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The Diamond From the Sky

By ROY L. MCCARDELL

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With his rising fortunes in the west, Arthur kept his secret agent in Richmond, Blake, the detective, well supplied with funds, though cautioned to silence, a caution hardly necessary with the taciturn Blake, the man behind the scene, who seemingly was at the bidding of all and yet was ever the master of his own deep methods.

A bootblack, a well grown youth of twenty, loitered by the Randolph mansion the day of Esther's return with Mrs. Randolph and Blair Stanley. A bootblack hastened to the private office of Detective Tom Blake and breathlessly reported the presence of Esther and of Blair in Richmond. Blake took half a dozen banknotes of large denomination from his wallet and enclosed them in a large plain envelope with a note that read, "Sent by Arthur to be used as necessary."

Twenty minutes later the bootblack furtively climbed the wistaria vine to Esther's window and a moment later dropped unseen down beside the Randolph mansion and hurried away. A little later Esther found on her bureau by the window the large envelope with the banknotes and the mysterious message.

Esther kissed the note because it seemed almost the personal proximity of Arthur. The money, which was \$1,000, hardly concerned her at all except that she realized it would smooth the path of Quabba to the west in seeking Arthur. That Arthur knew where she was and had strong though secret influences working in her behalf was all well enough perhaps in his masculine manner of thinking.

But in Esther the eternal feminine manifested itself in the desire to be near the one she loved. Nothing else mattered.

Just then Mrs. Randolph's maid, the smiling Fil, entered with a vase of Esther's favorite roses, chattering her happiness at seeing Esther again. Esther, who had secreted the note and the money at Fil's knock, asked the maid to place the flowers in the window.

It was the old signal for Quabba, and when that faithful soul stole through the street on the watch for some sign from his young mistress he saw the signal, and Clarence, the monkey, was sent up the wistaria for Esther's message.

Clarence clambered down again with half the money that had been in the mysteriously placed envelope and with it a scribbled message requesting Quabba to go at once to Los Angeles to locate Arthur, where Esther had just directly heard of him. Quabba smiled, kissed his hand and doffed his cap to his fair young mistress at the window and hurried away.

But much was to happen ere Quabba left Richmond. Secretly he went to a street corner adjoining Clarence, the monkey, and Quabba, caused the latter to step in the path of a trolley car. Immediately he was struck and hurt, but not badly.

Blair Stanley had seen Quabba turn round the corner of the Randolph mansion and had followed him at a distance, wondering what might be the hunchback's reason for loitering near where Esther was, Blair, the traitor, intent upon his own query, did not notice that he in turn was trailed by a bootblack, a well grown youth of twenty. When Quabba was knocked down by the trolley and bruised and dazed Blair was among the first to come to his assistance. Quabba was able to give the address of his lodgings and to refuse to go to a hospital. He and Clarence, the monkey, were placed in a taxi and were driven off, to the cheers of the multitude, who regarded them in the light of heroes for the dangers they had passed.

It was Blair's perverse nature that saw in the accident a reckless way to trap Esther and search for the Stanley document his mother believed that Esther always carried with her.

He scribbled a note and, seeking a messenger, his eyes lit upon the bootblack. The note was to Esther and was written as though by a stranger witnessing the accident to Quabba. It gave the address Quabba had given after the accident and it requested Esther to come to see the injured man, reading as though Quabba had asked the stranger to send the word.

The bootblack bore the message promptly to his employer, Blake, the detective. That astute man behind the scenes calmly assumed the bootblack's guise and delivered the note in person. Mrs. Randolph plaintively objected to Esther's going alone to such a part of town as the address of Quabba's lodgings. But it was broad day and Esther laughed at her fears.

Meanwhile Blair Stanley had proceeded to the lodging house and, aided by the convincing argument of a ten dollar bill, had no trouble in convincing the landlady that he was a detective expecting to trap a shoplifter.

Blair proceeded to Quabba's room and, finding Quabba dazed with pain, bound and gagged him. It was an adventure just to Blair's liking. He had slipped on a mask before surprising and overpowering Quabba, and when Esther's light step was heard at the door, directed by the landlady on the

landing below. Blair, still masked, opened the door and dragged Esther within.

If Blair had expected an easy victim he found he had caught a Tartar. Esther fought like a little tigress, and every effort Blair made to search her for the Stanley document was repulsed.

Blair's perverse nature rejoiced in this vigorous defense of the slight but wiry girl. Quabba struggled to free himself to assist Esther, but just then the door opened and a stalwart bootblack, who was none other than Tom Blake, the detective, joined in the fray. He owed Blair something on an old score, and right merrily he proceeded to pay it off.

Blair fought like a madman. And then Quabba, losing himself from his bonds and, forgetting the brags of his accident, joined in the melee. Blair was young and strong. Physically he



Blair Fought Like a Madman.

was a match for the detective, even though the latter was aided by the active and supple Quabba.

The three sided fight boiled out of Quabba's shabby room and down the rickety old staircase. Halfway down the stairs, the batustrade on the upper landing having already given way, the detective and Quabba, punching, kicking and shoving, pushed Blair out against the rail.

The entire balustrade, banisters and all, broke out and fell over, and Blair went down with them backward and struck with a heavy thud on the landing at the side of the stairs in the corridor below.

Esther, with Quabba and Blake, ran down the stairs through the dust and wreckage beside the huddled insensible form of the masked man.

The detective lifted up the mask and laughed. Then, speaking still as a "booby," he said: "You recognize the gent? Let's take the lady away before the police come."

(To be continued.)

Old World Notes

The Dublin Police seized a large quantity of military equipment, ammunition, and some rifles at a house in Frownes street, Dublin, a few days ago. It is understood that the seizure took place at the direction of the military authorities. The equipment was taken to the Lower Castle Yard.

The Penny Dinners committee's report is a creditable record of practical sympathy with the very poor of Dublin. A warm meal, a rest, and a shelter are provided for applicants every week-day, between the hours of twelve and three o'clock all for a penny. The meals sold during the year fall only a trifle short of 20,000.

The number of emigrants from Irish ports according to a statement just issued by the Registrar-General, up to the end of November shows a decrease of 9,224, as compared with the corresponding eleven months of 1914. The provinces, so far as increase or decrease during the eleven months of this year, stand as follows: Increase—Leinster, 68. Decreases—Munster, 4,019; Ulster, 2,816; Connaught, 2,457.

An experimental farm for poultry has been established at Bridgmill, Wigtownshire, Scotland. The farm has been stocked with Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds. It is under the control of the West of Scotland Agricultural College and has been placed under the charge of a woman. The farm has been inaugurated with the object of demonstrating to farmers and poultry keepers the best methods of making the industry remunerative.

The revival of coursing in Dublin is at present engaging the attention of some leading Irish sportsmen. It is more than likely that next season one of the most valuable stakes ever competed for by greyhounds in Ireland will be run for. A Dublin gentleman has come forward with the offer of a massive, heavily embossed, two-handled silver cup, weighing 320 ounces and valued at 100 guineas, for competition at the inaugural meeting. A small syndicate will be formed for the purpose of leasing suitable land

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An old custom was resorted to in the churches of Aberdeen the other Sunday night. The whole town was without light as the men at the local gas works were on strike. Good churchgoers, however, overcame this difficulty by appearing for the evening service each with a candle in hand, which they placed on the book-board in front of them. Many of the older members of the churches remembered when this was the general custom, and everyone attended service with a "farthing dip."

The tinning industry in Scotland, says the Fishery Board's report, exhibited a decline last year, from 49,982 barrels in 1913 to 46,731 barrels, more than one-half of the total being contributed by Aberdeen, where seven firms were closed. The volume of the trade is largely regulated by the price of the fresh herrings, as once this rises above 26s a cran the margins of profit becomes insignificant. The fish is put up in oval and in square tins, with tomato sauce, and each tin is examined by a Board of Trade official, who, if the condition is found satisfactory affixes an official label, with the date, to the tin. The introduction of a new machine for the sealing of the tins enabled the packers to dispense with the labor of thirty tinsmiths. The output of the machine is 20,000 tins a day. The principal distributing centre is London, but exports are also dispatched from Glasgow.

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