



AN ELUSIVE LOVER—By Virna Woods, Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. For sale by Doxey.

HE theory of dual consciousness has had many exponents. Fiction almost alike has furnished us with instances of the existence of two independent spiritual units within the same material body, and it is an undoubted scientific fact that the brain is capable, under very exceptional conditions, of entirely changing the character of the individual whom it controls.

her plot, and she certainly makes the most of it. The scene is laid amid familiar California surroundings. The hero, Rex Carrington, is a wealthy young resident of Los Angeles. In his other self, he is Gottfried Jager, a poor German artist, and between the two characters he manages to surround himself with some very singular complications.

Probably this sort of thing might have gone on forever, and no one being the wiser had not Gottfried, unknown of course to Rex, taken it into his head to fall ardently in love with a charming young girl named Constance Wilbur.

This leads to some rather humorous complications, for the two rivals, striving vainly to meet each other, indulge in much abusive correspondence. They even go so far as to challenge each other to mortal combat, but naturally the dual never eventuates. Of course to keep up this farcical condition of affairs an ac-

complis is needed and the authoress finds one conveniently to hand in a valet named Perkins. The following passage will give a fair idea of how she manages this difficult piece of business:

"Gottfried had tried repeatedly to see Rex Carrington, and that young gentleman himself had left more than one message for Gottfried at the dealer's, but so far they had failed to meet. Notwithstanding the efforts of Perkins to keep his master out of trouble Gottfried had at length succeeded in sending a challenge, which Rex had insolently accepted.

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A MODEST AUTHOR.

TIM AND MRS. TIM—By R. T. Lancelotti. New York: The American News Company. For sale at Doxey's.

AN ITALIAN IN ENGLAND.

THE DAGGER AND THE CROSS—By Giuseppe De Santis. New York: R. F. Fenno & Co. For sale at the Emporium.

FOR PASSING NOTICE.

SOME SHORT STORIES.

JIMTY AND OTHERS—By Margaret Sutton Briscoe. New York: Harper & Brothers.

THE NEW MAN—By Ellis Paxson Oberholzer. Philadelphia: The Leventy Company.

not suffer many pangs in consequence of her calumny; and they may meet after many years and be happy ever after as platonic, intellectual friends.

FOR THE PRETENDER'S CAUSE.

SPANISH JOHN—By William McLennan. New York: Harper & Brothers.

MISS VIRNA WOODS.

much to its interest and excitement by his picturesque illustrations.

As will be inferred from the title, the work, which is to be in several volumes, is based on the idea of presenting a rapid survey of the great events of American history during the century now drawing to a close, by presenting in vivid outline the lives and characteristics of the chief statesmen who, whether for good or for ill, have influenced American political life since March 4, 1801.

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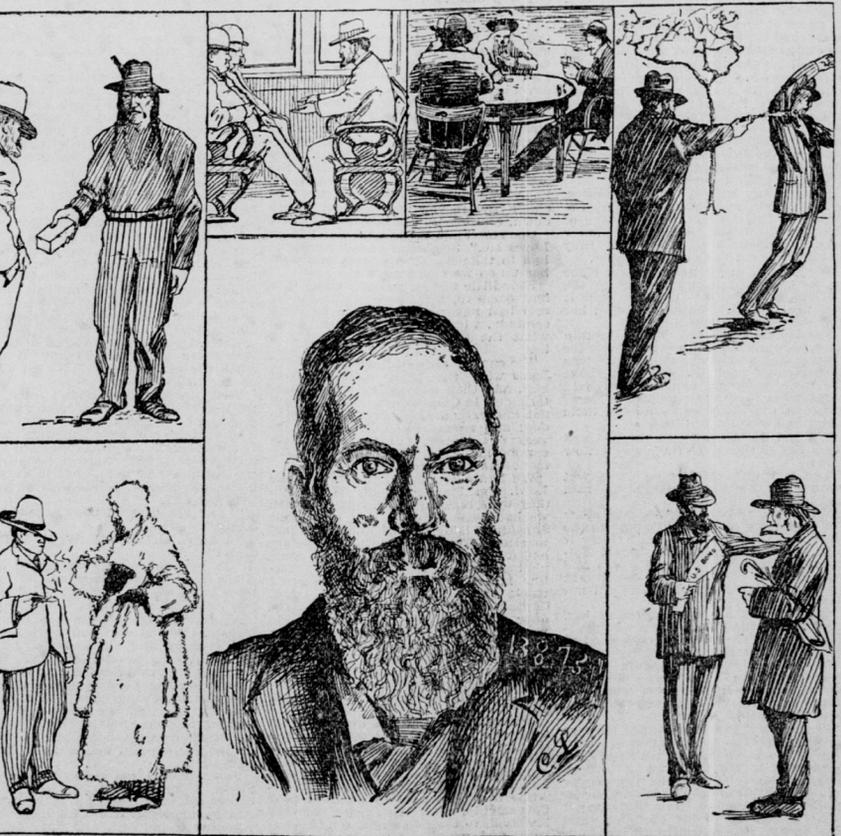
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Netted by the Law Time and Again, but Saved by His Devoted Wife.

WILL the wife of "Rebel" George Knowlton succeed in clearing him from the meshes of the law again? Time and again has that wily old confidence operator been brought to the bar of justice, and time and again has his faithful wife procured means to help him out of jeopardy; time and again has he been behind the bars with long terms in store for him, and time and again has his steadfast and undaunted wife besieged lawyers, jurors, judges and witnesses till she had obtained a pardon or a commutation of sentence. The last noted case of a pardon was when "Rebel George" was convicted of swindling a half-demented old Canadian in Sacramento out of his small savings of a lifetime. Press, public opinion, evidence and everything appeared to be against the prisoner, but his plucky wife never stopped in her labor for his release till she carried his pardon, signed by Governor Stoneman, to his cell and turned him loose again to work his nefarious games on the unwary.

Remarkable Career of "Rebel" George, Confidence Man.

towns that sprang up along the new railroads working westward. That was a trifle over thirty years ago. Not only did they "work" the newcomers in the little boom towns, but they assiduously plied their nefarious trade on the emigrant trains bound west. At that period these trains were crowded with men who had their bodies or secreted in some portion of their clothing. Card games, dice games, pledging false articles, any kind of game even to plain robbery, were played on the unwary and simple minded of these traveling folk; whatever game would relieve them of their little stores of money. At one time the set of sharpers was composed of such men as Canada McCord and "Rebel George."



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