

The Mystery of Hartley House

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A SPANISH SAILOR

Synopsis—Dr. John Michelson, just returning from his vacation...

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

Jed may have suspected I carried a pistol. I had no more than caught a glimpse of his white, alarmed face...

CHAPTER VIII.

When I saw Mr. Sidney that evening he made a remark in joke that I had not needed my attention...

CHAPTER IX.

It was eleven o'clock when I went to my room. I was glad of my release, although it had been a pleasant evening...

CHAPTER X.

I found that I was tired. Ordinarily I liked at least an hour's reading just before bed, but this night I was grateful for the mood and the opportunity...

CHAPTER XI.

I lay quietly in bed and wondered how much more than the head I should see. Just then I was blinded by the light of an electric flashlight hitting me full in the eyes...

Jed by my side I was silent and content. It was not a noise that attracted my attention. It must have been the sensation of being stared at...

I felt a decidedly unpleasant shock with the eyes which came from a good short start. If he had appeared suddenly at full length somewhere in the garden, walking about, it would have been different...

He arose and stood looking at the Spaniard's intensity at the Spaniard was looking at him. This situation lasted a full minute, without a movement of word from one of us...

In disappearing he left the place where he had been, charged with the mystery, which his presence had indicated. His disappearance, intensified, thickened the atmosphere...

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It was so easily described that it was a crime for even a drunken staid man to have missed his distinguishing characteristics, but at that, the staid man had made identification possible. The moment I saw the fellow I thought we were nearer the solution...

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Good Conscience. A good conscience is the soul which health is to the body; it preserves constant ease and serenity within us, and more than counteracts all the calamities and afflictions which can befall us from without...

I got up and looked out. Although the lawn was bright in the moonlight, no one was to be seen. The Spaniard had disappeared into the woods...

That was explained the next day; they had not been loose the night before; had not been released from their kennels. They were found restless from an unexpected night of confinement...

The staid man, proved delinquent, was so apparently contrite and innocent that it would have been an injustice to punish or discharge him. He had gone to the village in the afternoon on an assigned mission for the house...

Naturally one drew a direct line from this performance to the appearance of the Spaniard at my window, and the history that sprang out of the wall; (4) a zoologist—he speaking of beasts and fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes...

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Loss by Storing Pulpwood. It has been found by observations made at a sulphate pulp mill that pulpwood kept in storage for two to three years yields, on the average, 28 per cent less pulp than wood used when it is green...

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 12

THE GLORY OF SOLOMON'S REIGN.

LESSON TEXT—1 Kings 10:1-13, 23-25. GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord, that walketh in his ways...

1. The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon (vv. 1, 2).

Her visit was the result of Solomon's widespread fame. That which made him famous was: 1. The extent of his kingdom (4:21-22)...

2. His great wisdom (4:29-34).

None of his contemporaries approached him in knowledge. He had a singularly comprehensive mind. He was (1) a moral philosopher—spoke 3,000 proverbs...

3. The temple (chs. 5 and 6).

This was an exact reproduction of the tabernacle, double in size, in marble and gold. The amount of labor, skill and money expended on the building was exceedingly great (1 Chron. 22:14-16)...

4. Royal palaces adjoining the temple (ch. 7).

Following the erection of the temple he began the building of his own house. He was nearly twice as long in building this as in building the Lord's house.

5. His commerce (9:26-28; cf. II Chron. 9:10-21).

His trading ships went east as far as the Indian ocean, perhaps even to India; and west as far as Spain.

6. Army and navy (10:23-29; cf. 9:27).

Such wealth and greatness would at some time provoke opposition. It was not until this nation into a state of preparedness.

7. The Queen of Sheba Astonished (vv. 3-9).

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8. Gifts to Solomon (vv. 10-13).

He gave her all she desired and she brought gifts to Solomon, the king, the gold of which was in value between three and four millions of dollars.

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK



PARADISE IN THE PARADISE VALLEY

UNCLE SAM'S 1926 "Illustrated Catalogue" of Mount Rainier National Park is off the press. It is an interesting booklet of 51 pages of text, maps and illustrations...

Peter the Great, on his deathbed in 1725, decreed that Vilius Behring, a Dane in his employ, should cross Siberia to the unknown western sea...

International jealousies brought about the Nootka Convention of 1790, which gave the British the right to fish and trade, provided they did no colonize.

Here are some random extracts from the introductory pages of Uncle Sam's booklet: "Of all the five-mountains which, like beacons, once blazed along the Pacific coast..."

Mount Rainier is 42 miles from Tacoma and 57 miles from Seattle. It is the sight of sights from either city. As is well known, these two cities have a feud over the name Tacoma calls it Tacoma and Seattle calls it Mount Rainier...

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Vast Colonial Empire Gone

Germany Has Lost Possession of a Million and a Quarter Square Miles of Land. The National Geographic Society summarizes Germany's colonial losses as follows: In 1914 Germany possessed a colonial empire of a million and a quarter square miles in area...

Leading Up To It Gently

How Mr. Bashleigh Cleverly Established Bond of Sympathy With Prospective Father-in-Law.

"I am not expecting any package," said Mr. Howdle, as a man stopped at the door of his house.

"This is the number," persisted the driver, looking at his book again. "Name's Howdle, ain't it?"

"Er—Mr. Stanton, did you—er—stammered the young visitor. "When you proposed to my wife—er—the estimable lady who is now Mrs. Stanton—did she tell you to ask her father?"

"Of course I did," "And did you try to shirk the job?" "Well, now that I come to think of it, I—er—I believe I did try to get her to tackle the matter."

"And when you did ask him—er—persisted the young man, as he wiped the perspiration from his brow with a shaking hand. "Er—of course, you had to speak to him finally?"

"I must confess I was scared to death," confessed Mr. Stanton, with a reminiscent sigh. "There!" exclaimed young Bashleigh, in triumph. "That's just how I feel. I told Gladys that I knew I would be able to find some bond of sympathy between us. I—er—I want to tell you that she promised to marry me last night."

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