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The Thieving Beauty.

BY ANNIË H. JEROME.

Her name was Regina Arlington. reature more winsome and beautiful could not be imagined, and so I said to the lady whose guests we both were.

" Yes," replied Mrs. Manvers, constrainedly, to my enthusiastic remark. "Yes, she is quite attractive," and instantly changed the subject.

"Attractive!" I echoed, stubbornly refusing to follow my hostess' lead, "why she is erfectly angelie!"

"Yes," again returned the lady, with the same strange constraint, "I have a house full of guests with large claims to beauty, but Miss Arlington certainly bears off the

At this I leaned forward and looked keen-

ly in Mrs. Manver's eyes. Then I said:
"We are old friends. Julia, tell me what on are trying to hide. Why can't you be our own earnest self about this charming

She flushed deeply, and turned her eyes

uneasily away.
"Can it be," I thought, "that Julia is alous of the girl on account of her own

The unworthy thought was murdered as on as born, and the next minute Mrs. Manyers' voice coffined it. "You are discreet," she said, in a low tone,

the flush giving place to a look of distress; "I can, therefore, trust in you. Miss Arling-ton is, I believe, a—thief!"

At first I only gazed at her in speechless orror. Then I whispered slowly : "A thief!"

"Yes," she replied, sadly. " And upon what do you base so serious a

charge?" I presently asked, coming to my sonses a little. "The disappearance of various articles, such as jewelry, laces, embroideries, and handkerchiefs, belonging to my sisters and myself, which Miss Arlington greatly ad-

mired, and even had the audacity to inquire about after their disappearance, looking the while as innocent as the angel you call her." " But may not the servants be guilty ?" I

" Miss Arlington alone had the opportunities to purloin the articles," replied my

"Have any of the guests missed such things?" I then inquired "No. A few adroitly put questions elicited that fact without beirnying my suspicions. You see she has free necess to the girls' rooms

and mine, only." I sat buried in thought awhile, and then looking up eried emphatically:

" I don't believe it!" Mrs. Manyers smiled and shook her head. "No," I persisted, "there must be some thing wrong elsewhere. Miss Arlington's face is one to inspire trust, and I trust it. I shall, therefore, constitute myself a detective

in this matter." Again Mrs. Manvers shook her head, but

the added cordially: "I wish you the best of success in your kindly efferts, and shall truly sympathize with you in the disappointment which I am

well assured awaits you." "We will see," I smiled in reply to her

Before the day closed I had commenced my self-imposed task by seeking an interview with Regina Arlington. This was not difficult. My deep interest, intense admiration, and affectionate impulses possessed their own secret sphere of attraction for her, and in a few days we were quite inseparable notwithstanding my few years senfority.

But I confess, I felt like a wretch, when I ne day made a tempting display of the really handsome jowelry which from natural distate, I rarely wore. Anything more naive and winning than her open admiration, I nover witnessed. And she startled, if not shocked me, by saying, as she held a shimmering diamond car-ring between her alender fingers i

"I do think; if anything on earth could tempt me to steal, it would be such a bauble as this. The love of beauty, with me, em braces not only great things, but little ones. A bit of fliney lace or dainty embroidery has an inexpressible charm for me, and it's a positive fact that I buy such things more for the pleasure of looking at them, than for use; and I have some rare things of the kind, Miss Robson."

And-with child-like eagerness-she raoff, soon returning with an armful of boxes which she hastily tumbled on the bed. "You see, I've no need to steal," sh

laughed, merrily, as we examined them, I looked at her keenly, but the lovely eyes were brim full of fun, and as innocent their open gam as a year-old baby's.

I was a good deal puzzled; and determined she should have every opportunity to appropriate anything of mine she desired Nevertheless, I felt mean and half-guilty in the matter, good as my motive was. But that same night I found ample excuse for myself.

It had long been my bad habit to lie awake into the small hours; and on the night in question, I was restless as usual, and lay staring through the windows, putiently waiting the appearance of the sleepy god;

but instead of this desired god, came Regina

Arlington.

Spirit-like she glided into the room, bearing a small waxen taper, which she deposited on the bureau. Then opening the bureau drawer she took out the casket of diamonds Opening it, she li.ted the brough, and with a smothered sigh of delight murmured softly: "This will do!"

And replacing the casket she glided from the room as silently as she had entered. I shed a few tears-I could not help it,my idol was so very charming.

I said nothing to Mrs. Manvers; but when Regina came into my room the next day I told her of my loss.

"Oh, no!" she cried, "hot that lovely dismond broach !" And her levely eyes looked straight into my keen observing ones, their baby innocence only clouded by an expression of loving

I turned away in utter heart-sick disgust and soon excused myself on the plea of a violent headache. I saw little of her during the remainder of the day; but that night

sho again stolo spirit-like into my chamber. Again she took out the diamond casket. This time I rose and sottly approached her, ntending to seize her by the shoulder. But as I stretched out my hand it was stayed by the reflection of her lovely face in the glass,

as she bent over the gems. Without a word I hastily left the room and ought Mrs. Manvers. It was only a minute's work to awaken her and explain. She

was up in an instant. As we reached the hall Miss Arlington emerged from my room, and moved softly on to her own. As softly we followed.

Setting down her taper, she slipped her hand behind the wardrobe and drew out a long, shallow box. She raised the lid, placed carofully within it the ear-ring just abstracted from the casket, and re-covering it, thrust it behind the wardrobe again. She then extinguished the light, and with a long, weary sigh, crept into bed again.

"We may as well take the box," whispered Mrs. Manvers, stepping to the wardrobe. A few minutes later it was in my room and open.

" Every missing article here!" exclaimed ny friend, with a laugh. "Poor soul ! how have wronged her. Heaven forgive me! But who could have dreamed she was a omnambulist ?"

Subsequently we learned from our beauty's relatives that she had been affected with this strange form of kleptomania, and also that they had refrained from wounding her sensitive spirit by letting her know of it.

And not till some years later, when completely cured, did Mrs. Manvers and I tell her of the midnight scene which I have here detailed.

STATE NEWS.

-The cooper shops of Allegheny City have resumed operation. The Standard Company has a contract from the workhouse for 200,000 barrels at \$1.20 each.

everal times reduced the wages of their employees, have made a corresponding reduction in the rental of the houses occupied by their hands. -Elias Reeder of Quakertown, Pa., left his home on Saturday, and was found Sun-

-The Pottstown Iron Company, having

He leaves a wife and six children. He had been melaneltoly for some time. -The streets and bridges of Pittaburg and Allegheny City are overrun with foot-pads and garroters. Three cases of garroting oc curred in Allegheny City on Friday night,

day morning hanging in a neighbor's barn

and seven in Pittsburg on Saturday night. -The Bending Bailroad Company has a corps of engineers surveying the route for a new railroad between Allentown and Coplay. It is thought the line will cross the Lehigh river at Coplay, the Lehigh and Susquehanna road to be used the remainder

-A telegram from Bradford, Pa., states that a company has been organized in the oil towns of Western New York and Northvestern Pennsylvania to ship oil in bulk by the Genessee Valley and Eric Canals to Buffalo, Rochester and New York. The transportation of oll has heretofore been memoro-

lized by the railroads. -At Manheim, Lancaster county, the other day, a young man named Brown was in the drug store of Mr. Samuel Ensminger, ngaged at work upon a picture. A sen of Mr. Ensminger, aged ten years, was handling a gun, and while attempting to place a cap over the tube, the weapon was dischargd, craptying the contents into the head of Brown, back of the left car, killing him instantly.

-Mamie Charles, of Holidaysburg, aged ight years, secured possession of a flask of powder belonging to her father a few days tgo, and called upon her four-year-old brother to watch how the sparks would fly when she poured the contents of the can in o the store. An explosion was the natural cents, and the flash was blown into frag-nents. One of the hands of the little girl was badly laterated, and the thumb torn entirely off. The boy had his hair nearly all singed off, while he also received some painful burns

—We are glad to hear it. Our druggist informs us that Dr. Bull's Syrap sells better than any other medicine, and always gives satisfaction.

THE COAL COMBINATION.

On Friday of last week the first monthly neeting of the Association of Coal Carriers and Coal Operators was held at the office of the Reading Railroad Company, in Philadelphia, and unanimously adopted the following articles and agreed on quotas for the next three months:

Articles of Association of the Anthracite Board of Control for the year 1878, as adopted at the several meetings of the representatives of all interests, held at various times prior to January 16, 1878, inclusive: First. That a Board of Control be estab-

shed, composed of one representative of the oal shipping interest upon each of the following lines: 1. Philadelphia and Reading Railroad.

Lehigh Valley Railroad. Central Railroad of New Jersey, in cluding the Lehigh Wilkesbarre C. Co., and

L. & S. R. R. Co, and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.

Del. and Hudson Canal Co. 4. Del., Lackawanna and Western R. R.

Pennsylvania Coal Co. Pennsylvania Railroad Co. Which Board shall meet as often as may se neccessary, and shall elect one person af President, and one person as Secretary and Preasurer. Each representative in said Board shall cast a number of votes equal to the per centage which his interest represents in the annual production of coal, so that the full vote of all the members shall be one

hundred; and the said Board shall appoint

an expert accountant to receive the reports

of the different interests, and keep proper records of tohnage, payments and penalties Second. That the entire annual production of coal (except as hereinafter excepted) shall be apportioned and allotted, by amicable agreement, among the above seven interests. It being understood that all sizes of coal, including Buckwheat find Pea coal, shall be included, as well as all coal used by any of the companies or operators, except that used for steam or heating purposes at the mines, and that consumed by the miners, and laborers working at the mines, which shall not be included; and it being further understood that all coal shipped to the Pacific Coast of the United States, or to any foreign country, other than the West India Islands or the Dominion of Canada, shall not be included in the allotment, or charge-

able as such to the interest shipping it. Third. That at the beginning of each ason the yearly quota of each interest (asertained by taking its proper proportion of an assumed total production) shall be divided into such monthly quantities as said interest may desire, subject to the general approval of the Board of Control, which juantities shall represent the monthly quotas of each interest, subject, of course, to such modifications as the condition of the market mny require, provided that any additions to or deductions from the monthly quotas, required by the demands of the market, shall be made in the proportions of the yearly

quotas of each interest. Fourth. That each interest shall have the right to sell its quotas in any manner, or at any price. But it is especially recommended that, with a view of bringing the sales departments of the several interests as nearly as possible into harmonious accord, the sales agents of the different coal companies shall occupy one room, thereby constituting

a Coal Exchange. Fifth. That each interest shall pay weekly to the credit of the Board of Con ome designated depository, 15 cents for each on of coal produced and chargeable to it as a fund, out of which, by proper order of the Board, a penalty of \$1.25 shall be payable for every ton shipped in excess of the proper monthly quotas for the benefit of those whose puotas are deficient. Provided, however, that all accumulations of such fund, after payments of penalties incurred, shall be subject to proper directions of the Board) returned to the party paying it at the end of each quarter of the year. And provided, that if the fund of any interest shell at any time be insufficient to meet any penalty in curred, such interest shall forthwith make up the deficiency in each. And provided further, that in lieu of the payment of the 15 cents per ton as a penalty fund, any interest may, at its option, furnish such security or securities for payment of penalties, when incurred, as hay be satisfactory to the Board of Control.

Sixth. In cases of strikes, lock-outs, &c. there, in consequence of the inability or refusal of any interest to produce its proper uota, the tonnage of the remaining interest r interests may be greatly out of its proper proportion, such interest or interests so ex eeding shall only be called upon for penalies upon such proportion of their excess is is over and above the amount of the allot ted quantities which, at the comm of the senson, had been assigned to it or them for the period over which such strike or lock at extends. It being provided, that any nterest suffering from a strike and not havng received any penalties for the amount of its deficiency during said strike, may, during any period of the remainder of the then current year, make up the said deficiency of surage. And provided further, that where my interest does not exceed its monthly allofment in tons, but is in excess of its pro per monthly proportion, due to the fact that another interest or interests has or have not

shipped its or their full monthly allotment, thereby reducing the total aggregate monthly shipments, such interest so being in excess thay, at its option, have the amount of excess deducted from its next month's quota, and the settlement due to such excess may thereupon be made by deduction from or addition to the next month's quota, in lieu of the payment of the penalties in cash.

Seventh. That each interest shall be chargeable with the several classes of coal hereinafter described, it being understood that the Lehigh Valley interest shall be responsible for and chargeable with all the coal delivered by the Lehigh Valley railroad to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company for transportion by cauni.

THE PHILA. & READ, BR. INTEREST.

All coal passing over Main line and Lebaon Valley branch; all coal passing over Laterals for shipmerit by Schuylkill canal; all coal shipped West via Northern Central railway and Catawissa und Williamsport branch; all coal sliipped West and South from Pine Greve; all soal consumed on Laterals; all coul for Company's use.

THE LES. VAL. BR. INTEREST.

All coal originating on Lehigh Valley RR. and bratiches; all coal originating on line of Pa. and N. Y. RR.; all coal originating on line of Sullivan and Eric RR.; all coal from Imcks. and Bloom. RR., at Plymouth bridge and Lacka, junction for outside parties, and not included in L. and B. tonnage. THE DEL. & HUDSON CANAL INTEREST.

All coal shipped to Honesdale; all coal shipped via Jefferson branch RR; all coal shipped sold at local points; all coal shipped

THE CENTRAL BAILBOAD OF NEW JERSEY IN-

All coal originating on the line of Lehigh and Susquebanna Railroad and branches, and delivered : To points on line of L. and S. R. R., above Mauch Chunk. To points on line of L. and S. R. R., below Mauch Chunk: To connecting railroads above Phillipsburg. To Bel. and Del. R. R., Central R. R. of N. J., Morris and Essex R. R., Easton and Amboy R. R., at Phillipsburg. To Lehigh Valley R. R., at Packerton. To Phila, and Reading R. R. All coal delivered to L. and B. R.R., by Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., at Plymouth. All coal de-livered to Pa. and N. Y. R. R. at Lackawanna Junction, by L. and W. Coal Co. All coal for Company's use. All fond delivered from L. and S. R. R., to Morris Canal. All coal delivered to Lehigh and Delaware Di-vision Canals, except that which is delivered to the Leltigh Canal at East Mauch Chunk by the Lehigh Valley R. R. All coal delivered to Del. and Raritan Canal. All coal

THE DELAWARE, LACKAWASNA AND WESTERN

sold at mines.

RAILROAD INTEREST. All coal mined and purchased by the compuny and shipped over this road. All coal shipped to local points on Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railroad, and hauled by D. L. and W. motive power. All coal shipped

over main line for other parties. THE PENNSYLVANIA COAL COMPANY INTEREST. All of their own coal : Shipped to tide via Erie Railway. Shipped to tide via Del. and Hudson Canal. Shipped to points on line of Eric Railway. Shipped West via Pa. and

N. Y. R. R. Sold at stations on Gravity Road. Used by company's engineers. THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD INTEREST.

All coal mined by Susquehanna Coal Co. All coal mined by Mineral R. R. and Mining Co. All coal mined by Lykens Valley R. R. Co. All coal mined by Summit Branch R. R. Co. All coal shipped over Lackawanna and Bloomsburg R. R. for outside parties and hauled by Penna. R. R. motive power. All coal shipped over Shamokin Division N. C. R: Way, from mines of outside parties on that Division, excluding all coal received from P. and R. and L. V. R. Roads, but including all coal to local stations, and for loomotive use from such mines. All coal shipped over the Danville, Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre R. R. from mines on that road, including all taken for locomotive use from those mines, but excluding that received from Lehigh Valley R. R. at Tomhickon. All coal transported by North Branch Canal, from mines in Wilkes-Barre region, other than that of Susquehanna Coal Co.

Eightu. That the allotment for the year 1878 shall be as follows: To the Philadelphia and Reading R. R.

nterest, 28.625 per cent.; Lehigh Valley R. R. interest, 19.750 per cent.; Central R. R. of New Jersey interest, 12,905 per gent.; Del., Lack, and Western R.E. interest, 12,750 per cent.; Delaware and Hudson Canal interest, 12,480 per cent.; Pennsylvania R. R. interest, 7.625 per cent.; Pennsylvania Coal interest, 5.865 per cent.

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