The Man Who Looked Like the King.

Author of "A Crisis in Oldendorf" and "The Six Dumb-Bells of Castle Schreckenstrom."

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I read an accunt of this singular experience of one Julius Waterbury, who, having attempted to free a stray balloon, which had become entangled with the railing upon the top of the house where he was lodged, was run away with by it, and set down upon the roof of a castle, several miles distant. At the moment when he alighted, according to the same account, a certain August von Dunkelheim, of Muwho happened to be standing upon the roof of this same castle, sprang into the balloon and sailed away, and was arrested, several hours later on the charge of having stolen the balloon, as he was climbing down from a tree upon which it had caught—this tree standing in the neighborhood of (Dueselburg, near Munich, and being distant a great many leagues from the aforesaid castle. August von Dunkelheim is referred to in the above account as being the greatest liar in all Europe He may have been so, up to the period when Julius Waterbury wrote this narrative, After reading the narrative, it seemed to me that we must come to the conclusion that there are others.

Now, the facts are that von Dunkelheim was not the man who was arrested while climbing down from a tree in the neighborhood of Dusseiberg. The reason why I know this, is-that I myself was the man who was arrested; and I now propose to give a succinct and truthful account of the matter; as well as of certain other more impor-tant things which happened afterward. I am an American, and my name is Stuyvesant Perkins. I come of a very good family, and better still, I am possessed of a fair education. At the death of my parents, which happened shortly after I had left my studies, I inherited some twenty-five thousand dollars, and, upon the revenue of this moderate fortune. I contrived to live quite comfortably until last spring. At that time I set out upon a tour of Europe; which tour, or perigrination, has been productive of the most unfor-

On the 16th of last August, I being then at Krayburg, a small and ancient I infer you would have broken it." I town in the very northern part of the interposed. kingdom of Lusatia, that part which thrusts itself wedgeshaped between varia, I received word from my bank-ers in Boston that a certain manu-facturing concern, in which I was interested, had failed, and that my whole forture had taken in the same and identity. I have, however, another, which of itself would be sufficient. Have you ever seen the reigning monarch of this coun-ity?" my whole fortune had taken to itself wings, and had vanished. They also informed me, incidentally, that my letwithout friends, and with just four me, will convince you."

seen and momentous consequences.

The only thing for me to do was to it return home. If I was to get there at all, I must go at once, and economize money enough left to pay my passage. sion that it would be better to walk as much of the way as possible. I therefore had my luggage sent on ahead to and early on the morning of the 17th, meaning to cross the Bavarian frontier, three or four miles to the north of

he saw me he hallooed to me, and I of course went at once to his assistance. I found no trouble in climbing the tree, and by bending a branch here and breaking one there we soon managed to get the thing close to a good thick bough, to which we bound it fast. We now sat down upon the rim of the car of his balloon, with our legs dangling on the inside of it. He gave me a very good cigar, and, we having exchanged cards, I found that my host was August von Dunkelheim, of Munich.

A talk of ten or fifteen minutes made us feel quite well acquainted with each other. I asked him what had brought him to the scrape in which I had found him, and his explanation of the affair agreed, in the main, with the narrative of Julius Waterbury, which I saw later. He now wanted to know why I was trudging along on foot, twenty-five miles from Munich, at eight o'clock in the morning. As he had been so frank with me I determined to be the same with him, and told him exactly how l stood; how I had lost every cent of my patrimony, and of the course which I was now taking.

"I am very glad to hear this," said he, with a sardonic grin.
"Are you?" I exclaimed, while I felt

an inclination to turble him backward out of the car.

"Certainly, my dear Herr Perkins And for this reason: It will give me an opportunity to aid you. You need not frown. I certainly would not aid you unless I would thereby be benefitted myself. You see I am thoroughly frank with you. The proposition which I wish to make to you is as follows: There are certain very cogent and peculiar reasons why it is no longe agreeable for me to reside in this country-why it is no longer advantageous for me to go about under the name of August Von Dunkelheim.

"What have you been doing?" asked I. "Herr Perkins," he answered, with his hand upon his heart, "I assure you. upon my honor, that I have broken no law; unless there is a law that a man shall not make a fool of himself."

"If there had been such a law then.

the German principality of Andel main reason why I would willingly Schwartzburg and the kingdom of Ba- change my name and identity. I have, "I have not," said I.

ter of credit was withdrawn and can- image. We are as alike as two peas. a gentleman into my apartment. As celed. I now found myself in an ob- This photograph of his majejsty, Ernest scure and unfrequented part of Europe | Wilhelm, which I always carry with |

hundred and fifty marks in my pocket He produced a photograph and —a sum equivalent to about \$100 of handed it to me. It certainly resembled him as much as though he had sat for

"This unfortunate resemblance is alin every way possible; otherwise, when | pleasant situations. What I am re-I arrived at Hamburg, from which port | solved to do is to change my name and | she is?" decided to sail, I would not have leave the country. What I propose is to give you twenty-five hundred marks In the first place I came to the conclu- for your name, your mentity and your passport. Of course, you have it with you, or you could not travel in this manner. Your age, height and com-Hamburg, and set out on foot, bright plexion approach mine so nearly that it will answer my purpose very well. I not deny that you are married to her, would also stipulate that you assume in some public manner, the cognomen Krayburg, and to push on from there, and personalities which I discard; at so. You will also not deny that she ad-



WHEN HE SAW ME HE HALLOOED TO ME.

some twenty-five miles further, to Mu- | least for a few days. And, that during

glimpse of before dark. At eight o'clock I had been Jogging along, at quite a rapid gait, for an hour or more, and it now seemed to me that I must be in the immediate vicinity of the frontier; particularly as I had just caught sight, from a piece of rising ground, of the towers and spires of the Bavarian town of Dusselburg. All at once, through the foliage of a grove of oak trees at my right, I got a glimpse of something which seemed very much like a ballon. I immediately pushed my way through the hedge, in order to satisfy my curiosity. When I had gone about a hundred feet, I came to a spot where I could get an uninterrupted view of the object. and I found that I was not mistaken; and that it was, in truth, a balloon, which had

caught in the branches of a great tree. Its car or basket was swaying back and forth, with the wind, some twenty feet from the ground, and when I had come quite close to it, I saw to my astonishment that there was a man in it, a gentlemanly appearing person. who was holding on to a branch of the tree, and in this way steadying the car, so that he would not be rattled out of it by the wabbling of the balloon. There was not a branch within his reach to look after it, until I return, which would bear his weight, and he There is one thing more. You will could not bring himself any closer to notice that I am wearing an exceedingthe trunk of the tree; consequently he ly well-made Prince Albert coat, of a

(nich; which city I hoped to get a these few days, you remain hereabouts; that is to say, in the vicinity of Mu-

> "In other ords," said I, "I am to provide you with the means for proving an alibi.

"Not at all, my dear Herr Perkins. I may as well tell you that my object in this is to delay pursuit on the part of St. Johannes." my friends until I am safely out of the

way. Is it a bargain?" I considered his offer for a few moments. I wanted the money exceedingly, and my reason told me that, in complying with his terms. I would be giving him quid pro quo. So far, it was all right. If the fellow had really committed a crime, I could easily escape the effects of it, by showing that I was

not von Dunkelheim. "I am agreed," said I. "From this time forth, I am August von Dunkelheim, of Munich."

"You are a man of sense and de-cision," said he. "Here is the money." With that he counted me out the sum of twenty-five hundred marks, the most of it being in Bank of England notes.

"I will now proceed to the nearest town," sald he, "and fetch some one who will pack and remove this balloon You will oblige me by remaining here was for the present a prisoner. When | fine and expensive texture. It is not the | reliable, sure

garment in which I would like to appear before these country bumpkins. Nor is it a good one to travel in. Would you mind letting me have your tweed coat in exchange for it?" I assured him that it would give me great pleas-

The rascal never returned for the balloon, and I think, now, that he never intended to do so. I waited an hour and a half, without seeing anybody. Finally a peasant came along, but, as soon as he laid eyes on the balloon, he seemed to be seized with fright, and at once took to his heels. He must have informed the authorities, for a half an hour afterward I saw three officers of the Bayarian police coming toward me from the direction in which he had disappeared. I got down to meet them, and began to explain matters; but they would not listen to the very clear and plausible account which I gave of the affair, and insited on arresting me and taking me to Dusselburg. I have now shown, I think conclu-

sively and clearly, how it was that Land not Von Dunkelheim, who was the man arrested for stealing the balloon; and also how it came about that, when arrested, I was wearing the coat of Julius Waterbury.

Though my change of identity had so far brought me worse luck than it, I was under arrest for a criminal oft, I was under arrest for a crimnali offense, I determined, on account of my promise, and also through a sort of natural perversity, to persevere in the



"SHE IS YOUR WIFE, SIR."

ourse which I had commenced. Therefore, during my examination that morning, while the papers and documents found in my coat made it appear that I was Julius Waterbury, I maintained stoutly that I was none other than August Von Dunkelheim.

The theft of this particular balloon

"I should have utterly annihilated ment, and the royal tribunal being esit," said he, with decision. "This is the tablished at Munich, I was taken that afternoon by train to that city and incarcerated in the Ludwigskerker, a most secure and solid residence, especially devoted to prisoners of state.

About two hours after my arrival, it being then about seven o'clock in the evening, a turnkey opened the door of "Well, you see him when you look at my salon, and, telling me that a person me; that is to say, you see his exact wished to see me, immediately ushered soon as the official had gone out and closed the door, my visitor introduced himself as Counselor Wittlesbuch, and

said: "Mein lieber von Dunkelheim,we will ject in visiting you is to concert measures for attaining your freedom. I act ways placing me in absurd and un- on the part of a lady who is waiting without. Can you not imagine who

> I assured him that I could not. "She is your wife, sir, Frau Cunigunde von Dunkelheim." "Guess again," said I.

> "There is no guessing about the mat ter, Mein Herr. The lady has her certificate with her. I suppose you will though I admit that there might be found extenuating reasons for doing

> vanced you fifty thousand marks be fore the ceremony. The marriage, she admits, was a secret one, and you have not yet formally acknowledged her as your wife. She intends, however, that you shall now do so. She is, it seems, of a tender nature. She could not bring herself to look upon you while you were in captivity. Therefore she is awniting me without. The point is just here: It has been discovered that the spot where you were arrested is just across the Bavarian frontier and upon Lusatian territory. The question arises: Could you be apprehended by Bavarian officials, in the kingdom of Lusatia, for an offense committed in the principality of Andel Schwartz-

"But I was," said I. "The fact, however, does not after the law, Mein Herr. I have it from a reliable source that a privy council at this moment is in a state of mind over this identical business, and that a little influence in the right direction would bring about your release this very night. Your estimable lady, as you know, is second cousin to the wife of Count Schnitzenwitz, the royal director of the Hof Brauerei. Frau Dunkelheim. I am positive, has only to speak and this powerful nobleman will btain your liberty within an hour. the authorities wish to act without publicity. They would simply open the doors and you would walk out.

"I will perform my part of it," said L. "But there is something else," continued the counselor. "The lamentable oolness between yourself and your loving spouse must be accommodated. or I fear she will not act in the matter. You know that she is a lady of much force of character. She insists upon taking you home with her when you are discharged, to her residence in the

"Can I have a look at her?" I asked "Certainly, Mein Herr. Though I do not think you will find her much changed. Step with me into the corri-

dor and I will satisfy you."
I did as he requested. We went a short distance down the hallway to a point where we could get a view of the visitors' room. There was a lady sitting there, with her profile toward us. She was a large and muscular woman of about forty-five, and would weigh two hundred pounds. Her face was rather masculine and wore a determined look, as well as many freekles. Her hair was red.

"Behold her," he whispered. (To Be Continued.)

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him that it would give me great pleasure to accommodate him, and we at once made the proposed change. Before handing him my coat I was careful to remove what few articles were in the pockets of it. He neglected to do the like by his, though I did not know it till afterward. He now descended to the ground, made his way to the road and shouting out "Au revoir" went off in the direction of Dusselburg.

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numerable errors.

The historical society of Pennsylva The historical society of Pennsylva-nia in 1883 inaugurated a movement for the bettering of the compilations of the laws of this state, which resulted in the passage by the legislature of a joint resolution for the appointment of three commissioners who should ex-amine and report upon the state laws which had never been printed. The commission so appointed consisted of Chief Justice Sharswood, Judge Mit-chell and John Cadwallader, of Philachell and John Cadwallader, of Phila-delphia. Since that time Chief Justice Sharswood has died and Mr. Cadwalla-der has resigned. The chief justice was succeeded by Charles R. Hildeburr and Mr. Cadwallader by Henry Flan

ders.
The commissioners found that 10 and they prepared a text that compro-mize these laws, together with all the other acts that were passed prior to the revolution. In 1887 the legislature au-thorized the commissioners to print the text and continue it as far as the year 1800, an annual appropriation of \$1.500 for four years having been made. They carried the text up to 1800 and have now ready for the printer 4.000 manuscript pages, which includes all acts prior to the beginning of the current text and continue it as far as the yea

The commissioners were authorized by another act of the legislature to take temporary possession of the or-iginal rolls and act books belonging to the state. A fine mess was discovered in this spot. Comparison of the text of the thirty-four folio volumes with of the thirty-four folio volumes with the originals, which was begun in 1887, showed that all previous editors of the laws of Pennsylvania had relied upon what are known as the "act books," which had been copied from the rolls about 1760. The act book contained every possible kind of inaccuracy from mirplaced commas and periods to the insertion of clauses that changed the whole meaning of certain acts, A special appropriation carried the work on until 1893, when a new act en-

work on until 1893, when a new act enabled the commissioners to proceed more rapidly. Since then four volumes have been prepared for the printer. Circumstances have made it impossible to attempt the immediate publication of the first volume. The second was issued last Monday and contains all the acts from 1700 to 1712. They cover the carliest legislation now in force. Nine-ty-five of these acts have never before ty-five of these acts have never before been printed. The commissioners have added to the

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The commissioners have added to the acts here published the opinions of crown councellors on the laws, containing curious and valuable legal suggestions, minutes of the royal board of trade and a vast amount of other illustrative matter forming a mine of historical and legal information not hitherto accessible save by reference to the public record office in London, whence the copies were obtained. Volume 111 carries on the work as far as 1726. It embraces no laws hitherto unpublished embraces no laws hitherto unpublished and corrects numerous glaring errors in the accepted copies used by the legal

With prompt attention on the part of the state printer the publication may be completed within the ensuing three years. Then for the first time the lavyer and student will have access the complete compliation of the laws of Pennsylvania. The total number of volumes of the official compilation will probably be ten. Of these, six are now ready for the printer.



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