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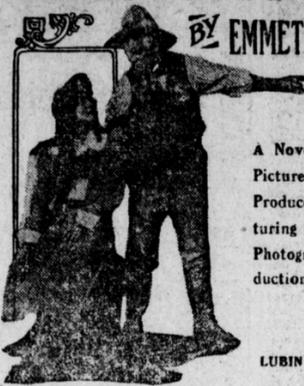
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Soon after daylight the sheriff and the general manager of operations were in consultation in the disordered office.

"But I tell you there wasn't no package in the safe," the officer declared positively. "I was there two seconds after she popped, and they didn't have a chance to touch a thing. There wasn't no package of bills nor no other package in that tin safe."

"Then there is but one conclusion," Peterson said with apparent reluctance. The payroll money was removed from the safe before it was blown open. Mr. Holt, the cashier, is the only person to whom the combination is known.

"Looks like you are right, though I wouldn't be thought of it, Jimmy," the sheriff agreed sadly. "We'd better go look him up."

Holt's boarding place lay on the further side of the Manning cottage, and as the sheriff and Peterson hurried toward it they observed Jimmy standing at the Manning gate chatting gayly with Elsie and the now entirely recovered Lord Cecil.

"The safe was blown open last night, Jimmy," the sheriff announced reluctantly. "I know the payroll money wasn't in it, and Mr. Peterson says you must have removed it, you being the only one who could open the safe."

"Oh, I see!" Holt exclaimed, and his face lit up with delight. "By George, my hunch was real! When you told me about those yeggs being in the neighborhood I got uneasy about the money in the safe and thought it would be safer to pack it around with me if no one knew. Here it is, safe as a church," he added triumphantly and produced from his pocket a fat brown parcel.

"Course I knew it was all right, Jimmy," the sheriff began apologetically, but Peterson interrupted with a sarcastic laugh.

"Nice bluff," he sneered. "Think you can stand up with your little trick now that your little trick has fizzled, eh? How do you know what is in that package? Show us the money!"

With eyes blazing with indignation Holt tore open the package.

"Then look," he began, then stopped suddenly, amazement and chagrin spreading over his features. He had offered for inspection a handful of worthless paper cut to the size of banknotes.

"I thought so," Peterson commented spitefully, and the sheriff's expression grew stern as he stepped forward.

"Reckon you better come along with me," he said coldly.

With a heartbroken cry Elsie threw herself upon Holt's breast.

"I don't believe it, Jimmy boy! And I will love you always!" she sobbed. A flame of jealous hatred leaped into Peterson's eyes. Cecil caught the expression, and vague thoughts and recollections shaped themselves quickly. He stopped the sheriff with a gesture.

"I rather think," he said to Mr. Peterson, "that you know what that Mr. Sheriff is saying quietly."

For an instant Peterson stared wildly at this unexpected accuser, while Cecil tore at his brain.

"Oh, I am glad—glad!" the girl cried and clung closer to her sweetheart. With a snarl of fright and rage Peterson leaped back, drawing his revolver.

"But I'll get you, if I hang for it!" he screamed, and leveled his weapon. With blazing eyes Elsie strove to cover the body of her sweetheart with her own. The revolver cracked under-ously, but the bullet sped futilely toward the sky. As the assassin's finger had tightened on the trigger Lord Cecil had sprung forward and caught his wrist with a steel-like grasp. An instant later the smoking revolver had been twisted from Peterson's hand.

"You might, ah, remove this person, Mr. Sheriff," Cecil suggested, "but, to make sure, if you will permit me," he slipped his hand inside the coat of the now cowering man and produced a brown packet, which he handed to the sheriff with a smile.

"If you think it worth while to open it you will find my surmise was correct," he added. Then suddenly freedom settled upon him like a fog. "It—er—is quite simple, y' know," he drawled wearily in response to the bewildered looks directed upon him. "Not in the least interestin'. I happened to be passin' the window of the office 'n' saw this person open the safe 'n' change packages, an' when I heard that Mr. Holt was the only one supposed to know the combination—why, the deduction was too obvious to miss, y' know."

Three hours later an eastbound train—the line being again clear—stood at Raxter station. Lord Cecil shook hands cordially with Jimmy Holt, and then, with a kindly smile, turned to Elsie.

"I'm sorry I can't stay to the wedding, but I wish you every happiness," he said gently.

"You—we will never forget you," the girl said, and tears sparkled in her eyes. "I don't dare to think of what might have happened if you had not

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Chicago, Dec. 12.—That the advertising business is on the increase is indicated in the heavy placing of contracts for the early months of 1915, according to members of the executive committee of the Associated Advertising Club of the World, which met here yesterday.

The executive committee of the association has made an investigation of business conditions in 170 cities in the United States, to ascertain how conditions on November 1 compared with those of a year ago. Although results of the investigation have not been com-

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KNIFE TO CURE BOY OF CRIME

Court Consents to Operation on Skull Urged by Robber's Father

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Clarke L. Borton, a Germantown contractor, decided Thursday to risk his 14-year-old son's life in a surgical operation in an effort to cure the boy's criminal tendencies. Judge Gorman consented after sentencing the boy to the Glen Mills school for committing many robberies. The sentence was withdrawn pending the operation.

The boy, J. Willard Borton, is under observation in the psychopathic ward of the General Hospital. The operation will be performed early next week.

It is intended to remove a depression in the boy's skull, disclosed by an X-ray examination.

"I am convinced," said the father, "that my son's actions have been influenced by this depression. When he was six years old his head was injured, and his waywardness dates from that period. I believe he does not know right from wrong. Specialists have told me the boy is not criminal. I am sure he can be cured by an operation."

Divorce isn't the only thing that ought to be made harder. Making marriage harder for the immature would also help a great deal.

CHAPTER IX.
Lord Cecil Plays a Part.

In the most faintly seen, a thin line lay along the horizon, and on this lightly penciled divider of blue gray sky and gray blue sea, Lord Cecil fixed a dreamy gaze. Even as he looked the line vanished, sea and sky blended, and the shores of America had slipped over the edge of the world.

Idly Cecil turned from his dreams to observe casually but with interest the life about him.

Cecil observed with particular interest the chronically worried mother of the small boy who, not apprehensions to the contrary, was not in the least danger of tumbling over the rail; the stout gentleman from a small town in the middle west, who wore a yachting cap, addressed every uniform in sight as "Cap" and was at pains to respond "Aye, aye, sir," to any remark; the burly looking schoolteacher who was continually losing her place in a volume of Baedeker, and the two gamblers. The latter, who carefully posed as strangers to one another, were so patently crooks of a rather low grade that Cecil wondered if it had already been "suggested" to them that they should not engage in any "friendly games." On the youthful bride and groom his eyes rested approvingly. They were so frankly in love.

Harry Ashton was young, not only in years, but in character, still soft clay, to be shaped and formed by the hand of life and subjected to the proving of the furnace of temptation and adversity. Whether he would emerge a fair vessel from the workshops of the Master Potter or break upon the wheel or in the dunes no man might say. In his own opinion, Harry was a man of the world and quite capable of handling with credit any situation that might arise.

Harry was upon a business trip to Europe and had felt vastly complicated when his employers assigned him to the duty he was to accomplish. As a matter of fact, the business was of the simplest kind, the principal responsibility in connection therewith being the safekeeping of \$10,000 in cash, which sum was to be used to pay customs duties at various minor ports where Harry's firm had no agents and were unknown.

Besides this money, Harry had in his possession all his own savings, which were to be used for Ethel's expenses on the trip.

The ship was already falling into the routine that would continue until land was again in sight. Harry and Ethel went to their stateroom to complete the unpacking of the baggage. Cecil wrapped himself in his dreams. The crooks known to many police departments by several names and to a few

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WEIGHT OF AIR

One Cubic Foot of Atmosphere Weighs More Than an Ounce

The common belief that air weighs nothing or almost nothing, a belief which has given rise to the simile "light as air," needs correction.

A toy balloon filled with a cubic foot of air weighs 564 grains more than the same balloon collapsed. This shows that the weight of a cubic foot of air is 564 grains, which is a good deal more than an ounce. Accordingly a small room (15 by 15 by 10), containing 2,250 cubic feet of air would weigh 2,900 ounces, or 133.7 pounds avoirdupois, as much as a large man. Could you life a room full of air?

The air in an automobile tire under pressure of 150 pounds a square inch weighs proportionally ten times as much, while air under the pressure of fifty atmospheres weighs fifty times as much as an equal volume of ordinary air. When air is liquefied its volume is reduced to one sixteen-hundredth normal, so that the liquid is 1,600 times as heavy as gaseous air, or about as heavy as water.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Cecil Observed the Affair With Keen Displeasure.

by their true ones. Badger and Marks drew together for a furtive conference.

"Poor pickin'." Mr. Marks asserted gloomily.

"Do well to get back car fare," Mr. Badger agreed.

"Might get cigarette money from that newly wed." Marks suggested discursively. "Shall I pick him up?"

"Might as well—nothin' else in sight," his partner nodded gloomily.

An hour later when Harry appeared on deck alone he made the acquaintance of the jovial Mr. Marks—a bit crude perhaps, but evidently a good, plain fellow. A short while after it had happened that Harry had come to know Mr. Badger and in the most natural way in the world it came about that Harry introduced Mr. Badger to Mr. Marks. Evidently these were men of perception and knowledge of the world, for they valued Harry and his opinions at quite their true worth, something that many men older than himself were not always prone to do.

The trio drifted into the smoking room, and a friendly argument between Messrs. Marks and Badger as to who should pay for the drinks was settled by the matching of coins. Matching for the coins themselves followed, and it was Harry's suggestion that the jostling game be made three handed. An hour later they rose from the table, the boy feeling somewhat the effect of the half dozen drinks and striving to appear indifferent to his winnings—about \$25.

"You must give us a chance to get back at you," Marks laughed jovially and Harry nodded.

"Sure, old man!" he promised and swaggered away.

"He's hooked," Mr. Marks yawned.

"Yep, nothin' but a minnow, though," Mr. Badger agreed.

Had Ethel been of greater perception or wider experience Harry might still have been saved from the trap into which he had walked, but the girl had become annoyed at what she was pleased to regard as her husband's cold neglect in absencing himself for two whole hours. Moreover, in her eyes he had been gambling, and she was genuinely shocked and grieved out of all proportion. Her tearful reproaches produced only irritation, which expressed itself by sulky silence, and an inward wrathful declaration of independence.

The unexpected did not happen. On the contrary, events were quite as two of the participants therein intended them to be. Harry duly gave his friends the opportunity to get back at him, and a card game was voted to possess more interest than the childish matching of coins. As the game progressed, with steadily mounting stakes, the boy drank freely, and his excitement grew to fever heat. Idling through the smoking room, Cecil observed the affair with keen displeasure, and when his opinion of Messrs. Marks and Badger was confirmed by a swindle as crudely executed as it was blatant his indignation sent him forward a step. Second thought checked the impulse to interfere.

BARES SCHMIDT'S PLOTS

Story of Four Schemes to Escape Chair Used in Fighting Motion for New Trial

New York, Dec. 12.—Supreme Court Justice Davis has reserved his decision after hearing arguments for a new trial for Hans Schmidt, the convicted murderer of Anna Amuller. He was told by Acting District Attorney Delehanty, who appeared in opposition to the motion, that Schmidt had invented four stories in an effort to save himself from the electric chair. Mr. Delehanty said that Schmidt admitted that he slammed insanity, that being his defense to the murder charge.

A prisoner in the Tombs started in an affidavit that Schmidt had discussed the four plans with him. One scheme was to put the entire blame for the killing on Bertha Zech, a young servant girl who was in the employ of Ernest Muret, a dentist, now in the penitentiary at Atlanta for counterfeiting.

Another plan was to send Bertha Zech out of the country to a land where there is no extradition treaty with the United States. It was suggested that she would there make a statement to the United States Consul that she had performed a criminal operation on Anna Amuller, thereby causing death, and exonerating Schmidt of the charge.

The third plan was for another man to go to a foreign land and there take the blame for the crime, and the fourth was to get Bertha Zech to throw the entire blame on Dr. Arnold Leo, who at the trial of Schmidt admitted that he had once examined Anna Amuller.

According to Mr. Delehanty all of these schemes failed because the Zech girl would not take the part assigned to her. Schmidt in trying to induce her to aid him is alleged to have written:

"I prefer to think more of woman's generosity than of their truth. My life is in your hands."

Miss Zech showed the letter to the District Attorney. She later saw Schmidt at Sing Sing and denied that he had anything to do with the murder of Anna Amuller.

A Worm in Paganini's Violin

When Paganini died he bequeathed his violin, a superb Guarnerius, to his native town of Genoa with instructions that it was to be "preserved perpetually." In 1907 fears were entertained that a woodworm was wreaking damage to the instrument, and a special commission of experts was appointed by the municipality of Genoa to examine and report on its condition. The commission decided that the wood-

HOUSEHOLD TALKS

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Let Us Go Fishing

Uncle Sam has condemned our meats, warned us against using potatoes in quantities, and declared that poultry and eggs are infected from chickens being exposed to cattle diseases. But so far as we know he still permits us to eat fish in peace. How long this good food will be left to us we can only guess, but we can have it now in safety so let's do.

So far as the wholesomeness of fish is concerned it seems to occupy the middle ground between the meat and the vegetarian diet. Because fish is almost bloodless and lacks the juices of meats it does not stimulate as meat does. But fish contains chemical salts that are as useful as the properties of meat so that it is as good as meat for the workman or the invalid.

Though fish satisfies bodily needs it does not fatten; racing men wishing to reduce weights are given fish in preference to other foods. For the family table the absence of certain elements in fish is met by adding rich sauces or other articles of food.

Small fish are best fried, after being dredged with flour and seasoned. A good way to do is to fry rasher's of bacon first and then cook the fish in the remaining fat. Use the bacon for the garnish.

Do not let the fish remain long in the fat but dish them as soon as done. Fish should be cooked rather slowly and very well done. Ten minutes is the time allowance for the small ones of a pound each.

Some fish have a rare and ethereal flavor that is all their own. Mountain trout, shad, and fresh water fish are such and they should be cleaned, cooked and served as soon as possible after they are caught to preserve this lovely flavor. They are best broiled. A broiler of wire that folds is very good for broiling fish and can be used on any flame. A strong one can be had for ten cents. Rub the wires with a little fat, broil the fish and salt it; spread it over with butter and squeeze on a few drops of lemon juice as you eat it. The thickness of the fish and the sort of fire you have will decide how long to cook the fish.

There are some men housekeepers in this town who love to go fishing and will go as soon as the season is open. I have something for them if they will send a stamped envelope for it, and that is a sure-enough thing to make fish bite.

Just now some of us must be satisfied with salted and smoked fish. As the Finnan Haddies are in, all moist and pungent from their smoke bath, this is not hard. Beside there is the freshly opened keg of salt mackerel and the new shipments of canned tunny fish and salmon to draw on. As long as the fish supplies hold out we will not worry over a little thing like a shortage of beef, milk, potatoes and eggs.

If you cook the smoked haddie, first warm it a little in the oven and the skin will peel off like a glove, then you can cream it, or broil it.

There is a knack about freshening mackerel, too, that I will just have time to tell you about. It is, always lay this salted fish flesh side down when soaking it in water; if it is skin side down the salt cannot get out of it.

Professor Erich Harnack, the famous Jena pharmacist, announces the discovery of a new disease. It is a sort of chronic copper poisoning which may prove fatal. It is caused by bridge work on the teeth. Some of this work which was examined showed that only one-third was gold and the rest other metals, especially copper. This resulted in slow poisoning, nervous collapse and general decay. Professor Harnack warns people against this inferior alloy, saying that it is even more dangerous than pure copper or zinc.—New York Sun.

Will Use Lots of Glass

Over 1,000 tons of glass will be used on the buildings at the Panama exposition at San Francisco next year. Of this 550 tons have already been ordered. There will be 25,000 panes of glass in the facades of the machinery building and 65,000 square feet of glass in the skylights.—Wall Street Journal.

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