

## A DEAL IN DIAMONDS

The True Story of an Ingenious Swindle In London.

### A CLEVERLY WORKED GAME.

It Netted an Impecunious Russian Nobleman a Thousand Pounds Sterling. The Easy Manner in Which Count Sacha Got Something For Nothing.

Count Sacha Roubtsevsky was on his beam ends in London. To the world he was still a dashing young nobleman, son of an immensely wealthy Russian prince, but in point of fact he was financially at his last gasp.

He wanted a thousand or so for nothing. That was the problem he debated as he sat in his lodging smoking cigarette after cigarette. At last he rose with a satisfied smile. Next morning Count Sacha called on Messrs. Sparkle & Shine, the well known Bond street jewelers. He explained who he was and that he had come to select some jewelry for his sweetheart.

From the glittering tray he selected a beautiful stone, price £500. He then explained that, his remittances being delayed, he was not in a position to complete the purchase at the moment, and, in any case, he wished first to submit the stone to his sweetheart's approval.

He added suavely that as he was unknown to Messrs. Sparkle & Shine he could not expect them to part with the gem without making inquiries, but they were at liberty to apply to the Russian embassy for any information they desired concerning him. He would return the following day and, everything being satisfactory, take the diamond.

To this the jewelers agreed and, inquiring at the Russian embassy, were informed that Count Sacha was unquestionably the son of a wealthy prince and that they would probably be safe in giving him credit for even more than the amount mentioned.

They did not know at the embassy that Sacha had been disowned by his father, and they were agreeable to the count's own suggestion that a member of the embassy should attend at the jeweler's next day to identify him. This was done, and Count Sacha received the diamond. The same day he called at a big pawnbroker's and, mentioning airily that he was in temporary difficulties, pledged the diamond for the small sum of £50.

The next day found Count Sacha again at Messrs. Sparkle & Shine's. His sweetheart, he said, was enchanted with the diamond, but nothing would satisfy her now but that she should have another diamond absolutely matching the first.

The jewelers explained that to match such a stone would be a matter of great difficulty and the price of the second gem would be enormously increased—in short, for such a pair of twin diamonds they would have to charge £3,000. Count Sacha shrugged his shoulders. The price was stiff, but he could deny his sweetheart nothing. Would Messrs. Sparkle & Shine please at once set about procuring the second diamond?

The jewelers, being unable to match the diamond themselves, wrote to the leading dealers and pawnbrokers describing the stone they wanted and intimating that they were prepared to go as far as £2,000 for a perfect specimen. Among those they wrote to was the pawnbroker with whom Count Sacha had pledged the original diamond, which was just what that ingenious rascal expected.

A few days later Count Sacha called at the pawnbroker's to redeem his diamond. The pawnbroker had had Messrs. Sparkle & Shine's letter, and remembering the beautiful diamond pledged with him a day or two before, he had examined it and found that it met all of Sparkle & Shine's requirements.

The count redeemed the stone, and then the pawnbroker inquired whether by any chance he would care to sell it.

"Oh, no! It was a family heirloom. His customer would not dream of parting with it."

That was a pity, said the pawnbroker. He had chanced to show the diamond to his wife, and she had taken a violent fancy to it—so much so that he was prepared to give a fancy price. He offered £800.

Count Sacha laughed and shook his head. One thousand pounds? Oh, no! He really did not want to sell it. An offer of £1,300, however, made him hesitate. At last, after prolonged chaffing, Count Sacha passed back the diamond to the pawnbroker and received £1,500 in exchange. Once outside he jumped into a cab and drove as fast as he could to Messrs. Sparkle & Shine's.

Arrived there, he explained, with many regrets, that his sweetheart had changed her mind. She no longer wanted the second diamond. Had the jewelers yet found it? No? Ah, that was well! Still, he feared he had put them to much trouble. However, he was glad to say his remittances had arrived and he had now much pleasure in handing over £500 in payment for the original diamond, which his sweetheart had decided to keep.

One thousand pounds to the good. Count Sacha left the shop, having "brought off" a most ingenious swindle. Yet can any one say where he came within reach of the law?—Pearson's Weekly.

It is a question which causes a mother the more worry—a boy so sick that he is good or so thoroughly well that he is bad.

## THE MARIENBAD WORLD.

Taking the Cure at the Salt Springs of Bohemia.

When you are at Marienbad the first sound you hear is tap, tap, tap, at your bedroom door.

"Half past 5. Time to get up!" "All right!" you growl in reply, rattling while you slowly get out of bed against the absurd tyranny of medicinal waters that insist on being taken so early in the day.

Sallying forth, you find the Marienbad world already astir. Water drinkers are converging from all sides to the spring. Each one on arrival provides himself with a glass and goes forward to receive his daily dose. You join the waiting file. Soon it is your turn, and the attendant unaided for a modest coin fills you a bumper. You take it aside and eye it keenly, holding it to the light. Then, surreptitiously sniffling, you taste it cautiously. The flavor, it appears, is not unpleasant. You are reassured, and, assuming a resigned air, you drain the glass.

Flated by this proof of your courage, you walk out. The band is playing, the promenade crowded. Here you may see the crowned heads, millionaires, great singers and all the other celebrities who frequent Marienbad.

There is a peculiarity of the place that will quickly strike you—the stouter of many of the visitors. As the Baron von Seidsplitz, himself a man of girth, remarked to an English friend, "There are many thick people in Marienbad."

Hunger by this time probably possesses you, for it is 8 o'clock, but do not expect a hearty breakfast. Crisp rolls or toast and fragrant coffee will be enough, served in the open air. To a favored few an egg or a small plate of cold meat is permitted.

Curious morning tasks are prescribed for some of the patients. Mr. X., for instance, is ordered a piping hot mud bath, while Mr. Z. follows the "terratin" cure. This consists in walking an increased distance each day, so as gradually to strengthen the organs of which the functions are impaired. Most people, however, spend their time in reading, writing or lounging.

The welcome call to dinner draws all together about 1 o'clock. Again the fare is simple, the motto being, "Nothing very sour, nothing very sweet, nothing very salt, nothing very fat." Even the restaurants are not allowed to provide dishes harmful to the "cure." So you make yourself content with fish, roast meat or chicken, green vegetables and stewed fruit, and, as for drink, water, diluted claret or Pilsener beer must suffice. Were to him whose choice strays to made dishes, pastry, cheese or spirits, for these he must abjure as long as he stays at Marienbad.

To rest awhile without taking "forty winks" is the patient's next problem, and when he has worked through it he will probably stroll along to a concert or make an excursion among the delightful pine clad hills that inclose the Marienbad valley.

When evening approaches the gardens and promenade fill with people. They sit about at small tables and sip their coffee while listening to the band.

Your last meal is a light supper at 7 o'clock, and by 9 you should be in bed. The normal length of the "cure" is four weeks. It is said, however, that Americans, with characteristic energy, have been known to compress it into something like half that time.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Can't Be Cut Off With a Shilling.

French parents (or, at all events, those with more than 2 shillings to dispose of by will) are precluded from the gratification of cutting a nutritious child off with a shilling. A reserve is established by law which no testator can bequeath away from his offspring. A Frenchman with one child can dispose of half his property according to his pleasure; the other half must inevitably pass to the child. Those with two children can dispose of only one-third of their property, those with three children of one-fourth, and so on according to the size of the family. Stern parents occasionally seek to evade the law by subterfuge, but the disposal of property in France is hedged round with so many restrictions that family black sheep are rarely mulcted of their legal inheritance.—London Mail.

### Not the Same.

The new minister was making a duty call at the home of one of his flock, and, taking a little six-year-old miss upon his knee, he said, "Now, my dear, you want to be a Christian, like mamma, don't you?" "No, sir," was the unexpected reply. "I would rather sing in the choir."—Chicago News.

### Indulgent.

"Her husband is very good to her." "Is that so?" "Yes; he does everything to please her, even to talking back when she's looking for an argument."—Detroit Free Press.

### They Pass It.

"I suppose the deacons in your church pass the plate?" "Yes; they even go so far as to cut it absolutely dead. I've never yet seen any of them put in a cent!"—Puck.

### Should Die For Her.

Her—You don't love me! Him—I do. I've just had my life insured, haven't I? Her—Yes, but it would be just like you not to die.—Cleveland Leader.

What is called liberality is most often only the vanity of giving, which we like better than the thing we give.—Rochefoucauld.

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### Summons.

IN DISTRICT COURT.

Seventh Judicial District.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, vs.

County of Pembina

Marion I. Riach, Plaintiff

vs.

John J. Riach, Defendant

The State of North Dakota, to the above named defendant:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in the office of the clerk of the district court in and for the county of Pembina, state of North Dakota, at his office in the city of Pembina, county of Pembina, state of North Dakota, and to serve a copy of your answer upon the subscriber within thirty days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated November 9th 1906.

H. B. SPILLER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Residence and post office address, Pembina, North Dakota.

### NOTICE

Of the expiration of the time of redemption of the following described lands sold for taxes and the amount required to redeem such lands from such sale.

To C. D. Strong, in whose name the following described land is assessed:

Take notice, that that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the County of Pembina and State of North Dakota, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot fourteen in block five in the City of Pembina, was sold for the delinquent taxes thereon for the year 1905, on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1906, for the sum of two dollars and three cents, (\$2.03), and that the amount required to redeem such land from such sale is three dollars and fifty-nine cents, (\$3.59), exclusive of the costs to accrue upon this notice, and that the time of redemption of such land from such sale will expire ninety days after this notice.

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