

The Diamond Bracelet

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CHAPTER XVII.

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The Promotion of the Admiral

Morley Roberts.

Mr. Smith, who ran a sailors' boarding-house in that part of San Francisco known as the Barbary Coast, was absolutely sane.

"Every breeze that blew, trade-wind or monsoon, had heard of his inquiries. He got the best of everyone. All but one," said Smith, one night, in a moment of weakness, "was a man who owned so much money that he crawled to him as a Chinaman used to a Joss were hanging on his lips."

"Oh, we don't take that in," said the most indubitable; "we can't believe that Mr. Smith is a fool."

"Yes, I was done over and never got the best of one band," said the boarding-house keeper. He looked them over meticulously.

"I'll lick any of you here with one hand," he went on, "but the man as belted me could have taken on three of you with both hands. I run against him on the pier at Sandridge when I was in Australia fifteen years ago. He was a naval officer, captain of the 'Hector' and dressed up as a sailor, though he had a face like a sphinx, and a mahogany with a broad eye. And I was a fellow good and in need of a second wife. So when he saw me, I shoved him over. Proppin' I shoved him. Down he went, and the girls that knowed me laughed. And he shoben round in a ring along the pier didn't care much, but this naval jockey picks himself up and goes to 'em. 'Would you believe it, but when he spoke he said 'Hello, Mr. Smith, and about a dollar each, and they walked off round a heap of dunnage on the wharf, and the captain buttoned up his coat and came for me."

"I never seen the likes of it. He comes up dancin' and smilin', and he'd give me half a boat's polite as you like, and inside of ten minutes he'd struck a cyclone, right in the spot where they breed. I fought good and long, but I got the best of him on his back. But he never broke him nose, and he wouldn't bruise nor hitten' a boiler. And every time he got back on me I felt as if I'd been kicked."

"He scared me something else; I could see it by the blood on his hands. 'Fear'st his by a long sight, for his eyes were made of steel, I should say. And in the end, when I seemed to see a ship's company of naval officers around me, one of 'em took me by the ear and lifted me up. And another hit me whilst I was in the air, and a third landed me as I fell. And

DAIRY AND POULTRY

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

Now Successful Farmers Operate This Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

Where Condensed Milk Travels.

That commonplace and indispensable article, condensed milk, is an excellent traveler, and for 20 years the label on the tin has been the message sent to America to millions of uncouth people who never heard of the word "European" and who, if the anti-climatic was allowed, never set eyes on a milk cow. The explorer and the missionary are the advance agents of this cream. It goes wherever they venture, and when the missionary has children it is the one thing his household cannot do without. There is no wilderness where a discarded milk tin does not glitter in the sun. It has blazed the way near the pole, for Lieutenant Peary relates that 18 years after the Greeley expedition carried canned rations in the frozen north he found the condensed milk and a few other articles in the fastnesses of northern Luzon, where an American young soldier had been a guest of a Chinese soldier, the brand of the eagle. It can be found all over Mongolia and Manchuria, and even in Tibet. The Chinese, who do their best to adulterate condensed milk, do not use it as a condensed kind as a food, chiefly for their children. In India also it has a large sale for that purpose, and it is too much to say that the manufacture of the American factory has been the pabulum of millions of Asiatics.—H. E. Armstrong, in *Alliasee*.

CORONATION FLOWER

Lily of the Valley, *Abstrahms's Favorite.*
May He Think of It.

There seemed to be a good reason for supposing that the Lily of the valley, which has always been the favorite of Queen Alexandra, will take a very prominent place in the Coronation decorations next June, says the London Telegraph. It is in that month, as it happens, that the bloom is at its height of almost. As it happens, the Lily of the valley is a flower that has had to almost any extent, and at any time of year, owing to a system of forcing which, by a curious coincidence, was first factored in by a country on the king's estate at Sandridge. A Dutch cultivator of considerable reputation set up the first "factory" in Sandridge, and it is generally recognized that the soil closely resembles that in which bulbs are so successfully cultivated in "Holland." When it was first introduced into the country as they were termed, and then, by the utilization of artificial heat, to bring them to the flowering stage as early as possible, and to give them a decorative effect in the practice in this respect that the Lily of the valley may be made to bloom to order, and the initiated know only the day, and the hour when the first factored in. On the other hand, by means of cold storage, the stock of crowns can be kept in an undeveloped state for a year or more, and the date for drawing upon as circumstances arise.

Increasing Egg Production.

From Farmers' Review.

It has been my experience that by careful selection, the laying quality of a flock of hens can be improved and that I have tried it and write from actual experience. My method is this: Several times a day during late fall and early winter I pass by the hen house and hens lay, noting what hens are there with a poultry pen. If there are only three or four hens or even two, I take these from the flock, yard them by themselves in a separate enclosure, and mate him with them during the breeding season. I get the chicks hatched as early in the spring as circumstances will permit. One or two sets of eggs from the selected pen, I set all that are not too small or too large. If there are three or four, I set one set, the chicks are most apt to be of about the same size. I do not take any pullets that are hatched later than I do at latest, early ones are better winter layers. I mark all chicks from the selected pen as soon as they are hatched, and pick out one set, which I put them in a separate enclosure, and the other one over again. If dusted all over with insect powder once a week, they will be ready to lay in three weeks as the first brood. Of the eggs from the selected pen I set all that are not too small or too large. If there are three or four, I set one set, the chicks are most apt to be of about the same size. I do not take any pullets that are hatched later than I do at latest, early ones are better winter layers. I mark all chicks from the selected pen as soon as they are hatched, and pick out one set, which I put them in a separate enclosure, and the other one over again. If dusted all over with insect powder once a week, they will be ready to lay in three weeks as the first brood.

Points on the Pigeon.

From the Farmers' Review.

The two strong points of the Pigeon are egg production combined with size. We claim they will lay as many eggs as our best ducks, and will weigh as much as the Leghorns and Minoras, and at the same time have the size of a Plymouth Rock. They are very hardy, quick growers, and breed well. They are also good mothers, and their young are easy to manage. They have long legs and feet, and are also good mothers. They are also good mothers. They are also good mothers. They are also good mothers.

DEACONED AT 22

This is a picture of Lord Beaconsfield at the age of 22. He was then in the service of the East India Company, and was a member of the firm of Messrs. R. & J. B. & C. The picture was taken in 1832, when he was 22 years old. He is shown in profile, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. He has a serious expression and is looking towards the right of the frame.

ALASKA IS FERTILE

Alaska is not barren a land as people generally regard it. The common received opinion is that it is a region of snow and ice, of chilly blasts and utter desolation. Governor Brady, however, thinks there is much to enjoy there, if one may judge by his Thanksgiving proclamation, in which he sets forth many reasons for gratitude. Here are some of them: "We in Alaska in comparing our blessings with those which our friends enjoy in other places find that we have much to be thankful for. We have an abundance of grass, and where men have attempted to till the earth it has yielded many fold and then has been rewarded for their toil. The mineral wealth of Alaska is more promising than in the past. It is here, and when obtained with reasonable human effort. We have not been visited by destructive disturbances of the atmosphere, earth or sea. While we recount our manifold blessings our thoughts will be tempered by calamity which overwhelmed so many people on the steamship *Islander* and by the humiliation which we feel in the manner of the death of President McKinley."

EXPULSED PROFESSOR

M. Edouard Herve, the French professor who has been dismissed from his chair in Paris for writing anti-military articles, is one of the most distinguished scholars in France, and has been an eminent figure in the history of the University of the City of Paris. His name is now in the headlines of the press.

Prarie Hay on Duty Feed.

The prairie hay growing in the northwest has been thoroughly tested, and the results show its practical feeding and digestion properties. The prairie hay is a most valuable feed for the farmer, and its use will result in a more profitable and healthy stock.

Predicts Famine in China.

The Christian Herald's commissioner, who is investigating the famine in China, writes from Sien Fu, province of Shen Si, that the autumn crop will furnish food for a few months, but beyond that time a famine will ensue. The commissioner estimates that the deaths from famine in the Shen Si province number 2,500,000, or 30 per cent of the population. He rode for six days through the famine-stricken districts, and during this time he saw hardly 200 persons. The whole region is desolated.

RUNNAGE SALE SURPRISES

Supplement Shoppers Made by Persons Who Were Thoughtful.

Some funny stories are being told and there are many others that might be in connection with the epidemic of runaway sales which has swept over the city. A little while ago it was said about one of the woman managers who laid down her coat and left it for some one else. Another tale is told of a man who had lost his silk hat much after the same fashion and was secured it from an unfamiliar man after diligent labor and search. In some of the cases, the man who was supposed to have lost the hat was seen to be wearing it, and one day he announced that he would not wear it any longer. Mrs. A. then took advantage of the opportunity to contribute them to a certain runaway sale. They were seen by a man who was observing the excellence and the newness of the garments, promptly purchased them for \$10.

"SMALL ROOMS IN NEW HOTELS.

Every Inch of Space Utilized in Order to Meet Expenses.

"The evolution in hotels during the past few years has been interesting," says Charles Logan of New York, who is in town for a few days. "Of course, the most noticeable feature of the extensive modern improvement, such as baths, water closets, telephones, etc., in each room, is the generally improved equipment of the buildings. A feature which is not so obvious is the fact that there is very important to the hotel manager, and the decrease in the size of the rooms. Hotel rooms used to have high ceilings, but they are being lowered and broadened. Now they are mostly small and low. They have low ceilings. Sometimes I hear guests talk each other, why the room is so small and narrow, and they seldom hit on the right answer. It is because the cost of erecting and equipping a hotel is much greater than it used to be, and the extent of the patronage is about the same. It is necessary to make the rooms small in order that the same space may bring bigger returns. Take one big room, which was produced at \$25 a day; now it is now cut in two so as to make the same space produce \$6 or \$5 a day. The hotel which used to occupy its site, and now produces at \$25 a day, now look at the difference in cost of the two hotels, and in the expense of maintaining and operating them. A hotel that cost \$200,000 to build and cost \$100,000 a year to run."

Couldn't Be There to Pray.

"The most disappointed man I ever saw," said William J. Carter, a Baltimore financier, "was a poor wretch who was about to be hanged in one of the northern counties of Maryland. It happened to be there about the time and accepted an invitation to witness the execution. This fellow's lawyers had been working hard to save him, but they failed. It was a possibility that he might be relieved. The time set for the execution arrived, however, and the sheriff refused to allow him to stand on the gallows. He was about to be hanged, but the sheriff picked up the paper, read it, and the march to the scaffold was halted. The message was from some minister who had become interested in the case. It told him to trust in the Lord and he would be saved."—Washington Post.

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