gaze of hormal large fact that he had discovered, and any she fact that he had discovered, and posit that he had discovered painted on the rocks of the outer reef large factors.

Ing she had come to believe blindly, had said that Arthur Wardlaw was on board. Confronted with the issue between the two, her heart spoke in a lunatic asylum. As soon as her Majesty's Government had kindly pardoned Robert Penfold for ventions fell away. She knew that she loved this man of her island dearly the committed he wedding there came a gift for his bride. It was a draft for fis,000 from the Yankee

> AN ENGLISH LADY WRECKED HERE.

> On another line of rocks he wrote:

BEWARE OF THE REEFS.

without sighting the island.

far more difficult problem-how to and he had found a message tied to send to the outer world the informa- its leg.

through all the days in the open their eyes saw the giant inscription on boat. This would enable him to get the reef. the longtitude. The lattitude he could get partially by guess and partially by on her way home to England, with Helen some calculations.

In a few days he had his problem worked out on bits of bark with ink Rolleston and Helen the story of his trial. made from cochineal insects and tree Helen had thrown her arms around him With this same scarlet ink he wrote messages on pieces of parchment-like material made from a seal's must not marry a convict. bladder and tied them up in water-

tight packages. he covered with rushes. With this he repaired to a lagoon where wild duck. congregated. Slipping the hoop over his body he waded very slowly toward the birds and at last managed to get near enough to one to selze it by the leg.

His problem was solved. That day the first bird took to the air, bearing Penfold. Overcome as he was by the inon its leg the intelligence that an English lady was cast away on an unknown island in longitude 103 degrees 30 minutes west, and between the thirty-third and twenty-sixth parallels of south latitude.

lagoon and caught a duck or two. sons. But in his cunning he overreached Every time he liberated one he noticed that it always flew to the eastward, and never tried to settle again on the vent her from setting dangerous investiisland; thus he felt that there was a chance that at least one bird might all the documents that she might want. ultimately fall into the hands of some Therefore he went so far as even to have intelligent person on the mainland. | a printer set up accounts of the trial that

break to catch another couple when ne forged clippings, of course, Penfold's case, knees and found that he was lamed

Wylie had changed his mind during his retirement to take the helm for running to his side and asked what He went further, and did his best of-leave and being appointed gardenof curb young Wardlaw's wild courses, of the governor of the colony, Gen. Were in the custody of White & Co., the sailing track. He therefore had steam sloop Springbok was prepared to take the nem to

He looked at her in surprise and his eyes began to fill. Until now he had The vessel that carried him reached ton and Robert Penfold were safe and served her without expecting even to expect it? He would have given cut hopelessly off from the world. everything to let things remain as He breathed more freely when they When Wylie was landed at the pier Like Wylie's boat, the cutter had they were—to be on this island with

> piness, when one evening just before At last the men drank what was left sunset, about two months after the

"It is a steamship," said Penfold. 'It is coming for you. Steamships never visit these waters by chance. sea. Before the two loyal men died ship has come for you. Your affianced husband, Arthur Wardlaw, is on

announced. For a second Wardlaw tion that the ship had been sentuled, and Penfold recorded their affidavits and signatures in his prayer book.

The man lost no time. "Well, sir,"

When the little boat came in sight with the light as it was, she would pass the low lying island without be
That is the forger!" cried the expert. The stranger was Robert Penfold. He had spent weeks of misery on the island after he had seen the last of the bad wanship that bore Helen away. He had wandered from place to place where she had garden with a pistol. His vigil was the traitor, should be married to the rewarded. He beat off the attack. He beautiful, worshiped girl was more said he, "the job's done, and nobody of an island at last Hazel and Helen pass the low lying island without being able to sight it, though no doubt letter in her cave. At last hazel and the letter in her cave. At last hazel and her letter in her cave hazel and h two others, but he himself was so to a desperate, unreasonable, crazed bottom and them that might have Helen had learned to depend on there were many eyes on board

"Quick! Help me to the hill!" said

"Give me the torch," said Helen. "You cannot climb up the hill. I will so

"Thank you! Thank you!" Penfold. To light that bonfire was as mained only the task of discovering the bitter as death to him. He was glad reason. enough that she should do it herseif. "There are eight bundles of straw

each one."

While she was gone Penfold retired provisions. to the cave to prepare the evening make him rich. During his explorations meal, for both were faint from hunger, After a long time, Helen returned and sat down. The two looked at each other in silence. They tried to eat,

There was none. All was dark. He turned to look at Helen. "I have not lighted it at all," said she. She hid her blushing face in her low had fallen into evil

The vessel that had thus been allowed to pass in the darkness was indeed the Springbok, passing close to the island, though quite by chance. She had been cruising more than four months without finding anything to Next day Arthur Wardlaw appeared in old Penfold's rooms in response to a mes-

Had Helen even imagined that her lapsed and admitted everything father was on board searching for They allowed Wardlaw to esca her, she would have lit the bonfire at once. But Penfold, whose reasoning she had come to believe blindly, but Arthur Wardlaw was an at least a solution of the law. But he did not enjoy his freedom long. His mind, weakened by years and the solution of the law.

As for him—now that she was content to spend her days there, the island was Paradise indeed with the land was Paradise indeed with the land was Paradise indeed with the sun shining down on it and the ocean of Godsend Island.

smiling up "the world forgetting; by the world forgot."

He made a map of the place and But the Springbok, steaming north erected great signals on top of the with her disheartened crew, fell in tallest trees. On the highest hill he presently with a sea gypsy, half pirpiled a huge quantity of wood, whose ate, half trader, who haunted the flame would surely shine over many South American coast in his disreputmiles of sea, should a vessel approach able craft. He had run far up from his usual course to find the Spring-But all this time his brain was bok, of whose quest he knew; for a busy with a still more important and duck had flown aboard of his schooner

tion that Helen Rolleston was on the The Springbok ran northward 400 island. One day it came to him like miles along the 103rd degree, 30 min., drifting by night. Then she ran south Helen happened to tell him that 500 miles. On the eighth day, a sailor she had kept her watch wound cried "Land ho!" Three hours later

Before that sun set the Springbok was Roleston aboard-but without the Rev. John Hazel. That man had told General and vowed that she would not leave him, but Robert Penfold had insisted that she

"Go to England," said he, "and win Then he made a great hoop which whole story. And promise me not to marry Arthur Wardlaw till you have reversed that lying sentence that blasted me. I shall wait here alone."

"I, too, pledge my hand to help," said the general. "You are a noble fellow." On her arrival in England, Helen told Arthur Wardlaw honestly that she loved formation, he refused to give her up and held her to her plighted word. Then she told him that she could not marry him until he had cleared Penfold's name. He assented with apparent eagerness, and explained his inability to appear at the Day after day he waded into the trial with what seemed convincing reahimself.

He calculated that the best way to pregations on foot was to supply her with He had sent out forty-eight ducks, looked exactly as if they were elippings and was rising, as usual, before day- from newspapers of the time. In these

was set forth in the worst aspect. His plans were excellent, but something by an attack of rheumatism, due, no happened that he could not foresee. Helen doubt, to his long immersions. He met the counsel who had prosecuted Pendoubt, to his long limited tools and fold for the crown. With quick decision

began to whittle a crutch.

At that moment Helen, who always had a secret eye upon him, came had a secret eye upon him, came the romance, the keen lawyer took up her cause with real interest. He told Helen that Penfold's counsel had made a sad error in not insisting on a postpon till Wardlaw could attend as w "There was something mysterious about the thing," said he, "though my side of the case was clear enough."

The next day he sent to her Burt, the scattend Vard detective who had worked

Scotland Yard detective who had up the case and arrested the clergyman.

The detective, far from feeling malice, The detective, far from feeling malice, had conceived a great respect for the hard-hitting ability of his prisoner, and was willing to do all in his power.

Chance, or rather Arthur Wardlaw, helped him before twenty-four hours were over. He had not been on the case a day over. He had not been on the case a day when he found that Helen was being shadowed by

That simple discovery not only rendered useless all the deception with which Arthur Wardlaw had surrounded Helen during the three months since her arrival in England, but it turned those very ceptions into instruments for his detection. The same handwriting expert who had sworn in favor of Penfold at his trial iscovered at once that the clippings were

forgeries. Still, even with Wardlaw thus unmasked they seemed far from discovering who had forged the note. They were at a standstill, while the expert compared the facsimile of the forged note which he had made at the time with signature effort. made at the time with signature after signature, without stumbling on a clew, till one night a sunburned stranger came to him, laid before him a letter signed "Arthur Wardlaw," and asked him to

letter in her cave-Arthur Wardlaw's letter to her. First he had tossed it out of his sight. Then, with the jealousy of a man madly in love, he had looked at it again. Suddenly the signature stood out before his eyes as if in letters of fire. Then came to him the blinding realization With that conviction tearing away the doubt and puzzle of years, there came the next realization, which might picious. In that moment he ent he felt sure that the Proserpine had been scuttled

Robert Penfold decided on a desperate venture He rushed to the cutter and fitted her out for a long voyage. lashed strips of buoyant, cork-like wood to her sides, and laid in a great stock of

He also put in enough gems and gold to other in silence. They tried to eat, but could not. After an hour of this through seven days of perfect seas, and then fell in with a Yankee trader, who not only took him into Valparaiso, but contracted with him to work the island on equal shares.

posted with all speed to England and arrived just in time. He had hardly landed before he found Wylie. That fel-She hid her blushing face in ner low had ranen into evil ways. He had hands, and then suddenly fled from tried drink to extinguish the memory of his crime. It had only broken his nerve nim like the wind.

The vessel that had thus been al- to face with Penfold, who knew all, he

arouse hope, and she was then steering for a higher latitude, intending to call at Easter Island.

Had Helen even imagined that her

ly, and she tried no longer to hide it from herself or him.

As for him now that she are a few him now that she had a few him now that she had a few him now