

A SHATTERED ROMANCE

True Stories of the Secret Service

By COL. H. C. WHITLEY, Former Chief U. S. Secret Service. Next Week, "A Pipe Dream." Copyright, 1910, by W. G. Chapman.

Col. H. C. Whitley was born at Camden, Me., in 1834. At the beginning of the civil war he was in Louisiana. At the time of the capture of New Orleans...

was a young and sensitive maiden who had courageously ventured from her father's home with the purpose of meeting a much-loved but wayward brother...

style and must have sounded hopeful to the ears of Miss Brownie. Her face now fairly beamed with joy as she assured him she would willingly give all she possessed in the world to effect such a result...

talking over the details of the proposed surrender I stepped to a window and raised the shade upon which the sun suddenly shone forth...

question one of the smoothest men I ever had to deal with. His style was his own and quite inimitable. As a remarkable character actor he might have excelled either upon the stage or in the pulpit...

The professional criminal's brain is constantly working. Laboratory of most ingenious plots for overhauling the affairs of the day...

young Italian. I will name him Louis Merito. He was well educated and of fine address. Watchful and of a nervous, sanguine temperament...

Late one pleasant afternoon several days after the young Italian had taken a position near the Brownie mission, an elegantly attired young lady seen coming down the front steps of the house...

The young lady seemed greatly disappointed and said it was a sorry predicament for her to be placed in; and if the deep drawn sigh she uttered was an index of her feelings at that moment...

Merito, who was near at hand, was as kindhearted as he was enterprising, and upon the impulse of the moment he rushed himself to the front...

This was his opportunity, thought he. He would ingratiate himself into the good graces of this young woman, and if possible learn the whereabouts of her brother...

Collecting his scattered senses he was soon able to convince the young woman that he was a man of means and that he was a man of great consequence...



THOMAS BROWNIE STOOD BEFORE ME!

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HE MOURNED HER IN THE MOST APPROVED ITALIAN STYLE.

As deception is oftentimes a part of the detective's stock in trade, he thought there could be no great harm in it after all was understood. It seems that he told her the secret of his being the son of an Italian nobleman of great wealth...

Her story as told to Merito appeared straightforward and truthful. Her mother was dead. Her father, although in the enjoyment of a large income, was being pursued by the government officers, who charged him with dealing in counterfeit money...

generous heart to forgive him for deceiving her by palming himself off as the son of a nobleman. When the couple arrived in Boston they went at once to the United States hotel, where they took breakfast together...

Merito, never at a loss for a subtle, fuge, proposed to assist himself and secure a condemnation of her brother's offense through the assistance of the Italian consul at New York. This ray of light was presented in fine Italian

my New York office a letter marked "personal," which read as follows: "United States Hotel, Boston, Mass. 'My Dear Chief: I write to inform you that I arrived here this morning in company with the sister of Brownie. Through cunning I made her acquaintance and learned everything. She is on the way to meet her brother Thomas. She tells me that he intends to remain outside of the United States unless a compromise can be effected. She says he has offered to furnish information and will assist to break up the Miner gang of counterfeiters. If you will send me special authority and a guarantee that he will not be arrested I will go with his sister and coax him to come to New York. Please forward the papers to me here at once. Yours respectfully, LOUIS MERITO.'"

I soon learned enough to place me in possession of the facts in the case so far as the detective was concerned. I then demanded a personal interview with Miss Brownie, which was soon arranged. After introducing me to the lady, Merito retired from the room, and had been previously agreed upon to found myself in the presence of a tall and stately young woman, tastefully and fashionably dressed. She held in her hand a large fan which she wielded with dramatic grace. I found her fully posted on the nature of my business. Inviting me to be seated, she began the conversation and explained to me her proposed trip to Montreal, where she hoped to meet her brother Thomas Brownie. She had learned through a friend that her brother was anxious to quit counterfeiting and that he could, if given an opportunity, put the government officers in a position to arrest a number of leading counterfeiters. She did not know the particulars, but was sure that her brother would, if permitted to return to New York, render the government invaluable service. She said that her father had nearly lost his mind on account of the action of his son and that he was ready to undergo almost any sacrifice and pay any reasonable sum of money for the purpose of saving his boy.

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