A Neat Trick

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[illegible] first built the car [illegible] string of stagecoaches [illegible] We in America at the very beginning abandoned this form and [illegible] the car from end to end. In Europe they still retain the stage coach [illegible] coaches are built in [illegible] through [illegible] connected by a passage at [illegible] Their city trains are [illegible] as they were some eighty years ago.

I was traveling one day in a city train and [illegible] in a compartment with one other passenger, a young woman. Soon after the train started she asked if she might smoke a cigarette. While a compartment is used for smoking [illegible] there they put up a notice to that effect. I felt pleased that she was a smoker herself, granted her permission at once and drew forth a cigar.

"You must first have a whiff with me," she said; "then you may smoke your cigar." She handed me an open box of cigarettes. "These are some thing [illegible] Try one."

[illegible] The woman [illegible] from [illegible] the bag [illegible] the satchel from which she [illegible] and took a cigarette for herself while her back was toward me so that I couldn't see her doing it. I lighted mine and as soon as I began to smoke felt a delicious languor. I should have suspected that something was wrong and thrown the weed away, but I was enraptured and soon fell into a delicious trance.

The woman kept her eyes on me and presently asked me to hand her a novel she had left on the seat beside me. I couldn't move even a finger. She had evidently expected as much and had asked me to hand her the book to see if I were able to do so. As soon as she was satisfied that I was powerless she took off her dress and hat and threw them out of the window. There was a man's costume underneath the dress, and it was evident that the pretended woman was a man. He took a felt hat out of the bag and put it on, then, taking a paper out of his coat pocket, he put it in mine.

All this was done between two stations about [illegible] miles apart, although the train went pretty slow. When we reached the second station the man got out of the train, leaving me still powerless. I was just as conscious of the situation as if I had not inhaled the cigarette. I [illegible] that the man was a criminal fleeing from justice and had put papers in my pocket [illegible] for. Why he wished them to think so I fancied it was because they were hot on the [illegible] and he wished to [illegible] of the train.

The train seemed to be delayed in starting again. It appeared to me that it must be waiting for something. What was my horror to see several men come to the door of the compartment led by the man who had drugged me.

"That's the man," he said.

The effect of the cigarette had passed off sufficiently to enable me to protest. But the man interrupted me.

"I tell you," he said to the others, "he's the notorious Cartouche, who a day or two ago escaped the French police. I saw him in court once and knew him the moment he entered the train. If you don't believe me search him. He may have something that will identify him on his person."

My blood ran cold. I knew of Cartouche, who was under sentence of death. I was ordered out of the coach, but as I had not recovered the use of my limbs they were obliged to pull me out. They placed me on a baggage roller and went through my pockets. A letter addressed to Jacques Cartouche was found on me. At that moment the train pulled out and my accuser, [illegible] on the footboard, went off with it.

[illegible] On the arrival of [illegible] police officers arrived [illegible] they knew they had been tricked. I told them my story, and they [illegible] by my description of my abductor that he was Cartouche himself. But the train [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] as [illegible] did for the police [illegible] my story, [illegible] it was [illegible] Cartouche, who had played that [illegible] before.

By a [illegible] I saw Cartouche again, though some years later. I [illegible] to America. On the steamer I found the stern fenced off with canvas. There was an opening between the canvas and an after cabin through which I could look into that portion of the deck which had been fenced off for the use of the steerage passengers. While looking through this aperture who should I see but a man whom I immediately recognized as Cartouche.

I [illegible] I had seen him, [illegible] it incumbent on me to prevent his landing in America. Had he been going the other way I should have held my peace. But as a criminal coming to my own country my duty as a citizen was to inform the immigrant commissioners of his identity. On reaching New York I told my story and the criminal was sent back to the port from which he sailed. What became of him after his return I don't know, but he [illegible] to cheat the gallows more than once, and he may have used another as he used me.

A CURIOUS DREAM.

[illegible]

An instance [illegible] in which a dream was useful in preventing [illegible] is recorded of [illegible] Mrs. Rutherford, at [illegible] the [illegible] of Sir Walter Scott. The lady dreamed more than once that she was being murdered by a black [illegible] She was so much upset by this that she [illegible] when [illegible] the house [illegible] servant [illegible] He had been [illegible] in the [illegible] The [illegible] of [illegible] adjoining [illegible] during the following night.

About 2 o'clock in the morning the gentleman heard footsteps on the stairs, came out and met the servant carrying some coals. Being questioned as to where he was going, he answered confusedly that he was going to mend the mistress' fire, which at 2 o'clock in the morning in the middle of summer was evidently impossible. On further investigation a strong knife was found hidden in the coals. The [illegible] but [illegible] was subsequently hanged for murder, and before his execution he confessed that he [illegible] to assassinate Mrs. Rutherford.—London [illegible]

GRAND CANYON.

An Ideal Place In Which to Realize the Insignificance of Man.

There is one place in this country where a man can step back not [illegible] hundreds but by thousands of years back to the time when the continent was in the making. This place is the Grand Canyon of Arizona. There the visitor sees a panorama. In a [illegible] colors as the [illegible] without [illegible] rugged peaks and the sunlight glistens on the metallic deposits of the cliffs. A whole chaotic world discloses itself. Rock forms of uncanny beauty stand out on these unrivaled cliffs and far down runs the [illegible] channel.

Stand on some ledge and realize the insignificance of man when compared with the handiwork of nature, watch a party of travelers threading their way down these winding trails [illegible]

[illegible]—New York Sun.

[illegible]

William [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] as Polonius, crying "Angels [illegible]" Hamlet [illegible] he loved Ophelia [illegible] forty thousand [illegible] of her [illegible] her [illegible] in the [illegible] the ghost, her husband [illegible] There are more things in Heaven [illegible] are dreamed of in the [illegible] all his [illegible] [illegible] the Green [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at warehouse and a further [illegible] at date of final [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Virginia road.

Her Condition.

"His wife is a woman of [illegible]"

"That so?"

"Yes; whenever she starts to do anything she [illegible] it wrong."—Detroit Free Press.

[illegible]

[illegible] You [illegible] do you [illegible] till [illegible] after you [illegible] that? [illegible] Here's the only chance I got.—[illegible]

[illegible]

"You seem to [illegible] of [illegible] for [illegible] cultivating my [illegible] acquaintance?" "Why?"

"I was cultivating my [illegible] change."

[illegible] is [illegible] nothing [illegible] a [illegible]—George [illegible]

SIR DAVID PEAKS

By EDWARD [illegible]

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While in the detective [illegible] a man [illegible] before [illegible] which [illegible] in his arms [illegible] a livelihood from his [illegible] I [illegible] the world [illegible] the husband and [illegible] When he [illegible] he could [illegible] and said if [illegible] would do me a good turn.

Some time after [illegible] received an anonymous note stating that Dan McConnell would attend an evening function to be given by [illegible] a prominent in society, [illegible] the purpose of [illegible] McConnell had got away with [illegible] thousand [illegible] were [illegible] I would [illegible] the information [illegible] the crook [illegible] I [illegible] though I [illegible] of gratitude from a criminal [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] bedroom.

[illegible] very entrance [illegible]

[illegible] "Have you?" I [illegible] I felt that [illegible]

[illegible]

I was [illegible]

[illegible] "Camille," I said, [illegible] you've been [illegible] just arrived [illegible] the [illegible] to call him [illegible]

[illegible] Sir David, who had been [illegible] to get out without being [illegible] to the conference. [illegible] full of jewelry.

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