

The Mystery of the Red Flame

By GEORGE BARTON Author of "The World's Greatest Military Spies and Secret Service Agents"

This starts the story

Hugh Garland, of the United States Customs Service, is assigned to discover the whereabouts of a mysterious red diamond which has been smuggled into the country in some manner unknown. To that end he receives a position as assistant to Colonel Wharton, a collector of antiquities and gems.

And here it continues

"Where's Wharton?" he asked. "I want to speak to him."

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He seemed disappointed and then turned to look at me and peered into the little compartments. His naturally pale face became waxen and he fell back with a groan.

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RED CROSS BUTTONS NOW IN 40 WARDS

25,000 Women Making Final Preparations for Annual Rollcall

All but eight of the city's forty-eight wards have been supplied with buttons, flags, posters and printed matter in preparation for the annual Red Cross rollcall, which begins Sunday and ends November 11.

More than 25,000 women in this city and its four adjoining counties yesterday entered in the last stage of preparation for the rollcall. In many cases the appearance and preliminary work on the rollcall is about finished.

Mrs. John W. Geary, of Chestnut Hill, who heads the rollcall for the local chapter, yesterday announced the quotas for the various wards as follows:

First ward, 7500 members; Second, 6500; Third, 4250; Fourth, 3500; Fifth, 2500; Sixth, 1000; Seventh, 4500; Eighth, 1000; Ninth, 10,000; Tenth, 3150; Eleventh, 2000; Twelfth, 2500; Thirteenth, 2500; Fourteenth, 2500; Fifteenth, 2500; Sixteenth, 2500; Seventeenth, 2500; Eighteenth, 4500; Nineteenth, 10,000; Twentieth, 8500; Twenty-first, 10,250; Twenty-second, 20,000; Twenty-third, 4500; Twenty-fourth, 4500; Twenty-fifth, 4500; Twenty-sixth, 8500; Twenty-seventh, 7000; Twenty-eighth, 1500; Twenty-ninth, 4000; Thirtieth, 4500; Thirty-first, 11,250; Thirty-second, 3500; Thirty-third, 10,000; Thirty-fourth, 17,000; Thirty-fifth, 2250; Thirty-sixth, 6500; Thirty-seventh, 4500; Thirty-eighth, 14,500; Thirty-ninth, 2500; Fortieth, 14,500; Forty-first, 2000; Forty-second, 6500; Forty-third, 8250; Forty-fourth, 11,250; Forty-fifth, 5250; Forty-sixth, 15,250; Forty-seventh, 5500; Forty-eighth, 3500.

Investigations satisfied me that the Red Diamond was at Hedgewater House, he would be satisfied to let me see it.

"But its disappearance? I ventured, "It is not surprising—but we'll get it soon."

"I breathed a sigh of relief, and as I did so he said: "We've got one of the conspirators behind lock and key."

"When was it?" I stammered. The veteran investigator pulled a note from his pocket, filled it with tobacco, lit it, and, after taking two or three puffs, said contentedly: "Well, it's a long story, and if you'll be patient I'll try and tell you."

"I was on edge with excitement, but this calm person disregarded my agitation. He did not look like a detective, and he did not act like one. Seen for the first time he would be pointed out as a prosperous business man or a leisurely hunter for his first editions of American humorists, and his great ambition was to complete that collection. On duty he was shrewd as a fox and as persevering as a bill collector."

The subjects are elementary meteorology, penmanship, English composition upon some meteorological subject, elementary physics, mathematics, copying and correcting of manuscript and geography of the United States.

English composition is the most important subject. It is rated at twenty-five points in an examination that totals 100. Possibly because a weatherman needs most of all to be able to write, and next of all to be able to change his predictions. Upon that latter point it is interesting to note that the examining board rates the "copying and correcting of manuscript" at ten points out of the possible 100.

A series of evening entertainments in the public schools by Matinee Musical Club members is being planned by Mrs. Edwin H. Carriger. Mrs. Carriger has just become president of the organization.

The study of music would be furthered and stimulated by such a series of concerts by skilled musicians, she believes.

The Clara Barnes Abbott scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania has been made permanent. Mrs. Abbott has retired as president of the club made surprising progress during her administration.

The club also maintains a scholarship in the Gettysburg Military School, and Mrs. Carriger has just become president of the organization.

A series of dances and entertainments will be held during the winter.

By Chas. McManus

DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

By DADDY "The Magic Circle"

"Peggy, Billy and their school mates, turned into monkeys by Holo's Dream Stick, seek the magic circle through which they may return to monkey land. With the stick, Billy turns Mrs. Great Brown Dream into a parrot and the parrot leads into a howling monkey."

"The Howling Monkey's Trick "O-ow-ow-ow! What's that matter with me?" wailed the parrot leader, who had been turned into a Howling Monkey by the Dream Stick.

"O-ow-ow-ow! We're coming, echoed the loud answering howl from the distance.

"Eek! Eek!" squawked the parrots and parrotettes. "Eek! There's magic in the stick. It will turn us all into Howling Monkeys. Eek! Eek!"

"As for their leader, he was so surprised at becoming a Howling Monkey that he just sat under a limb of the tree and howled and howled.

"I don't want to be a Howling Monkey, he mourned. "Please turn me back into a Chattering Parrot. O-ow-ow! I'll be good! I don't want to be a Howling Monkey."

"The howling of the Howling Monkey seemed to have a howling effect on the pupils who had been turned into monkeys.

"O-ow-ow-ow! We want to go home! Please turn the Magic Circle quick, o-ow-ow! We want to go home!" they wailed.

"O-ow-ow-ow! We're coming," The howl in the jungle was now milder. Clinging Tail leaped to the opening of the tree. "We'd better get away from here as fast as we can. Those Howling Monkeys will howl us to death if they don't overcome us with force of numbers."

All acted upon his warning, even the howling pupil-monkeys. They fled away through the tree tops at full speed.

THE DAILY NOVELETTE

COLUMBUS AND THE EGG BY LAZZIE M. PEABODY

AS COLUMBUS stood in the meadow for back yard, which was filled with bushes of all sorts that fine autumn morning, his pale blue eyes were a very lovely sight. Isabella, with her softly glowing dark eyes, her pink cheeks, her shining brown hair combed and braided long, and her white dress with a bright ribbon, sat on the edge of the pretty plaid gingham dress she wore, embodied his idea of all that was perfect in a girl.

"This my birthday," she said, looking up at him with a smile. "I'm twelve to-day, and besides he hasn't had much work lately."

"I have all my bravest, he spoke a bit wistfully, and Isabella suddenly ran away from him, crying breathlessly over her shoulder. "Watch me!" which would permit myself to think of her as a culprit. I preferred to feel that she could give an explanation of her conduct that would be satisfactory to all concerned. Yet if that was the case why did she permit her uncle to suffer as he was undoubtedly suffering?"

"I had no heart for the work of arranging the coins in the museum and Colonel Wharton was too much distressed and anxious to give the business any attention. The Red Diamond filled my mind to the exclusion of everything else."

"Finally I resolved to go to Dora and put two questions to her, which would all the suspense. I had immense faith in her truthfulness, and felt that her replies would clarify the situation. It was nearly an hour later that I found her sitting at the piano in the living room. She seemed to be heading over a sheet of music, but when I came near I was pained to see that tears were trickling down her cheeks. I was embarrassed at this evidence of distress and might have withdrawn if she had not straightened up and greeted me in a low voice.

"I am sorry to have intruded on you at this time, but I began lately. She made a pathetic attempt to smile and dabbed her eyes with a little lace handkerchief.

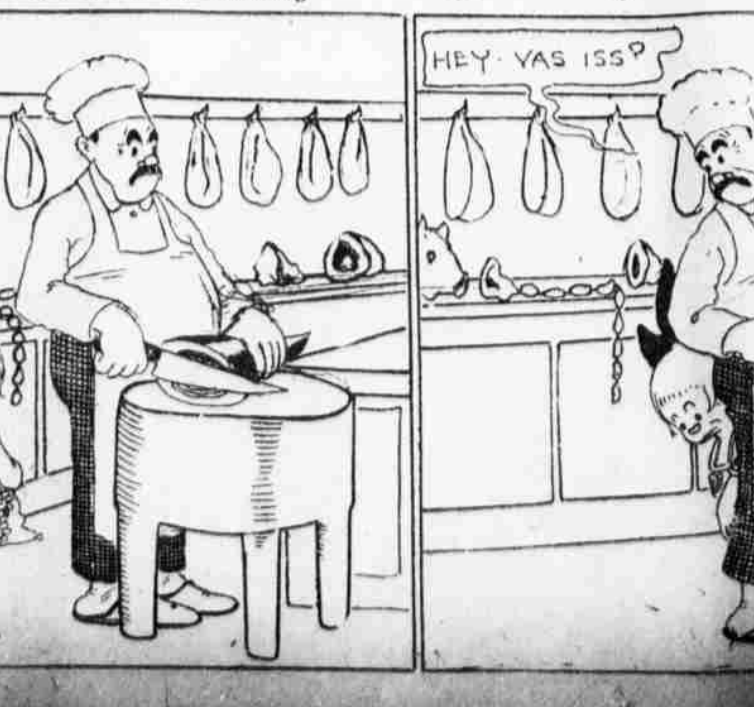
"Oh, it's all right," she said bravely. "but I'm sorry you see me in such an unsettled condition. I'm afraid you're not finding it very cheerful at Hedgewater House."

"I'm not thinking of that," I declared resolutely. "But wondering if I cannot be of some service to you."

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