PARK LANE PECCANCY

Lord Stillington was haggard and gray-faced; Lady Stillington was in tears. After returning from the state ball, where her ladyship had worn the Weasel hurried up to her side. famous Stillington diamonds, they had just discovered that the world-reowned necklace—the most valued item of the set-was missing. For two centuries these jewels had been the pride and glory of the Stillingtons, and now the necklace had been lust by the youngest Lady Stillington who had ever worn it-a bride of only three months.

She said she remembered feeling it safe when they were coming away. As she was about to step into the carriage the horses had become restive and she had drawn back for a moment, putting up a hand as she did so to gather her cloak about her throat. Her hand had touched the necklace, safe in its place then, and that was the last she knew about it.

Directly they got home Lord Stillington noticed it had disappeared. The carriage was searched in case it had dropped during their drive from the palace, and Lady Stillington's dress was carefully examined in the hope that it might have caught somewhere. But all to no purpose—the necklace was not to be found.

"Oh! how could I have been so stupid?" Lady Stillington sobbed "Can you ever forgive me? I know it will never be found.

"Oh! nonsense," said the husband. "It will turn up all right. Go to bed now and don't worry any more about

But he spoke in a troubled voice and with a harassed look that belied the optimism of his words.

Next day search was made for the necklace, but it could not be found. Lord Stillington put the matter in the hands of the police, and also employed private detectives. He was much distressed by the loss, and seemed determined to leave no stone unturned to effect its recovery. Yet, very strangely, he refused to advertise for it, and insisted that as little publicity as possible should be given to the affair. He made no excuse for this singular caprice; simply allowing himself to be considered eccentric.

"Funny chap' his lordship," remarked Inspector Boggles, the Scotland Yard man. "You may call it eccentricity, but I call it this." And he tapped his forehead with his finger.

Lady Stillington was so overcome by the disaster that had befallen her that she could only lie in bed in a semihysterical state bemoaning her misfortune. Her husband tried to comfort her by assuring her the necklace would soon be recovered, and that, even if it were never found, it would

But there was a haunting look of care on his face, and he was unaccountably distrait, which quite destroyed any consoling effects his word might have had.

Now, engaged in his case, was Weasel, the private inquiry agent, whose clientele was composed of those who

moved in the upper walks of life. In the course of business he had learned something of the inner life of Lady Stillington, who before her marriage was Estelle Manton the daugh-

ter of Col. Manton, of turf renown, He knew that, unable to extract sufficient pin money from her generally hard-up father, she had got into hope-

less money troubles. He knew that to get out of these troubles she had tried to "fly a kite," and that Shadrach, the money lender, had in his safe a bill for £200 signed by her and purporting to be accepted by her father, but on which she had

forged the paternal signature. Shadrach had advanced her £100 on the bill, and now she was paying him £300 a year to keep his mouth shut pending her finding the sum of £1,000, for which he would give her back the PIIL

Having this knowledge. Weasel considered it manifestly the game to keep an eye on Lady Stillington. Accordingly he contrived, by making love to her maid, to be in the vicinity of her ladyship's bedroom all day.

Late in the afternoon his vigilance was rewarded. Lady Stillington, thickly veiled, came out of her room and, stealthily making her way down the back stairs, let herself out by a side door without any one seeing her.

Except Weasel! He saw her and followed her along Park lane into Oxford street, where she took a hansom to Holborn Circus, where she got out and walked after dismissing her species becoming etxinct. So the Seccab. He did the same.

he kept close behind her. He knew appointed a warden and gave him inthen his suspicions were correct. Presently she turned in at a doorway and disappeared. It was the entrance to der from him. a block of dingy offices. Weasel, reading the names of the firms who occupied the building, came upon one of Florida. The birds for years have that told him all he wanted to know. been sought for their beautiful plumwho "in the know" is not aware that brown pelican is found only on the Adolph Denck is little better than a coast of Florida.—Washington Times. fence?

Weasel had no doubt now that Lady. Stillington had gone into Denck's office to arrange for the sale of the "lost" necklace, which, in reality, had looking through the catalogues of never left her possession.

Shadrach, the blackmailer, was to be appeased at the expense of the Stillington heirlooms! Peter was to be robbed to recoup the plundered

Lighting a cigarette. Weasel waited in the gleomy doorway. Presently a door was slammed, steps hurried along the pasage, and Lady Stillington passed him like a whirlwind without noticing him, ejaculating "The knavel" as she hurried into the

Weasel followed her as before, and the returned to Park Lane as she had As she was about to euter her house -this time openly by the front door-

"Can I speak to you, my lady?" he information concerning your necklace.'

She turned with a look of astonishment.

"Very well," she said. "I will send for you when I am ready."

She began to move away from him across the hall, but that did not suit Weasel's plans.

"No-no, my lady, you must hear me without delay." he urged loudly, so that the servants by the door could hear him. "And Lord Stillington should be present to hear what I have to tell."

She stopped irresolute, angry at his importunity, yet curious to hear his news.

"Where is his lordship?" she asked a servant. "In the library, my lady," the man

replied. "Come," she said to Weasel, and preceded by the servant walked over

to the library. Lord Stillington rose, as she entered, from the chair where he was sitting wrapped in troubled thought. "You, Estelle," he exclaimed.

"Where have you been, dear?" 'To my father's," she answered, with bold mendacity. "This man has news," with a gesture toward Weasel. "Halloa Weasel," said his lordship. "Found the necklace?"

"I know where it is, my lord." plied Weasel. "Where?" asked Lord and

Stillington together, eagerly. Weasel took his courage in both hands and staked his all on a bluff.

"Either in the possession of Adolph Denck, of Hatton Garden," said he, "or else in that of Lady Stillington." He pointed at Lady Stillington in denunciation. The color fled from her face and left her ghastly. Her looks convicted her. For a moment the quailed before her husband's eyes; then, with a sudden change of manner. drew the necklace from her muff and flung it on the table,

"There it is!" she cried, facing Lord Stillington with blazing eyes. "I wonder you dare let me go before my sovereign wearing such a gewgaw. You were right-turning to Weasel, beside herself with rage-"the necklace is in Denck's possession—the real Stillington necklace. This trumpery affair"-indicating the necklace on the table-"is a paste imitation of what this honorable nobleman sold to Denck two years ago."

It was Lord Stillington's turn to quail now.

money," he pleaded "I was at my wits' ends to raise the wind."

"Of course, my lord," said Weasel, tactfully. Every one knows to what desperate expelients want of money drives folks. My lady knows welldon't you, my lady?"

"Oh! yes," exclaimed my lady, guessing he knew all,

remonstrated: "I'm very discreet."

that "cool thou." for which he has pense. covenanted to hand over Lady Still-Illustrated Bits.

Breeding Rare Pelicans. cans. The reservation was acquired is still perfectly fit in every other by the government several weeks ago, way to wear. If the American housebut nothing was said about it, as visi- keeper will try the West Indian retors were not wanted.

been the home of the brown pelican Bulletin. and has been overrun by hunters. It is the only place on the east coast where the birds breed in colonies, and as the slaughter almost equalled the and pocketless femininity hails with increase there was danger of the joy the opportunity for making secure retary of Agriculture secured an order She turned up Hatton Garden and making it a government reservation; structions that no one should be allowed to land on the island without an or-

After the birds leave the island they are protected by the game laws Adolph Denck was the name; and age for feminine decoration. The

> Queer Trade Commodities. Most people nowadays hear a lot about the conservation of waste, but traders of various kinds it is astound-

ing what a number of eccentric commodities are utilized for trade purposes. The skins of millions of eels are tanned and used as leather for bootlaces: frogskin has become one of the most beautiful and useful articles known to the binders of fancy books and the makers of fans; walrus whiskers provide the most elegant toothpicks known to the modern man of fashion; and beetles of a certain kind are emperted by the hundredweight for use on theatrical dresses.-

TO REMOVE WRINKLES.

left it, partly by cab, partly on foot. Following Remedies are Good But Best One is, "Don't Worry."

A French cure for wrinkles consists of a compress of linen soaked in equal quantities of alcohol and said, deferentially. "I have important white of egg bound tightly over the forehead and allowed to remain overnight until the wrinkles have disappeared. A Berlin remedy begins with the nightly face steaming or hot bath, a very slight massaging with cold cream which must be thoroughly absorbed by the skin, then lastly, after the skin has been stretched perfectly smooth tiny strips of court plaster are fastened over the wrinkle. Apply the plaster, which should be rather stiff and of sufficient body to hold the skin in place; on the forehead first usin the strips lengthwise and holding them in place for a few seconds to insure perfect smoothness. Two pieces a quarter of an inch wide and half an inch long will fasten the wrinkles between the eye down firmly while the furrows at each side of the mouth are decorated with a dainty lattice in plaster strips. One can only tell by experimenting as to the length of time the plaster treatment should continue some skins being so easily irritated an hour twice a day will be all that is advisable, while others have worn the plasters overnight with no ill effects. The treatment after the plasters are removed should be faithfully attended to or the skin will be roughand red. Softly dabble over the entire surface with hot water, then lightly massage in the smallest amount possible of cold cream or skin food and when no trace of cream remains dust over all a smooth powder, being sure every furrow is well covered so no dust from house or street can work evil in the tender skin.

When wrinkles first make their appearance, diluted lemon juice will retard their growth by hardening the skin, as will also an astringent pomade made as follows: 100 grams oil of sweet almonds, 50 grams white wax, 25 grams each of tincture of benzoin and rose water with 12 grams of pulverized tannin. This pomade should not be rubbed in as a massage cream, but gently applied after massage to restore flabby skin. Learn to talk without wrinkling the forehead, even if you have to apply a wet compress to the forehead and talk an hour to yourself before the mirror for half an hour at a time. While ill health is a forgiveable cause of wrinkles sunniness of heart and good digestion will keep the tell-tale lines away as well as keep friends near. so join the Don't Worry club and show a smooth serene countenance to

Help for the Housewife.

the world.

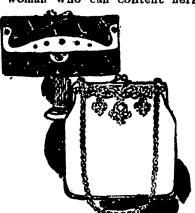
No more need the hostess sigh embroidery ruined by fruit and chocolate stains. She may now indulge in all the dainty accessories of the table without a qualm as to their being stained. The reason for thic is that as securely as if they were fastened everything in the shape of dollies. casserole frills and sherhert cups is now made of paper. They are as dainty as possible and are made to imitate the beautiful Teneriffe work. "Don't speak crossly, my lady," he Mexican drawn work and all lace patterns in the most wonderful manner. Yes, and his discretion now brings Despite their fragile appearance they him in quite a handsome annuity, by are proof against liquids and do not the amount of which the Stillington get soggy. Salad and ice cream exchequer, through the discretion of cases come in a variety of pleasing my lord and lady, is yearly depleted. forms, and it is possible to carry out Whether Shadrach will ever receive a color scheme with but trifling ex-

In the West Indies they have a ington's criminatory bill to her de simple polish for brass that is said to pends altogether on that lady's luck. be the very best that can be secured. And whether future Lady Stilling- They use a mixture of salt, lemon tons will discover that the celebrated juice and ashes. Lime juice or lemon necklace is a worthless sham, and juice is the best friend of the women what they will do, or say, or think, if of the West Indies. Whenever the they make such a discovery, are mat-household linen or the wearing apters that only concern posterity and parel becomes discolored from mildew are outside the province of the pres in rainy weather a little lemon or lime ent chronicler.-George Hudworth, in Juice and a bit of common salt will cause the spots to disappear. In this country mildew is generally held to be a thing impossible to remove. Uncle Sam now has an aviary of his Many an article of clothing is thrown own where he is breeding brown pell- away solely for this reason, while it cipe she will be able to overcome Pelican Island, on the east coast of a difficulty hitherto regarded as al-Florida, in Indian River, has long most unconquerable. — Philadelphia

Fine Bags of Many Kinds.

The bag's the thing this season, purse and kerchief, and purhes the

movement along enthusiastically. Big bags, little bags, fat bags, thin bags, bags of all colors, sizes and material are shown in the shops, and the woman who can content herself



with one of the array is pure stoic. The makers have designed bags for all occasions, for almost all costumes, and now, when one tone harmony is the lad, there is a temptation lurking in each bag that matches a frock.

The old time chatelaine bag has fatien from grace. Though the hand bag is often laid down carelessly and forgotten, it is perhaps as safe as the chatelaine which was, as a rule, unsecurely hooked to helt or girdle, and It is certainly more attractive.

ELECTRIC POST INVENTION

Letters to Be Carried at Speed of 250 Miles an Hour.

The electric post invention by which letters and parcels are to be carried at 250 miles an hour is short ly to be put to a practical test. syndicate has been formed with capital of £150,000, divided into 60,000 six per cent. cumulative preference shares of £1 each, and 90,000 ordinary shares of £1 each. Two-thirds of the amount wanted will be raised in Italy and France, and one third only in England. The syndicate is formed to take over the patents from Count Taegi Piscicelli, the inventor, and to develop the system. Among the objects aimed at are the following: (1) To demonstrate the invention

on a practical scale.

(2) To negotiate with the Govern ments and railway companies of various countries for user of the system, The Directors are the Duo d'Uxes. the Duc de Morny, the Marquis des Cars, the Comte de Pradere, Sir Theodore Fry, Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. troductions. But that was nothing lly that Friday evaluations. Henry S. Saunders, (a director of the Marconi Company), Count Piscicelli, and Mr. William Digby-the last two represented on the directorate.

If the inventor's claims are established in the forthcoming test, it is not too much to say that the postal service will be entirely revolution. ized. In effect the new system sims at providing by automatic means for all the requirements to which postal correspondence is subject from the moment it is put in the letter box to from which the postman receives it for delivery to its ultimate destination, and at no greater cost than at way conveyance will be superseded. dangerous? It is in the same and sor expresses will Gifford would show her he knew no occupation gone. A continuous dispatch will be pos-

sible from town to town and from district to district, and so completely will space be annihilated that a letter posted in London will be in Manchester in less than an hour, and in-Glasgow in under two hours. The system, it will be seen, promises in many cases to be a serious rival to the telegraph. In appearance it will resemble nothing so much as a form of electric railway. Wires will be carried from place to place on high poles, and on these lines the boxes which are to carry the letters and the not keep lils hold. His hand felt as had expected if it were full of red not needles, and Gifford washed no limit. will be made of aluminium, will weigh about 1 1.2 cwt. each. They will be fitted with small motors, and equipped with wheels which will grip the wires to them. In addition to supporting of his divinity that Ginord would the wires, the poles can be used as gladly have embraced another porce- declared the representation collecting boxes, and by an ingenious arrangement the letters as they drop into the receptacle are marked with the date and the hour, and the stamps are obliterated somewhat in the same way as is done at the postoffice. At stated intervals the receptacle is automatically drawn up to the height of the wires, where it deposits its contents into the carrier, which, sees that every pole does its: duty before it returns to the central

The working of the invention, howsystem is of practical value for transmitting letters at a speed of 250 miles an hour. The demonstration is to be given in Italy. There are several reasons why it will take place there. Count Piscicelli is an Italian, like the other annihilator of space, Mr. Marconi-who, by the way, has great hopes of the electric post inventionthe King of Italy has deeply interested himself in the invention all along, and the Italian Government has offered the inventor every facility for putting his system to a practical test. It has been arranged that the demonstration will take place outside Rome. The original intention was to erect the installation between two large towns—Rome and Naples were mentioned—but the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have admitted of a fair test of the short distance would not have a short distance where the short dista not have admitted of a fair test of speed. To overcome this difficulty Count Piscicelli devised a scheme by which the test can be applied within a radius of 12 1-2 miles. The installation will be erected in a sort of oblong within which will be two circles: The carriers when set in motion at the centre from a building which will represent a postoffice will be able to run indefinitely by a kind of "loopingthe-loop" process. The demonstration if successful will be all the more valuable under this arrangement because all kinds of curves will have to be negotiated.

The railway companies, whose service will be greatly affected by the invention at work. It is claimed by the promoters that the electric post system is not a rival but an adjunct to the railways, because by the system the lines could be relieved of all did he ever think of giving up the the light traffic such as mails, and small parcels of every kind could be carried by the electric post, which could be erected slongside the exist- two feet of mud to get them, greatly ing railways. Leading engineers of to the damage of his tootgest and many countries have also expressed trousers. Mise Shurtled casually retheir desire to attend. At the demon- marked that the great hairs woodpark stration the inventor will not only axplain how the mails and parcels can be handled but will carry out the tracet pine stump and took a round. work in every detail.

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Boslly Gifford was not at all blame for it. Anylody might have made the same mistake Gifford was the short and lat and new to the big woods. He had been in camp a week and had spent most of the time lying Gifford in a hammock and reading a povel shot. In while the other men tramped the which had trails or towed eight or ten miles osme to the through Bagle Creek to Virgin or Lake bad an opportuni Julia Everybody said that Gifford stone and I was too fat and lasy ever to make a life. For some woodsman.

But that was before Miss Shurileff, he had never see and her mother came to the camp, out to reach some They had a log cable next to the big standing with the cook shack and it was announced that old man put in his Mr. Shurtleff would come up to join one day remained in them later. The young woman was the attempt. Ginera tall and athletic looking, full of life, his arms were so and eager to see and to do all there one mans of bits was to be seen or done within twenty pained him at every miles of Big lake

Parhape it was intentional at any rate Gifford got mixed up on the In down to Big Dog le against him. Anybody might easily Big Dog lake was a

have made the same mistake.
Gifford fell desperately in love with joining the board after allotment, the younger of the two women at nest England, Italy, France and Spain are sight. And the new love transformed left, but it a strain him. He became all'at once the most enthusiastic carsman and woodtramp er in the party. It made a hero of him. What would have terrified him one hand ever has mouth

before he now gladly undertook.
One evening when everybody in camp was sitting out under the birch trees watching the suinet a curious within we'd bester as animal as large as a small, dor real can both so la Tomay shambling down in front of the shack and tried to hide under a pile of local the time of its arrival at the offices Gifford and Gifford a wish terries both entirely new to the woods, were the so mosether trans up and after it in a minute. They started at 0. what in the world is the cries morning. Officer. present. The present method of rail. Miss Shufflen, Allo you suppose it is faint selection of the

no longer be necessary, and the army the meaning of fear. He ran directly smony. He had laid of collectors and sorters will find their cowards the beast, which thediviright campaign and and as it was made but poor progress landed for herebeering

over the sand.
Ginord's dog was even before him. It attacked the animal with popen mouth. But it made but one bite and then began to roll over and over yelping with agony.

"Look out," called cone of the came the sound of a cryst guides. "It's a porky hog, Better not ""Come sere quick, Oliver touch it."

But with Miss Shurtlen looking on Gifford would have tackled a raging he did not move. Butithe Hon... He reised a club he had picked man wes up in and laste up from the ground in his right hand, back through the wood's and with the other grasped the besit IV Ms a fawn. The old in by the back. But like the dog he did on her cumbon which the from his heroic lips came a groun of 一个中心的人 推 医性切除性结样 pain.

But even that was worth while for tell year so. his sufferings called such expressions of tender sympathy from the red lips pine. Tommy, the guide, pulled barn; then Miss Shurtles and ed quills out of Gifford, who bore the smile. pain like a Spartan, and then performed a similar operation on the dog, an Mrs. Shumber dell which for the remainder of its stay in bank, is my standament the woods absolutely refused to so Miss Shurtles I know within reaching distance of anything that had life, Arthurana and

Doubtless Gifford would have disk years older than I am covered his missake earler; if the two anary with you. In he women had not persisted in always re me a great complication.

maining together to keep him in 18. You know all the times. norance of his mistake, though no one believes that either Miss or Mrs. daughter to belp her Shurtleff was a party to it. And the camp in Tommy's the ever, must be unfolded gradually, fact that the two women called each would not listen to the and for the moment the chief aim of other by their first memor. As and the end. He of the promoters is to establish that the Julia—prevented his making the dis. hight and went beet system is of practical value for trans-

covery in that way. With his left hand done up in a large Mr. Shuriten bandage to soothe the pain of the por case Pribune. cupine quills Gifford became more than ever the slave of the young we man. She, on her part, was kind enough to him, though she weemed anxious that he should pay attention to the older lady rather than to her. And Gifford obeyed her commands and waited on the ancient person seelds. was present, and the ously. Once the old hedy announced thanking the freeldent that she would like to drink some ling, and Gifford, at a look from Miss abroad a very agreeable of morning at 4 o'clock morning at 4 o'clock, when Tommy milked, and get the milk for her.

them to go, Gifford took the two women out rowing or fishing or exploring. Before they came to camp he had been to lazy to go out on the water unless Tommy pushed the boat; but now the was always read to be to be if he would choose to be if he would choose to be if he would choose to be if he would be well as a large to a guestion as to the would choose to be if he would be well as the would be well as th Every day, when he could persuade less Tommy pushed the boat, but now he was always ready to row a boat containing both Miss Shurtieff and her mother any number of weary miles, fat in England. Of course while Tommy, with a smile hidden un-to know why, and he said that der his brown mustache, came skimafter the mo became politic the purchess of Devicements ming along behind, with nothing but the lunch basket in his skift.

When you consider that Gifford's arms were short and thick, that his Choate I've been wanting to wind was bad and his hands tender, and that he had never done any row story. Whe is Mrs. questy ing before that summer, you may be husband " Chicago Can gin to realize the power of leve. Big blood blisters came on the paims of Gifford's pudgy hands and he suffered almost continually from pains in his back and legs, but not for a moment battle. Miss Shurtleff, expressed an not yet nation admiration for water billies. Office the remainder waded out in ten inches of water and er must be a curious looking bird hird one of the heat to skew

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Mrs. Shurtleff Wants

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