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## AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY.

Young Mrs. Allonby's diamond necklace, with its superb pendant and circlet for the throat, containing twenty-five stones each as large as a pea, was valued at a fabulous sum, the pendant alone being estimated at five thousand pounds!

So much being stated, it will be easy for the reader to imagine the interest, the excitement, amounting to almost a general consternation, when the newspapers announced one morning a great diamond robbery—Mrs. Allonby's magnificent necklace had been stolen!

The case was of course given to the police at once, and the ablest detectives in Scotland yard were engaged in working it up.

The circumstances of the robbery were, to say the least, peculiar. Mrs. Allonby had worn the necklace to a grand ball given in honor of a Russian prince. As usual, she and the diamonds, which served to illuminate her beauty, were the admired of all beholders, and when she returned home she had, as usual, removed the necklace with her own hands, placed it in its velvet bed in her jewel casket and therein securely locked it. That being done, Mr. Allonby had then locked the casket into the iron safe, in which he kept his private papers, money and other valuables.

In the morning, having asked his wife to let him look at her necklace for a moment,—she had given him the keys to her jewel case and bade him get it himself—he had opened the safe, taken out the casket, and upon unlocking it, discovered that the necklace was gone.

Horrified at their loss, and still more amazed, the husband and wife could at first only stare dumbly at each other. Mrs. Allonby felt sure that no servant in the house had touched her keys—she found them under her pillow in the morning precisely as she had placed them there on going to bed; while on his part Mr. Allonby declared that so far as he was aware not even his wife knew where he kept the key to his safe.

This much both Mr. and Mrs. Allonby had told to the officers, who were at length called in to investigate the mysterious robbery; but a little scene between the husband and wife on their return from the ball had not been referred to, since it was not thought by either of them to have any bearing on the case.

It was merely this:

After locking the safe and removing the key, Mr. Allonby had dropped into the nearest chair with a long, deep sigh. His wife turned and looked at him inquiringly, then moving quickly to his side, she rested her jeweled hand on his shoulder.

"Arthur, dear, what is the matter?" she asked softly.

"Nothing, darling. At least nothing that need be very serious. I have to ask a great favor of you, but it is a favor I don't like to ask."

Mrs. Allonby answered by pressing a light kiss on her husband's forehead, and then encircling his neck with her pretty arms she sat down upon his knee.

"You deserve to have it refused for putting it in such a way. But, come, what is your favor? You know well enough that it is granted before it is asked."

"Well, dear, I want to borrow your diamond necklace," said Mr. Allonby.

"To borrow my diamond necklace!"

Mrs. Allonby repeated his words in amazement; then she continued with a laugh:

"For what earthly use can you want it, Arthur? Are you going to wear it? Or perhaps it is going to shine on some fair protegee of yours? Some younger and lovelier woman. Have a care, sir! I shall be jealous, and then—beware!"

Mr. Allonby was too serious to even smile at his wife's playful nonsense.

"It is to raise money on, Margaret," he answered gravely. "Listen, my dear little wife. I will let you into a business secret, and that will prove to you how much in earnest I am. This is a perilous time for business men of all classes; a financial crisis of the worst kind is impending, and in the course of the next three or four days I expect a run on our house. By my utmost efforts I have managed to get a few thousand pounds ready for the emergency; but it will be useless unless you help me."

During these words Mrs. Allonby had withdrawn herself from her husband's embrace, and had seated herself on a chair at a little distance. Her heart beat wildly; she trembled violently; and every vestige of color had fled from her face. But Mr. Allonby scarcely noticed her emotion, and what he did observe he naturally attributed to the shock of the information she had just received.

"Don't be alarmed, darling," he hastily added. "My embarrassment is but temporary, and you are going to save me from it. But, what's the matter, Margaret? You are not going to refuse to loan me the necklace?"

Mrs. Allonby was by this time of an ashen pallor to the very lips; so that preoccupied as he was her husband could not fail to observe her agitation. At his last words she made a supreme effort to control her emotion, and for all answer merely extended towards him the keys to the jewel casket.

"Never mind, dear. It will do in the morning," Mr. Allonby replied. And to himself he said—

"Is it possible that Margaret really doesn't wish to lend me her diamonds? But no. That is impossible; for I know her to be the most generous and unselfish woman in the world. She is troubled because of my pecuniary embarrassment. If she sees me quite careless about it, it will reassure her."

And dismissing the whole subject, Mr. Allonby then began talking of the ball they had attended, and of many interesting incidents which had occurred there. But Mrs. Allonby, despite the effort she made to appear otherwise, continued ill at ease; and the first rosy tints of morning had appeared before she at length fell into a troubled sleep.

In the morning, as had already been stated to the detective, the diamond necklace was not to be found when Mr. Allonby opened the casket in which it had been securely locked, first by Mrs. Allonby, afterwards into the safe by himself.

Husband and wife were alike stupified with surprise at the mysterious disappearance of the jewels; but after the first few minutes a sensation of relief amounting almost to joy, took possession of Mrs. Allonby's mind. She would even, had she dared, have begged her husband not to make their loss public, and to take no steps to recover the necklace. But to have done so would have been madness, as she knew; for her husband certainly would have thought her insane if she had made such a request. She could but trust to what she regarded as the well-known inefficiency of the police in such matters; and silently prayed that the stolen necklace might never be found. Even the near prospect of her husband's failure was less appalling to her than the secret he must learn if the necklace ever came into his possession. And now that it was gone, and he could no longer depend upon it as a means of raising the money he required, she could but hope that he would find some other way of doing so. But she was not prepared for Mr. Allonby's utter despair; and as she truly loved her husband, she found her feelings put to a strain which it would be impossible for her to hold out against long.

It was the evening of the third day since the mysterious robbery, and not the slightest clue had yet been found to lead to the thief. Mr. Allonby rose from the dining table, at which he had with difficulty continued to sit sufficient not to give cause for remark on the part of the servants; and as he retired to his study his wife followed him. It must have been evident to anyone who had looked closely at her face that she had made up her mind to some determined but very painful act. She knocked softly, entered the library, and then closed and locked the door, and in another moment she was kneeling at her husband's feet in a passion of wild sobs and tears.

"I cannot bear it," she said. "Arthur, dearest and kindest of husbands, I cannot bear to see your suffering—your despair!"

"Rise, my darling," said Mr. Allonby tenderly. "It is no fault of yours; I shall be a ruined man in two days more—two short days—only forty-eight hours between me and ruined fortunes and a disgraced name. Ah! That's the worst. I must drag others down in my fall, and the cruel world which misjudges ill fortune, and thinks the rich man is always in the wrong as soon as he is poor, will make little difference between me and a common swindler. There's where the pain is; but no matter. You are still left to me, and you will believe in me, won't you, darling?"

"Oh, Arthur, yes! and I will save you, too, if you will let me, and forgive me. Promise me that you will forgive me, Arthur! You must forgive me, my husband, for I am determined to speak if it kills me. Before I met you, Arthur, I had fancied myself in love with another man; but I wasn't dearest—I wasn't, really, never, never. I was a mere girl, only seventeen, and I was deceived in my feelings as much as in the character of the man I fancied myself in love with. We were engaged, and several letters passed between us. I learned that the man to whom I had promised myself was a false and contemptible scoundrel. I broke my engagement at once, returned his letters, and demanded my own. He swore he had burned them. But the man had lied to me as I should have known, and about six months ago he forced himself into my presence, and with my foolish letters in his hand, demanded a thousand pounds as the price of them. At first I refused indignantly, but when he threatened to take the letters to you, and to demand his own price for them, I yielded to despair. I promised to buy my letters from him. When he was gone, I bethought me how to raise so large a sum: for generous as you are to me, I could not ask you for so much at once; and besides, I shrank with loathing from going to you for money for him. I pawned my diamond necklace, and a celebrated manufacturer of imitation stones made me one so exactly like it that no one for a moment suspected the deception. There are the letters, Arthur; read them. They are absurd, that's all. But you will find nothing in them but the love nonsense of a silly girl." And with a cold, trembling hand, Mrs. Allonby held out the little packet of letters for her husband to take.

Arthur Allonby did take them, but without a single glance at them he flung the packet into the blazing fire; then turning to his wife he folded her fondly in his arms, and kissed her tenderly.

"My sweet wife, could you imagine that I would doubt your word so far as to look at that silly nonsense—much like any other school girl's letters, I'll be bound. But never let me know the name of that contemptible hound. I fear I could not bear it with patience. And now, dear, come with me to the money lender's; I will redeem your diamonds, and I may yet be able to weather the storm."

In less than an hour the genuine diamonds reposed in Moses Levi's safe, and Arthur Allonby felt that ruin and the scandal of a great though honorable failure were averted.

Weeks and months went by; the case was but another added to the list of mysteries that had baffled alike the skill, the diligence, and the patience of the police.

The financial crisis had passed. Hundreds of men were ruined, and the firms that had successfully weathered the gale were beginning to feel calm and solid again, as if the tempests of hard fortune had never blown against them.

Among the most successful was the firm of Arthur Allonby & Co., and on the anniversary of the great diamond robbery Arthur felt that he could afford to repay Moses Levi, with all the usurious interest demanded, and once more enjoy the satisfaction of seeing his wife's necklace glittering on her round white throat. And so he did, although the public had no share in the display; and once more, as of old, Mr. Allonby locked the casket containing his wife's diamonds into his iron safe.

Happiness sometimes disturbs a man's rest as much—though not so unpleasantly—as anxiety and grief; and Arthur Allonby lay awake that night, counting the hours as they struck, until all the inmates of his house were fast locked in sleep. He was just dropping asleep when his wife sat up in bed, looked a moment with wide-open, unwinking eyes at the night light, and then deliberately rose.

Arthur saw at once that she was fast asleep, and he watched her with a beating heart. She went directly to the hiding place where he kept his safe key, and having taken possession of it, took her own bunch of keys, unlocked her escritoire, and pressed the knob of a secret drawer; and as soon as it was opened Arthur saw what by this time he fully expected to see—the stolen necklace. In a fit of somnambulism Mrs. Allonby had robbed herself, and now, in a similar curious mental condition, she proceeded to clear up the mystery. Very deliberately and calmly she restored the missing necklace, laying it over that already in the casket; and then, having locked everything as before, she returned the safe key and her own keys to their several places, retired again to bed, and slumbered as sweetly as an infant till morning.

A day or two afterwards the public were informed that the Allonby diamonds had been recovered: the detectives each received a handsome reward for the energy and zeal they had displayed; but full particulars of the recovery of the precious necklace were never made public.

### Marriage in Java.

As a small party of us were sitting on the wide piazza of our dwelling house in Java, early one evening, our attention was called to sounds of Malay music evidently approaching us. Looking down the street we saw a procession of native men (Javanese) marching along to the music, and four abreast. In the second row there were five. The center one was covered by a large umbrella. I inquired why this man was so honored and was told that he was to be married. The next day I was taken to see the house where the bride lived and where they were making grand preparations for the marriage. They were constructing a large and covered platform of bamboo for the accommodation of the guests and the Malay band of music. On the succeeding day we heard the same performers and saw a longer procession than the first one. At the head of this procession came two wooden figures (man and woman) about eight feet high. These were hollow, so that the boys could enter and operate to give them motion. Next behind them were the musicians; then an open carriage drawn by two ponies covered with flowers and variously colored papers cut up in patterns. Inside sat the bride and groom. The bride was decked in flowers and jewels, and her face, head and dress completely covered with yellow ochre powder. A number of carriages followed the party with relatives and friends who were also adorned with flowers, jewels, etc. On the third day I was invited to attend the wedding, so we walked down to the bride's house. There we found the bamboo platform occupied by a band of music and an exhibition of marionetts, which personated characters in legends of the Javanese people. The hadji, or native priest, was conducting this novel show, which took hours to go through. I, however, was more anxious to see the bride, and accordingly was ushered into the principal room. It was a large square apartment, the front being opened by four large double doors. In one of the remotest corners of the stone floor was seated on a handsome mat the bride elect, with downcast eyes, and in the adjacent corner sat the bridegroom. The bride was fanned by two little girls and the groom by two boys. In the center of the floor their feast was spread. The festivities lasted through the night, and refreshments were abundantly served to the guests in and about the house at any time and all times just as they called for them. At intervals the dancing girls were introduced and the tamtams for their dance music. At break of day the groom claimed his wife and escorted her to his own house. They then had a procession similar to the first one, except that the bride's presents were seen carried in front by coolies. At the groom's house festivities were continued according to the length of his purse. It often happens that these people use all the money they have on such occasions. They are improvident and ordinarily live on very small sums, obtaining easily the little they need for maintainance.

### English Bulls.

Of bulls, in the sense of blunders pure and simple, I have heard as good specimens in England as I have ever heard in Ireland. Take, for instance, the three following:

An English Peer, when speaking some years ago in the House of Lords on the necessity of passing some Coercion bill for Ireland, and reproaching the government of that day for their delaying to do so, observed that "this delay might be very convenient for the Ministers, but that it was not quite so convenient for those Irish landlords who were meanwhile being frequently murdered."

An English clergyman, pleading earnestly with his parishioners for the construction of a cemetery for their parish, asked them to consider "the deplorable condition of 30,000 Christian Englishmen living without Christian burial."

Another English clergyman, waxing sarcastic in the pulpit over the enormities of the age, exclaimed: "And these things, my brethren, are done in the so-called nineteenth century."

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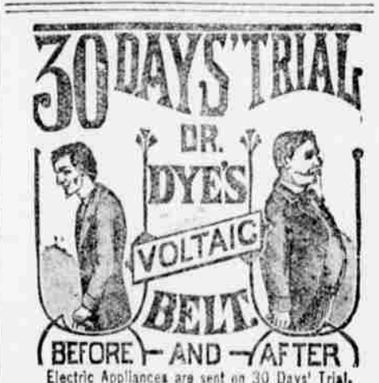


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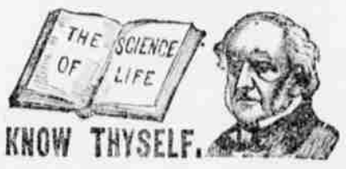


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MASTER'S SALE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } Circuit Court of Alexander County, Illinois.
COUNTY OF ALEXANDER. } In Chancery.

Charles O. Patter and Dulcenia Wolf
vs.
John Wolf, Henry Wolf, Mrs. Wolf wife of Henry Wolf, Fanny Shriver, Jefferson Shriver, Louisa Allen, Anna Mary Jarrett and Eliza Fisher.

For Partition and Assignment of Dower.

Public notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of a decree made and entered by said court in the above entitled cause, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1884, I, Alexander H. Irvin, Master in Chancery of the said circuit court of Alexander county, will, on

FRIDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, 1884,

at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the southwesterly door of the court house in the city of Cairo, county of Alexander and state of Illinois, sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in said decree mentioned, to satisfy said decree, to-wit: Lots numbered one (1), two (2) and three (3), in block numbered nineteen (19), in the First Addition to the city of Cairo, in the county of Alexander and state of Illinois; also the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section number twenty-seven (27), in township number thirteen (13), south range two (2) east, in the county of Johnson, and state of Illinois; also a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section number two (2), in township number twelve (12), south range three (3) east, in the said county of Johnson and state of Illinois, namely commencing at a small hickory tree on the west line of said quarter, quarter section at a branch forty rods north of the southwest corner of said tract of land; thence running due east three chains and sixty links to a stone; thence north ten degrees east four chains and five links to a stone at the northwest corner of lot number seven (7), in Tunnell Hill south; thence south eighty-six degrees east, thirteen rods being the north line of lots numbered six (6) and seven (7) to a stone; thence south ten degrees west one chain and thirty nine links to a stone; thence northwesterly to the southwest corner of said lot number seven (7); thence north ten degrees east one chain and thirty-nine links to the place of beginning including said lots numbered six (6) and seven (7), in Tunnell Hill south. The terms of sale will be one-half the purchase money in cash on the day of sale, and the balance payable in nine months with 6 per cent. interest, secured by note and mortgage on the premises sold. The premises will be sold free of the dower of the complainant, Dulcenia Wolf, therein.

Dated Cairo, Ill., July 8th, 1884.

ALEX H. IRVIN,
Master in Chancery.

Geo. Fisher, Complainant's Solicitor.

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MASTER'S SALE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } Circuit Court of Alexander County, Illinois. In Chancery.
COUNTY OF ALEXANDER }

Francis D. Atherton
vs.
Lily Atherton, William Atherton and Thomas Jefferson Craig.
In Partition.

Public Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of a decree made and entered by said court in the above entitled cause, on the 13th day of May, A. D. 1884, I, Alexander H. Irvin, Master in Chancery of the said circuit court of Alexander county, will, on

FRIDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, 1884,

at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the southwesterly door of the court house, in the city of Cairo, county of Alexander and state of Illinois, sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all and singular, the real estate in said decree mentioned, situate in the county of Alexander and state of Illinois, to satisfy said decree, being the undivided one-eighth part of the following described lands, to-wit: The east half of the northwest quarter; the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-one (21); also the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section fifteen (15), all in township sixteen (16), south and in range two, west of the third principal meridian.

Terms of sale, one-half of purchase money cash in hand, balance on a credit of six months, with notes and mortgage on premises sold, bearing 6 per cent. interest.

Dated Cairo, Ill., July 8th, 1884.

ALEX H. IRVIN,
Master in Chancery.

D. T. Linegar, Complainant's Solicitor.

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