

LUCK OF LUM.

EARL DAVESHAM was giving a dance and the great ballroom of his house was filled with a glittering crowd. At one end a man of about thirty-five was sitting with a young and pretty girl. His eye roamed over the brilliant scene, and a half smile played about his mouth. "Lucky, lucky girl!" he murmured. His companion looked up at him inquiringly. There was a slight spot of color on her cheek. Austin Drysdale indicated the huge room with a slight movement of his hand. "All yours!" he said softly. "To be had, not for the asking, but for just consenting to accept it. A title, immense wealth, as husband of an amiable man of middle age and irreproachable character. Wonderful!" The flush deepened on the girl's face, and she turned her head away. "What nonsense you talk, Austin!" she remarked. He laughed. "Being your cousin, I'm privileged. Besides, I've always made a point of being frank with you. So let us discuss the Earl. Here," he rattled on, "we have a most useful member of the aristocracy—sober, industrious and given to thinking seriously. He has drifted on to middle age and without having fallen in love—the dear air of all titled mothers with marriageable daughters. At length he sees you, Miss Beryl Heathcote, a delightful young creature, and straightway determines to make up for lost time. And tonight it will be my dear, I'm almost certain he will propose to you tonight—I'm never wrong in these matters—and tomorrow you will be referred to in every boudoir as the most desirable young person in all London. In other words, you will have succeeded where they failed."

request took her to a seat in one of the corridors. "I wish to be quiet for a moment or so!" she exclaimed. "So please don't talk much, Austin. Mr. Drummond is my next partner." He looked at her inquiringly. "Why didn't the paragon take you into the conservatory?" he asked banteringly. She gave a little sigh. "Oh, the conservatory is due with our next dance," she replied, and relapsed into silence. A door a few yards away from them opened a few inches, and the sound of men's voices broke upon their ears. "I just came along from Cranston's dinner party, and we had quite a dramatic little scene!" cried one. "Young Rivington, who has been invalued home, was there and a lot of other chaps. He drank champagne rather heavily, and not being strong yet it went to his head and he got excited. Of course there was a lot of war talk and Shenton, the painter chap, made some asinine, sneering remark about our fellows' work—said that if ever a man did a brave action it was only because he hoped to get the V. C. for it." The voice paused for a moment. Drysdale glanced at Beryl and saw she was listening to every word. The voice went on: "Then young Rivington sprang up, his face aflame, and told Shenton he was as good as a liar; said there were no medals where men die and big things and kept it to themselves. Shenton laughed. Rivington grew madder still, and said he himself could give an instance. They were out at Modder River doing patrol work, and coming into contact with the enemy had to get under cover as best they could. It was a fast thing, and in the scramble back one of the subalterns fell and twisted his ankle. It wasn't noticed for some little time. Then a captain, finding it out, went back in the open and brought him away under a storm of bullets. He got badly hit himself, but managed to do the trick. Only Rivington and the subaltern knew what had happened, and the chap who did it found them over to secrecy and made them promise to say nothing about it. He only gave out that he had been hit by a stray shot."

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She laid a hand on his arm. Her cheeks were flushed and her eyes were shining with a light that could only mean one thing. "Not pity; it's love," she whispered.

"I thought I understood women," so blurted out Austin Drysdale a few days later, "but I don't. Fancy a modern girl deliberately refusing a title and seventy thousand a year, and insisting upon giving up her life to a poor devil with a limp, who didn't expect it and who can do nothing but make her supremely happy! Wonderful!" Then a smile crept over his face. "After all, Lum's luck wasn't so bad—not so bad—considering he deserved it."—New York Mail and Express.

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BEHIND THE TIMES. New York City's Postal Facilities Are Really Much Poorer Than They Should Be.

CORONATION OF KING EDWARD (Continued from Page 1.)

Louisiana

W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record-Herald. The local mail service about New York city is not a thing to be proud of. The people of London, Berlin, Paris, St. Petersburg, Rome Vienna and other European cities have a decided advantage of us in this respect. Over there the collections and deliveries are so frequent that a person can get an answer to a letter the same day that it is written. You can write from any place in London to any part of that city, and if your correspondent answers promptly the reply will be received within six hours. The same is true in all of the other cities I have named. Housewives order their market by post card. If they mail an order to the butcher or the grocer before 9 o'clock in the morning the goods will be delivered before luncheon. This, of course, is a great convenience and economy, which we do not enjoy in American cities, and during my present stay around New York I have been struck with the inferior character of the service here. A letter mailed in Washington any time before 9 o'clock in the evening reaches New York by 7 o'clock the next morning, but it not delivered north of Twenty-third street before 11 o'clock, and in the residence district yet later. A letter mailed at Washington with a special delivery stamp upon it will reach its destination perhaps an hour earlier.

King's Gift to the Nation. London, Aug. 10.—King Edward has signalled his coronation in a memorable manner by the magnificent gift to the nation of the Osborne house, one of the favorite residences of the late Queen Victoria.

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MINES IN SEVENTH DISTRICT. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shamokin, Aug. 10.—Edward Brennan, of this place, state inspector of the Seventh anthracite district, in an interview this evening said every one of the fifty collieries in this district would be in condition for operation when the strike ended. The few flooded upper levels can be operated and eventually all the levels.

THE MARKETS. Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotations Based on Par of 100. STOCKS. Lackawanna Dairy Co., Pr. 90 ... 90 County Sav. Bank & Trust Co. 200 ... 200 First Nat. Bank (Carbonado) ... 500 Third National Bank ... 500

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KING OSCAR A LIFE SAVER. The Swedish King Rescues Victims of a Bridge Collapse. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 10.—While King Oscar was yachting Saturday near the Marstrand bridge, which was crowded with women and children, the structure collapsed, throwing its occupants into the water. The king threw off his coat and assisted in the rescue of twenty-three persons, who were taken aboard the yacht.