

A Striking Watch

And How It Furnished a Detective a Clew

By RYLAND BELL

Being directed by the chief of the detective bureau...

I live in a suburban town. My family consists of my wife, my son, Albert, twenty-two years old, and my daughter, Edith, aged twenty.

For some time past we have been missing small articles, principally jewelry. Only yesterday a brooch set with diamonds and worth \$100 disappeared.

There was truth in the latter part of this statement. I had recently come from England to seek my fortune in America like others of my countrymen...

This assignment with Mr. Almsworth was my first in my new business, and I knew nothing about how to trap a thief.

That morning when the postman delivered the mail, I received a letter from England that obliterated the necessity of my remaining in the detective business.

The story of my supposed impoverishment, which, as I have said, was in the main true, brought a very sympathetic reception from Miss Edith Almsworth.

I spent a fortnight as a member of Mr. Almsworth's family, and since I had not secured the slightest clew to the thief I felt it necessary to put on the appearance of pursuing a deep-laid plan of which I was capable.

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stroke, followed by one. Struck by a thought, I reached out to a table beside me, lighted a match and looked at my watch. It was a quarter past 3.

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Revenge or Gratitude

A Story of the French Revolution

By F. A. MITCHELL

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Or How My Cousin Won Was

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