

## —THE— DIAMOND FROM THE SKY

(Continued from Last Week)

### CHAPTER XLVII.

"Sold to John Powell!"

"ARE you all through, gentlemen? reiterated the auctioneer. 'I have been offered \$70,000 for this magnificent diamond. Its previous history is unknown, but local experts have pronounced it to be worth ten times the sum you offer. Where did it come from? That I cannot tell you, but by the decree of the court it is adjudged an asset of the Stanley circus, bankrupt. As such the purchaser's title will be valid. Am I offered any more? Seventy thousand, seventy thousand, seventy thousand!"

Homer Graydon, wealthy spend-thrift that he was, grew aghast. Seventy thousand dollars would tax him to raise, but Vivian Marston gave him an alluring smile, and as his prize was also at stake, he made an effort to smile back at Vivian and nodded to John Powell as if to say, "Go higher if you can!"

The rival bidder laughed recklessly. Once more he felt all the daring carelessness of his wild youth as Arthur Stanley of Stanley Hall.

"Eighty thousand!" he cried.

Vivian was in a flutter of unholy delight to realize she was the inspiration of the money mad rivalry between John Powell and Homer Graydon as they eagerly bid for the bauble that had been a talisman of death.

"Eighty thousand I am bid by Mr. Powell!" chanted the auctioneer. "Come, come, Mr. Graydon. Do not let superstition stop you. The lion would have killed the lady and the jealous husband would have killed Sam Stanley even had this diamond not figured in the case perhaps. All great diamonds have their dramatic history. Remember the Kohinoor and Orloff diamonds. This diamond may be a lucky stone for all we know despite what has happened."

Arthur knew better, Blair knew better, and so did Vivian and the English lawyer, Smythe. So did Durand, the international diamond thief and swindler. And so did his accomplice and Jackal, the dapper Count de Vaux. But Homer Graydon only knew that Vivian Marston's favor depended on the diamond.

"Eighty-five thousand dollars!" he cried; then he gulped and grew aghast again. To raise \$85,000 cash to pay for this bauble to give a woman would be his ruin.

"Ninety thousand!" cried John Powell.

Homer Graydon gave the auctioneer a negative jerk of the head in reply to his inquiring gaze.

"Ninety thousand! Ninety thousand! Are you all done? Ninety thousand, once! Ninety thousand, twice! Ninety thousand, for the last time!" He paused. "Going, going, gone! Sold to Mr. John Powell for \$90,000!"

Arthur scribbled a check as the crowd buzzed and swayed around him. Vivian gave a hysterical laugh and clutched Arthur by the arm as the auctioneer handed him the diamond from the sky. Then as the purchaser and his little coterie of friends passed through the dispersing crowd Vivian looked Homer Graydon in the face deliberately and turned her back upon him.

In her room at her modest hotel Esther debated nervously with herself. The rank injustice done Luke, who had been railroaded to prison by the influence of Blair Stanley and Frank Durand while Arthur had never interfered made her more bitter than she had been at the strange attitude Arthur had taken toward her since his recovery from his injuries. Rumors that his mind was affected as a result of his hurts were rife in Los Angeles, where those who had formerly called him "the golden man," now designated Arthur as "John Powell, the mad mill, Monaire."

For herself she would never again intrude upon Arthur, surrounded as he was by sycophants and parasites who worked him evil. But for Luke Lovell, done a great injustice, she would make one last appeal before she returned to Richmond and Hagar. The remorse-

and conviction of Luke that he had ever been disloyal to her and Hagar, Esther felt genuine. She determined to take the English lawyer Smythe into her confidence, and found occasion to send Quabba to Smythe with a message.

Lawyer Smythe was also preparing to leave Los Angeles. He had shipped his precious deer head by express with much misgiving and foreboding of harm befalling it ere it reached his dearly beloved England, where he was shortly to follow. Like Esther, the eccentric but loyal English lawyer was becoming discouraged and dismayed at the puzzling conduct of the American heir, a fugitive from justice in Virginia, flourishing under the name of John Powell, a thousand leagues from Stanley hall, Virginia.

"I confess it is an enigma to me," he explained to Esther. "Of course, Blair



They Found Luke Contrite.

Stanley, as the next in succession, cannot become the Earl of Stanley so long as Arthur Stanley lives. That Arthur Stanley lives under another name only adds to the confusion of the whole bally thing!"

Then Esther told him about Luke, and because he had a kindly heart in his queer body the English lawyer accompanied Esther to the prison on a visiting day. They found Luke contrite and tender both toward Esther and his gypsy sovereign, Hagar. He begged to be remembered to Hagar and that she be assured that once he was out of prison and had his revenge he would return to the tribe and serve Hagar faithfully as head man again. But

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- No. 33, Jacksonville to St. Petersburg, 2:36-2:40 p. m.
- No. 140, Ocala to Palatka, Gainesville and Wilcox, 4:10 p. m.
- No. 150, Wilcox to Ocala, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:45 p. m.
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