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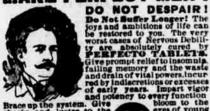
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It seems so strangs. Once more beside
The shettered cove within the bay
I sit. Out on the ebbing tide The fishing boats sail far away.

Three cloudy bars, like ships affame,
Float slowly down the saffron west;
The kine come home, ench called by name,
And o'er the land steals twilight's rest.

Behind me lies the dewy dale; I hear the rippling streamlet flow, Binging again the witching tale I heard one eve—long, long ago. I catch the murmur of her name Amidst the measures of its tune; But, ah! the rapture's not the same As 'twas beneath that quiet moon.

Throughout that soft, calm rwilight's fall We sat in bliss, hand clasped in hand; We heard the last lone curiew call Then silence crept o'er all the land. We watched the beacon's quivering gleam Shoot swift across the darkening sea; And midst their glory wove our dreams In love's enthralling ecstasy.

We sat till the first stars shed down On sea and shore their kindly light, And sliently the spectral town Lay in the dreamy lap of night And, oh! we saw such visions fair, Through loyal Love's far-seeing eyes; Whilst Fancy filled the kindly air With music born in Paradise.

Tis past! 'tis past for evermore! I hear the bells upon the hill; tut I'm alone upon the shore, Whilst she is sleeping calm and still, Her dear hands folded on her breast. Her dear hands folded on her preast,
Beneath the roses, far away:
And there my longing heart would rest,
To wait, with her, the brighter day.
—Alexander Lamont, in Chambers' Jour-

DURING HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE. By S. A. Smith.

H, my friend," said Detective-A Inspector Westwood, "it is all very well for people who know absolutely nothing about the matter to complain of the alleged inefficiency of the police force, to call its members a set of bunglers, and all that sort of thing; but if they only took the trouble to find out all the particulars of our unsuccessful cases, they would soon realize why the police are sometimes completely at a loss.

"It would not be reasonable to expect a man to stand on nothing, in space-now, would it? Yet often we of the force have no more ground to work on than the man in space has to stand upon, so it cannot be surprising if we then effect nothing. I admit there are a great number of crimes whose perpetrators are never brought to justice; but, as they furnish no clew whatever, we are, of course, baffledunless some lucky accident should reveal their identity."

"Has any such 'lucky accident' occurred to you in any of your investigations?" I asked.

"I should rather think so," the inpector replied. "Why, it is to one of them that I owe my promotion. Surely you have heard of the incident?"

"Not to my knowledge," I answered, so you had better enlighten my ig-

"Well, two or three years ago there was a series of petty robberies in the mansions round Richmond, Kingstonon-Thames, and Henley way. It was in the summer time, when people were robberies were very mysterious, and the remarkable thing about them was that they were always committed in broad daylight. The things mostly stolen were valuable diamond rings, brooches, and trinkets of that sort, which are allowed by ladies to lie on the dressing-tables of their bedrooms; though on one or two occasions costly bracelets set with gems, and diamond necklaces worth fabulous sums, were abstracted by the thief. Bulky valuables, such as watches and family plate, were invariably left untouched; as I said before, it was chiefly the jewelry of the ladies which was stolen.

"Of course, the police were communi cated with, but as the thief-or thieves -left no trace whatever of their modus operandi, they were unable to accomplish anything, for one cannot consider the absence of stolen goods as a 'clew.' The superintendent, it is true, had a theory at first that the robberies must have been committed by some person or persons in the respective houses, but as all the domestics happened to be old retainers of unimpeachable integrity and honesty, that theory was soon exploded. The same fate befell another, which suggested that the thefts were committed by some stranger strolling unobserved into the houses, for the articles were invariably abstracted from upstairs rooms, and it was preposterous to suppose that the thieves could have got in the houses, gone upstairs, and left the premises again without having been observed; particularly in broad daylight.

"In spite of all vigilance and precautions the thefts still continued. There was scarcely a house of any size in the district which had not sustained some loss or other. It seemed to be a regular epidemic of losses, and that, with the great heat of the season, formed the chief topic of conversation amongst the inhabitants. Public feeling ran high over the matter-naturally enough, perhaps, under the circumstances-and the following, with but slight variations, was the plaint at all the garden parties and social gather-

ings: "'Oh, my dear Mrs. Fitz-Blank, I really do not know what is coming over the place; one cannot trust a single article of value out of one's sight. Only this morning I placed that lovely marquise ring, which was given me by the shah of Persia, on my dressingtable while I went into my boudoir for something or other, and when I got back the ring was gone! Gone, utterly vanished, although I turned the place upside down to find it. I wouldn't have lost it for worlds, either. There was

"That was nasty, and it made me meaty, too. He seemed to have got out of the wrong side of the bed that morn ing, or else he had something about him he didn't wish me to see. That aroused my detective instincts at once, and I resolved I would know why he was so nervous, and what it was that he expected in the sky.

"So, nonchalantly whistling a tune, I leant my bike against the hedge and pretended to examine the tires, but kept a sharp eye on my man all the time. My action appeared to make him desperately anxious, and, taking his bike into the road, he tried to mount, in spite of the punctured tire; his sole object seeming to be to get away from the spot as quickly as possible, as though he had just started an infernal machine and didn't wish to be near when it ex-

"But riding a bicycle with a punctured tire is not easy, and his hurried, nervous attempt to mount his bike resulted in his falling off on to the road, and just at that moment I heard a flapping of wings, and looking up saw a circling round once or twice it alighted on the ground near my haughty companion. There it stood, giving vent to funny little croaks, and then it hopped round and gazed up into the man's face with indescribable impudence and cunning; but he was strangely alarmed at the bird's sudden appearance, and stared at it in a most bewildered manner. Its tail was long and graduated, and beautifully iridescent with glorious blues, greens and purples, but the rest of its body was black. The shape of the bird seemed familiar, but I could not recall where I had seen a similar one, nor remember its name. Its boldness in thus venturing so near us was certainly astounding. My basket-man, however, apparently had a pressing engagement, for making another desperate attempt to mount his disabled bike he succeeded in riding away, while the bird, lazily rising in the air, flew away too, in the same direction.

"I watched both till they were out of sight, and then turned to my bleycle, but as I did so, something bright on the ground where the bird had stood attracted my attention, and stooping down I picked up-a diamond ring, set with large brilliants! I gave a low whistle of surprise as the truth suddenly flashed across my mind; I had solved the mystery of the robberies, and discovered the thieves!

"Swiftly mounting my bicycle I pursued my late companion with all my speed, and some distance on found him standing in a carriage-drive, putting the bird into his basket. Dropping my bike I made a dash and collared him before he could escape, and said: 'I am a detective, and arrest you on a charge of complicity in the robberies which have taken place in this district. I must caution you that anything you may say will be used against you at your trial.'

"He offered no resistance, although he turned as pale as death, but came as quiet as a lamb with me to the local police station, pushing his bicycle while pushed mine, the bird in the basket giving vent to self-satisfied little croaks as we walked.

"At the police station we opened the basket, and found several articles of staying at their country houses. These the bird happed out the bottom, while in comical inquiry. Now the whole plot was laid bare. The thief was none other than the bird, a mischievous magpie, whose love of bright articles and passion for secreting them is well known. His scoundrelly master, we found, had brought the bird's failings to a fine art, and trained him to fly through the open windows of houses, pick up all the bright things he could see, and bring then, to his master, who cruised about the outskirts of the town in the meantime, recalling the magpie by a peculiar whistle. When the bird returned it was put in the bicycle basket, and so taken about from place to place, ready for instant action wherever his master saw an opportunity for using him, and free from all observation.

"It was a clever dodge, for of course a bird would never be noticed entering or leaving an unoccupied upstairs room through an open window, and doubtless his natural cunning taught him not to enter a room in which he could see anyone. Magpies, as you know, have brilliant black and white plumage, and it was here that the consummate craft of the bird's master came into play; he knew that a black and white bird would be noticed flying about, whereas an all-black one would not, but be mistaken for a rook, so he artfully dyed all the bird's white feathers black!

"At the magisterial inquiry the man pleaded 'not guilty,' averring that as he had stolen nothing there was no case against him; but he was committed for trial, when the judge awarded him five years' penal servitude 'as an accessory before and after the fact,' while as he considered that the bird's being at large would prove dangerous to the community, the magple was ordered to be detained in one of the state prisons 'during her majesty's pleasure.'

"And I? Oh, yes; I got my inspectorship soon after."-Tit-Bits.

"Our old neighbor Jenkins is the meanest man I know."

"What has he done?" "Why, you know, when we broke up

housekeeping and undertook to sell all our household goods at auction he got into the house on the plea that he wanted to buy and then produced a writ of replevin and took away everything we had borrowed from him in the three years we have been neighbors."-Chicago Post.

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my knowledge. Oh, it worries me so; it is all so mysterious.

"'Very mysterious,' sympathetically replied Mrs. Fitz-Blank. 'But what can the police be about to allow such wholesale robberies to be carried on? They seem utterly helpless-or inefficientand I certainly shall get Horatio to speak of the matter the next time he is in the house. He will soon have matters put right.'

"The London newspapers soon took up the matter, and reporters and journalists came down by the score; but smart as some of them undoubtedly are, they could throw no more light on the mystery than the local police had done. But one reporter, smarter than the rest, by dint of diligent inquiry discovered that in every house where articles had been stolen the window of the particular room from which they had been abstracted was open at the timepossibly to allow a little air to struggle in and temper the suffocating heat.

"This opened up a fresh field for theories, one being that the old, old dodge of a fishing rod, with a line and hook large black bird in the air, and after attached, was utilized, to fish for and hook the jewelry through the open window. But that wouldn't hold water at all, for how could a man stand near a house and angle unobserved with his rod and hook? Or, even admitting the possibility of that, how could he locate the position of articles in a room some ten feet or 12 feet above him? No, that idea was soon ridiculed, and had to go. Then another theory propounded was that some organ grinder and his monkey were the culprits: that the man had gone into the grounds ostensibly to 'grind' music, and while so doing his monkey had climbed up and got through the open window, and so stolen the valuables which he had been previously taught to recognize.

"For a time this theory was strongly favored, and organ grinders with monkeys were carefully escorted by the police out of the district, as soon as they made their appearance. But in spite of all this the robberles still went on, as regularly as ever. People talked of ghosts. Mahatmaism and all that sort of thing, as people will when almost panic stricken.

"You may suggest: 'Why didn't they keep all the windows closed?" Well, they did, at least sufficiently to prevent the ingress of man or beast, but to close them entirely meant suffocation during the terrific heat-wave then enervating the population.

"But it was all of no avail, and at last, in desperation, the local police sent to our department at 'The Yard' and begged assistance. My chief called me into his office one day and explained the matter, saying:

"Now, Westwood, I am going to put you on this case, to see what sort of stuff you are made of. Do your best to unearth the mystery. If you sucpeed it will be the making of you.'

"I knew that well enough, but how was I to succeed where so many others had failed? It really seemed as though ghosts had something to do with the matter, however such an idea might be ridiculed, for the whole affair looked uncanny. Yet I determined to do my very best to solve the mystery, so biking down to Henley-where most of the robberies were occurring just then-I took apartments for a few days, and spent the greater part of my time in cycling up and down, here and there, dressed in boating flannels and looking very unprofessional, but keeping my eyes and cars well open, nevertheless.

"It was a wearisome, disheartening occupation. I left no stone upturned in my endeavor to find the culprit, but all to no purpose; he was as busy as ever at his nefarious employment. I cycled through every road and street in the district, in the hope of seeing something unusual which might be construed into a 'clew,' but nothing more extraordinary could I find than a young fellow, clad in boating flannels, like myself, riding a highly-geared, road-racing bleycle, with a basket about a foot square attached to the front of the handlebar. "Now, a basket like that on a road-

racing bicycle was a bit strange, and very incongruous in relation to the 'get-up' of the rider; but what was still more peculiar was that I met this young fellow and his basketed bicycle in nearly every one of the outlying roads where the big houses lay. Every day I met him pottering about: always with the basket, and always in the most fashionable and wealthy parts of the

"He began to excite my curiosity, and determined to watch him without his knowledge. The basket, I noticed, was always closed, but once or twice when passing I fancied I heard a strange, discordant noise proceeding from it, as though some pet were being carried out for an airing. I got thoroughly in-quisitive, but the young fellow seemed so frigid and 'stand-offish,' that I could do no more than wonder who he was and what he carried that basket for.

"And so things went on for nearly s week, until one day, when some distance out of the town, I came across my basket-man standing ruefully at the side of the road, surveying with chagrin the back tire of his bicycle, which was punctured; while every now and again he looked up and down the road, and then up into the cloudless sky, as though fearing bad weather.

"'Halloa!' I exclaimed, on riding up. 'Got a puncture? Can I be of any assistance to you?

"'No, thanks,' he replied, nervously looking into the sky again. 'I can manage quite well by myself,' and he moved forward with his bike, to show plainly that he did not wish to converse with me.

"But I was not to be shaken off as easily, and said: 'Afraid it's going to rain? No such luck, I fear; glass is too firm. We want rain badly, though, for the roads are aw-

"I beg your pardon,' he interrupt-nit- er, 'but when I want your opinion of the weather and roads I will ask for it. Until then, kindly keep it!



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