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NT ROAD.

have not followed the story. have enough to do to see t E RIBS. t our King Alfonso is to-day overthe to tell you that only by praying

I am waiting for your story."

ther Robello," he began in to allow that opal to be removfrom his church. Only so long as langs there on the Virgin is it ut danger. For the stone which lave in this church is the sinanish Opal of legend and lurks in its iridescent not think I am a madman. the stone now and tell me if cloud across its left angle right upper cutting."

priest did as he was bid. was troubled when he retrue," he said. "How could

this? What does it mean?" e, patience. Let me tell you neans first. The cloudy effect that a danger overhangs the louse. Listen to me. This stone then in the hands of the Spanish mily for generations. Every owned it has met with acking Alfonso XII., the present all about it. He believed that the of the ill-luck of the opal were

ild wives tales." Ded and traced his long finhe of the documents on his actual drawing of side

e said, "I can tell you how What its weight, which side greater sparkle. Look at dlars and tell me if they

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mile of the Royal Palace

arid stands the old church of San

walls look as if they are just

rether by their ancient plaster.

ing by the door of his church

there arrived a gaily dressed

senger on a white horse, who des-

ded and approached the old man.

Is it true that you have a statue of

Is it true that clasped in this chain

Pather Robello bowed, and took his

from his wide sleeves. His old

and threw the bridle to one of

gars who sat around the porch,

the opal myself."

slid from his white

attend to the animal

They reached the altar

stranger looked hard.

ound the neck of the statue,

ttered in the falling beams of

coming through a side win-

nger imitated the priest; then

how did this opal

be hanging round the neck of

pal and the gold chain were

toky, that it has brought many

mas to death or misfortune. It was

The mother of King Alfonso?"

there is a story that this opab

there, I suppose, so that the gos-

sould no longer have anything to

ploy their tongues with about Her

Metry's jewels."
Then you do not believe in the sug-

tion that the jewel is unlucky?"

Why did she send it here?"

rgin in this church?"

virgin in this church wearing a

you Father Robello?"

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wards. The priest lifted his head sharply; one, "first let me warn you the stranger evidently knew much secret history which was not known outside the royal circles.

"King Alfonso XII then gave the ring to his sister in disregard of the

know these things, which only one or ing out that he ought to take care not receiving it. Then the king kept the night that you may avert the other question the stranger had gone never stirred by sane or lofty aims. to flout the influence of the opal."

"How do you know about that let-"Never mind, Father Robello, just

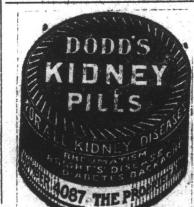
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ring for himself. He died within six catastrophe."

The stranger bent over his documents again and began to mumble a Latin formula which caught the ear of the priest. It was an old Castile proverb which told how the evil influences could only be kept in check if they were constantly opposed by the influences of good. It sounded more like a prayer than a mere quotation. When he had finished, the stranger rose to his feet.

"Father Robello." he said impressively, "he careful of how you keep that evil stone. History and the reading of the story of its facets tell me that within two days the present king shall be near death. Pray, father,

sent. She died within three months of in front of that stone all day and all



Before the priest could ask him an- the laying games, but my old bird is out of the church, jumped on his She eats my corn, this bird tinhorn horse, thrown the beggar who held til she becomes a bore, and If I'd boil

story he had heard. He knew that you know you should-and take the whoever this man was he must have hen away." "No tongue or pen," access to documents and facts far cried Mr. Wrenn, "could tell how beyond the ordinary. All he had said tired I feel! You fed her corn! You cursed stone. It had brought evil on her meal! Get hence, get hence! You the Royal Family of Spain. Father Robello was on his knees you swab, that hens won't lay if fed

practically the whole of the next on hay and field corn on the cob!" twenty-four hours. His voice droned through the church incessantly. Strangers coming into the building to be made. Bring it to FARwere surprised to see the old man on RELL THE TAILOR, Adelaide Also 30 x 3½ Tubes.—E. D. were surprised to see the old man on his knees so long; but none disturbed him. He was fasting as he prayed. | moderate prices. sept28,tr

when the father heard firm footbehind him, and a hand toucher

lightly on the shoulder. ather Robello, rise The danger r. Look at the opal and tell me

he priest turned and saw the beside him, dressed exactly had been dressed on the prev-ccasion. Obediently he went and looked at the opal hanging e breast of the image. The cloud no longer on the stone. Tho are you, sir?" asked the

"What is the meaning of this?" Father Robello, I am a descendof the man who first owned that ie. I have been given the power read it by mere telepathy. It is a er which comes out only once in se generations. Here is the proof at this stone belonged to our famy in the distant days."

He rolled up his sleeve quickly ind there on the forearm, was a birthnark—the exact replica of the opal, in colouring almost the same as the one itself

But you are not a Spaniard?" "No. I am a Bedouin, the son of a lering tribe. I am the last of the mily whose fate is linked with this Take these documents, you hall never see me again. It was I who wrote to King Alfonso XII. warn-

He thrust the documents into Fr. obello's hands and hurried away, eapt on to his horse's back and disppeared in the maze of streets. Fr. ello stood blinking in the sunshine in amazement at his strange exerience. As he stood there a passing rother clergyman stopped for

"Father Robello, we shall have a pecial thanksgiving service to-night. he king had a narrow escape from eath while out motoring last night. he churches are to give praise for his

And that is why you may go into he little church at any hour and be ure that you will see a priest prayng before the image of the Virgin and the best smokeless fuel for fary, on the neck of which is the cold chain fastened to the Spanish Opal. Father Robello knew enough of Clean, Efficient and Economical the strange history of the stone to know that it came originally from a tribe of wandering Bedouins, and all superstitious Spain knows that it was o escape its influence that the mother of King Alfonso gave the opal to the

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