

Captain Brabazon BY B. M. CROKER A Military Romance of South Africa

CHAPTER XV.—(Continued.) "You were in too great a hurry, old man," said Teddy, indignantly. "Why did you not take your time? You should look before you leap. Why did you not ask?"

"What was there to ask? Had I not saved for myself? And is not seeing better? I never dreamed that she had another brother; never. In any case you, or any fellow, would have done just the same."

"I'm awfully sorry," said Teddy, slowly, speaking with his eyes meditatively fixed on the ground; "sorry for the money. It's not my fault, but I don't understand that."

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episode—I have just one little question to ask, and only one. Supposing now, for the sake of argument, that he won't marry you—what then?" "Ah! this was a phase of the matter that Esme had never contemplated; but, although she made prompt and cheerful answer to herself to her sister's query, she vouchsafed no reply, beyond what might be called a superior smile, and loud and triumphant poking of a most offensive finger.

Gussie's allusion to Mrs. Brabazon was timely, Esme well knew. That lady had always been antagonistic to her nephew Brabazon, and she counted the very days not likely to be a founder in him now that he was as poor as a church mouse. Quite lately she had awakened to a due appreciation of the unusual personal gifts of her younger step-daughter, and through understanding of her marketable value—a coronet! Esme's visit to Brighton, her appearance at all the winter country balls, had given her quite a reputation, and a certain young honorable, the eldest son of Lord Mangel-Wurke, was constantly finding his way over to her younger step-daughter, and through with open arms, by Esme with smiles, for he had been one of what Mrs. Brabazon would have called Teddy's "boom" company.

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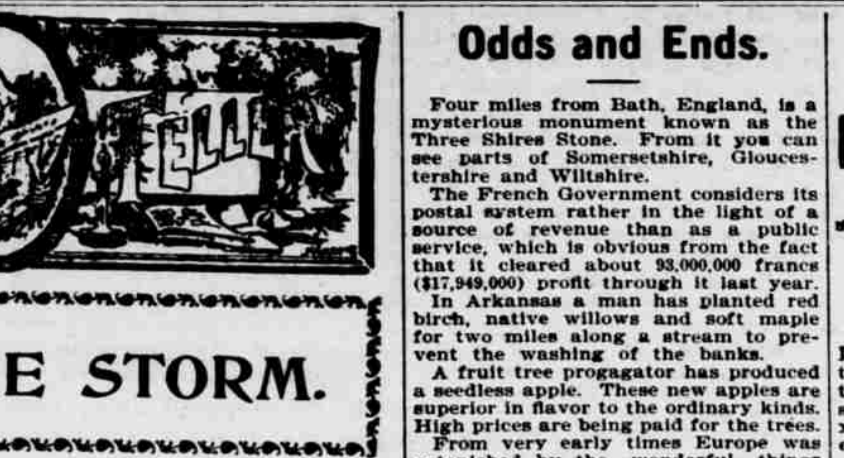
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Two villagers, having concluded their errand in Jerusalem, have started out at the city gate and are on their way to Emmaus, the place of their residence. They go with a sad heart. Jesus, who had been their admiration and their joy, had been basely massacred and entombed. As, with sad face and broken heart, they pass the great ideas and inventions.

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Useful Hints.

In broiling meat over coals never allow them to smoke the least. After the steaks are broiled down to suit, throw on a handful of salt to deodorize. Put them on a hot iron plate, dipping from your meat takes fire remove from the stove to cool for a few minutes. Try to show the very best of your reflection, and be decided that she would reply, and by the next mail, in a friendly spirit, giving him largely of her forgive-

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Electric Sparklets.

An electric canal service is to be maintained between Cincinnati and Dayton. The rubber annually used up into golf balls is sufficient to insulate an Atlantic cable.

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Notes of the Street.

Consolidated Lake Superior common will, filed, be placed on 8 per cent dividend basis next month. September was the best month for southern iron business has obtained this year, the aggregate exports valued at 30,000 tons.

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Out of the Ordinary.

In China a doctor's fee varies from 8 cents to a quarter. A penny will buy twenty times as much nourishment in the shape of oatmeal as it will in the shape of beefsteak.

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Among the Banks.

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Industrial.

The American Tin Plate Company announce that they will start the finishing department of the Niles, Ohio, tin mill. The employees say they will return unless the scale is signed, and an attempt will be made to start with non-union men.

Personals.

Joseph Jefferson has given \$1000 toward the relief of the Galveston sufferers. He attended school in Galveston when a mere boy, and his earlier success in his dramatic career were made in that town.

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