

Condensed Novel Series—One A Day

THE MOONSTONE

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BEFORE the Mohammedan conquest of the Moon-rod in his Brahmin shrine, were upon his forehead one of the most beautiful diamonds in creation. Partly from its peculiar color, partly from a superstition which represented it as partaking of the nature of the deity whom it adorned, and growing and lessening in lustre with the waxing and waning of the moon it first gained the name by which it continues to be known in India to this day—the name of THE MOONSTONE.

COLLINS.

William Wilkie Collins, the son of a landscape and portrait painter, was born in London, January 8, 1824. He died December 23, 1889. After some private education at home he spent three years in Italy with his father. His return to England was a clerk with a firm of the merchants in London, but this was not to his taste. He studied law at the famous Lincoln's Inn and was called to the bar in 1851. But he was still drifting; he was not attracted to the law, though he found his studies of great use to him in later days.

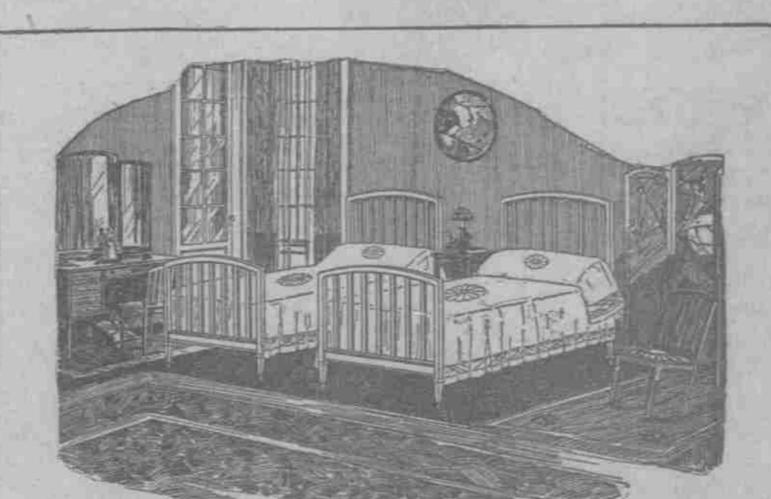
The Young Lady Across The Way



The young lady across the way says the man who has outdoor work may not make so much money, but he is likely to live much longer than the man of sedentary habits.

White on suspecting him of wishing to marry her far pecuniary reasons. He accepted his dismissal from gracefully than his father in whose house Rachel was residing after the death of her mother. Mr. Hurd, her lawyer, then made arrangements for her to live with one of her aunts. At this time Franklin Blake was quickly summoned to England by the death of his father. In his unhappiness he visited Lady Verinder's old home where he found things sadly changed, with no one in charge except a faithful old steward. This servant told him that there was a letter waiting for him from Rosanna Spearman which her confidant would deliver into his hands before long. The short letter contained directions to search on the seashore for a hidden box. This box held a garment stained with a smudge of blood. From Mrs. Rachel's boudoir and had on it the name of Franklin Blake. A long letter explained that the garment had been hidden there by Rosanna Spearman on account of her love for Franklin Blake and her hopes of shielding him from discovery. Immediately knowing that there must be some mistake, Mr. Blake tried in vain to see Rachel in London by all fair means. His resort to a trick to accomplish this ends disastrously and his part in great bitterness Rachel's words: "You villain, I saw you take the diamond with your own eyes!" spurred him to do all in his power to prove his innocence.

Through this long period the Moonstone had been sought diligently by three Brahmins and their successors. Their vigilance was in 1785, rewarded by the side of the rewarder sent him glowing on the bosom of a light-hearted girl, Rachel Verinder, had received the Moonstone as a legacy from an unscrupulous uncle who was in high disfavor with the family. Knowing that the Moonstone brought ill-luck, the gift was made in revenge. Although thoroughly educated at Miss Verinder's birthday dinner, the unhappy influence of the stone made itself felt in the night, and the party. Two rival suitors were present—both cousins of Rachel Verinder. One, Godfrey Ablewhite, persuasive in manner and elegant as chairman of many charitable organizations, lived in the neighborhood and had athero gained the advantage which propitiously gave him over Franklin Blake. Lately returned to England, bringing the Moonstone, after several years spent on the continent. The letter was a report of Mrs. Verinder three weeks before the birthday, where his graciousness and congeniality to Miss Verinder made him most welcome. Hence it was not surprising that Rachel fell in love with him and refused the importunities of Godfrey Ablewhite just before the birthday dinner. This major tension accompanied by various misunderstandings on the part of other guests and in a dispute between the family physician and Franklin Blake over the latter's illness in which the doctor failed to convince him that medicine could triumph over his nerves. On hearing a drum the guests rushed to the terrace to be confronted by three Indian jugglers. At a word from one of the jugglers, the party, the intruders hurriedly retreated. This surprising turn of events argued the Moonstone into especially safe keeping, but Miss Rachel, with ideas of her own, insisted on putting the Moonstone in a cabinet in her dressing room. The company then dispersed, leaving Franklin Blake to look at the Moonstone, and Mr. Ablewhite, after much urging Mr. Blake decided to take a walk and water to help combat his nervousness. The household was startled next morning at the disappearance of the Moonstone. Franklin Blake, always alert, was instrumental in bringing to the nearest police. Rachel became exceedingly angry at their intrusion and was deeply offended, while Franklin Blake, for securing them the chief of police succeeded in making a mess of affairs and was super-



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AND HE DID I'M GOING TO PUT A PIN IN FATHER'S CHAIR!! AND HE DID

El Paso, and is the first school of its kind to be opened in El Paso. Children who are deaf and dumb and hard of hearing, who need to read, now have an excellent opportunity for an education. Lip reading and speech are taught. The board of education requests all parents who wish to enter their children in the school for the deaf to communicate with Miss Marie C. Johnson at the school. Miss Johnson has charge of the school. She will take pupils from four years of age up. The children in this school are making good progress in their school work. Miss Johnson considers them the brightest group of children she has ever taught. The children gave a party at the Sunset school Tuesday afternoon. Refreshments were served.

MORE PORTERFIELD - SMITH "LUCK" ANOTHER WILD, ROARING GUSHER WITH AN INITIAL FLOW OF 7000 BARRELS AND OFFSETTING ONE OF THE SEVERAL TRACTS OF THE HOMER UNION PETROLEUM COMPANY AND PROVING THIS TRACT IN THE HOMER WONDER OIL FIELD HAS JUST BEEN BROUGHT IN. YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS, FOLK? IT MEANS THAT THE ELEMENT OF CHANCE IS PRACTICALLY ELIMINATED, AND IT MEANS ANOTHER THING THAT YOU MUST DIG DOWN INTO YOUR SOCK AND GET YOUR MONEY TO US THE QUICKEST WAY POSSIBLE IF YOU EXPECT TO GET THIS WONDERFUL STOCK AT \$1 PER SHARE. IF YOU WANT TO WAIT A FEW DAYS AND PAY \$2 OR \$3, AND GIVE SOME OTHER FELLOW THE PROFIT, AS MANY OF YOU DID ON OCEAN, IT IS YOUR FUNERAL.