

THE PRINCESS ELOPES

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Arthur Warrington, American consul to Barseheit, tells how reigning Grand Duke attempts to force his niece, Princess Hildegard, to marry Prince Doppelkinn, an old widower.

CHAPTER VII.

'The one fault I have to find with European life is the poor quality of tobacco used.' It was eight o'clock, Thursday night, the night of the dinner at Muller's.

sparkling Moselle. I may as well state right here that we neither heard our national anthem nor drank the vintage. You will soon learn why. I can laugh now, I can treat the whole affair with becoming levity, but at the time I gained several extra gray hairs. If the princess hadn't turned around and if Max hadn't wanted that box of Havanas!



'He Tranquilly Pulled Out a Murderous-Looking Colt and Laid it Beside His Plate.'

ful your flag is till you see it in a foreign land. I apologized for Max's absence, explaining the cause, and ordered dinner to be served. We hadn't much time, as Ellis's train departed at ten. It was now a quarter of nine. We had come to the relishes when a party of four officers took the table nearest us. They hung up their sabers on the wall-peg, and sat down, ordering a bottle of light wine. Usually there were five chairs to the table, but even if only two were being used no one had the right to withdraw one of the vacant chairs without the most elaborate apologies.

he had been sprinting up back streets. The boys crowded around him, and there was much ado over the laggard. Unfortunately the waiter had forgotten to bring a chair for his plate. With a genial smile on his face, Max innocently stepped over to the officers' table and plucked forth the vacant chair. For a wonder the officers appeared to give this action no heed, and I was secretly gratified. It was something to be a consul, after all. But I counted my chickens too early.

way. He stopped at Max's side. Max looked up to receive Von Storer's glove full on the cheek. It was no gentle stroke. Von Storer at once returned to his table and sat down. For a moment we were all absolutely without power of motion or of speech. Max's face grew as white as the table-cloth, and the print of the glove glowed red against the white. I was horrified, for I knew his tremendous strength. If he showed fight, Von Storer would calmly saber him. It was the custom. But Max surprised me. He was the coolest among us, but of that quality of coolness which did not reassure me. He took up his story where he had left off and finished it. For his remarkable control I could have taken him in my arms and hugged him.

Useless. A short time ago an old negro was up before a judge in Dawson City, charged with some trivial offense. 'Haven't you a lawyer, old man?' inquired the judge. 'No, sah.' 'Can't you get one?' 'No, sah.' 'Don't you want me to appoint one to defend you?' 'No, sah; I jes' tho't I'd leab de case to de ign'ance ob de cot.'

ENCOURAGING FACTS

THOSE CONTEMPLATING CHANGE OF RESIDENCE SHOULD READ THEM.

The other day the writer was in the Office of the Canadian Government at St. Paul, Minnesota. On the windows of the building were signs to the effect that homesteads of 160 acres were given free to actual settlers, and in the windows were displays of wheat, oats, barley, other grains and vegetables, which he was told were grown in Western Canada. This could be readily believed for in no other country on the Continent would it be possible to grow such splendid specimens. The world is now pretty well advised that in the growing of such cereals as have been named and vegetables as well the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have no competitor. For several years past specimens have been exhibited at State and County Fairs throughout the State, and these exhibits are looked upon as one of the chief attractions. They have demonstrated what can be done in the climate of a country possessing a soil that will grow things. But that it was possible to grow vegetables such as were seen there seemed to create some doubt. But it was the case. And apples too. Not of course the splendid fruit grown in countries more congenial to such culture, but they were in evidence. Throughout Indiana, the hoosier farmers were forced to stop and think. When a similar exhibit was placed before them during the past few weeks, many of them were forced to stop and remark: 'That is much ahead of anything we can do. The quality of the grain we have conceded, for has not so-and-so sent us samples grown on his own farm the like of which we had never seen before. But to think of the vegetables—and such vegetables. Why, we thought everything was frozen up there, and these turnips, cabbages, cauliflowers, beets, mangolds, pumpkins, and squashes are away ahead of anything we ever saw grow.' That is the story everywhere. Thousands of Western Canada homesteaders, formerly United States citizens, are growing just such grain, just such vegetables, which yield them a splendid profit with little outlay on the farms that they have secured from the Government of the Dominion of Canada at the nominal cost of \$10 for 160 acres. If adjoining land is wanted it can be secured from the railway companies or from private individuals at moderate prices and reasonable terms. By placing your name and address on a postal card and addressing it to the Canadian Government Agent, whose name appears elsewhere, a copy of 'Last Best West' telling you all about it will be sent you free.

HOW HE FOUND THE KEY.

Brother's Method Was Simple, but Also Somewhat Costly. Miss Dresswell had just returned, after spending a week with a country friend. Imagine her consternation when she discovered her previously well-stocked wardrobe empty! 'Gracious, George!' she said to her brother. 'Where are all my clothes? And what in the world is that great black patch on the lawn?' The face of George exhibited all the well-known signs of conscious righteousness, and he met her gaze unflinchingly. 'Maria,' he replied consolingly, 'you wrote to me that if I wanted the key of the billiard room I should find it in the pocket of your bolero.'

DOCTORS ORGANIZE UNION.

Toronto Physicians Fix Higher Scale of Prices. Toronto, Ont.—The doctors of this city west of Yonge street have formed a union under the name 'No. 11 Territorial Division of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.' The objects of the organization are to improve the condition of the profession against quacks, establish minimum fees and amend lodge terms. The lowest fee for medical examination for fraternal societies has been fixed at \$2, while the minimum fee for minor operations has been fixed at \$10, and that for major operations at \$50. For a first visit to a patient \$2 hereafter will be charged, and \$1 for each subsequent visit, while the fee for night visits will be doubled, being fixed at \$3. The charge for an office visit has been made \$1, including prescription, while to give anesthetics \$5 will be charged.

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COULD USE THE ROAD.

Irish Soldier's Great Idea When Cover Was Badly Needed.

The following colloquy is said to have actually occurred during one of the earlier battles in the Philippines: A detachment of American infantry, under orders to support a section of Capt. Reilly's battery, were halted for quite a while on a perfectly flat military road in full view and fine range of the Filipino trenches. Of course, to lie flat on the road was the only available 'use of cover.'

DOCTORS IN GRAND JURY NET.

Two Indicted in Iowa for Conspiracy To Force an Independent Physician from a Surgical Case. Waverly, Ia.—The Bremer county grand jury, which a few weeks ago indicted fourteen members of the county medical association, alleging violation of the anti-trust law, recently reported additional indictments against Dr. W. A. Rohlf and Dr. O. L. Chaffee on the general ground of conspiracy. Their alleged offense was of forcing an independent doctor from a surgical case, in which he as well as one of the accused doctors had been employed, after he had refused to sign the union scale.

FOUND OUT JUST IN TIME.

Or Finger Bowl Would Have Been Put to Novel Use.

The late William Cassidy, one-time editor of the Albany Argus, possessed the traditional Irish wit. On one occasion, a number of years ago, he was a guest at a political banquet in Albany. At that time finger bowls were seldom used, and their correct usage (a passing fad) meant to dip a corner of the napkin in the water and therewith daintily cleanse the finger tips. Most of the men present eyed the innovation, when introduced at dessert, narrowly and uncertainly. One after another ended by plunging the hand into the crystal dish. But Mr. Robert Pruyn, a well-known Albany gentleman, correctly moistened a bit of his napkin and laved his fingers. Mr. Cassidy watched him admiringly, not having as yet touched his own glass. 'That's good,' he whispered to a neighbor. 'That's good. If Pruyn hadn't done that I should have put my foot in it.'—Harper's Weekly.

An Acute Observer.

A one-armed man sat down to his noonday luncheon in a little restaurant the other day, and seated on the right of him was a big, sympathetic individual from the rural district. The big fellow noticed his neighbor's left sleeve hanging loose and kept eyeing him in a sort of how-did-it-happen way. The one-armed man failed to break the ice, but continued to keep busy with his one hand supplying the inner man. At last the inquisitive one on the right could stand it no longer. He changed his position a little, cleared his throat and said: 'I see, sir, you have lost an arm.'

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