

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND

By RUTH GRAHAM

Henry Dickinson and Arthur Treat, both gold hunters, met in California years ago...

Barker learned all he wished from them about their mine, then said that mining was too risky a business for him...

One day Treat went to Barker's store for some provisions and on the way back to his mine was kidnaped...

But Treat finally convinced them that all he had in the world was an undeveloped mine in California...

There he found his partner in full charge with his Chinese murderer...

Treat's creditors that he had made money, and they arranged for his kidnaping...

The first trapline of the partners on seeing through a scheme by which both had suffered and Dickinson had been sentenced...

They therefore decided to fight him in the way he had fought them...

They at once engaged a lawyer to draw up an agreement and submitted it to Barker...

For a time after that the mine did well, but the partners soon told Barker that they must have more money...

When the partners once more called on Barker for more money he denied them...

Two Pullman porters representing different railroads met off duty and progressed from friendly gossip to heated argument...

The month passed, but the partners, instead of settling up their affairs, seemed to be developing the mine...

"We own this mine," said Dickinson, "and we propose to keep it."

"What is the difference between making money and earning money?" asked the youth...

"Sometimes the difference is a trip to the penitentiary for counterfeiting," answered the home grown philosopher...

"We'll see about that," was Barker's reply and he opened his documents...

When the miners had laid their scheme to circumvent Barker, Treat, who before coming to California had been a manufacturer of ink...

Barker, who was ruined, threatened criminal proceedings, but the partners had covered their tracks as well as he had covered his in his diabolical scheme...

"No Rival That Way. He—Have I a rival?—She (coldly): No; I cannot think of another person I regard with such indifference—Bos-ton Transcript.

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THEY WERE WELL MATCHED.

Why the Ramseys Were Like Old Joe Murchison's Team.

"It seems strange that the Ramseys should have married each other," said Mrs. Pilman.

"Strangers? Not at all, my dear," replied her husband. "They are well matched—as well matched as old Joe Murchison's horses were."

"I don't know anything about Murchison's horses," said Mrs. Pilman, "but I know that Mr. Ramsey is big and handsome and indolent, and Mrs. Ramsey is always at work and is thrifty into the bargain."

"That bears out what I say, my dear," said her husband. "Let me explain. In that remote and dark age of my life before I knew you, they offered a prize at the annual fair for the best matched pair of agricultural horses. There were some beautiful ones brought in, so that everybody laughed when old Joe Murchison came driving along a great, handsome, slow-moving horse harnessed with a wiry, scrawny little beast that took two steps to the big fellow's one."

"That's a finely matched pair, somebody shouted. 'So they be' agreed Joe complacently. 'So they be! The best matched pair in the county! One's willin' to do all the work an' other's willin' to be should!'"—Exchange.

THE OLD YORK ROAD.

Built in 1711, It Was the First Great American Highway.

Something over 200 years ago there was built the first great American highway, "the old York road," between New York and Philadelphia.

The construction of this famous road in 1711 was an example that led the energetic colonists at other points along the Atlantic seaboard to mark similar roads where there were no water routes. For the most part these roads were built by chartered companies and were called turnpikes or toll roads.

The first macadamized road in this country was constructed in 1792 between Philadelphia and Lancaster. In 1811 there were said to be 4,000 miles of chartered turnpikes in New England and New York.

During the next twenty years the government expended many millions of dollars in constructing great highways, but the park of 1837 and the building of railroads and canals put an end to that branch of the government work.

Wanted a Little Praise Himself. Following a disastrous fire in a west city, many men and women gathered to look at the ruins.

"Praise heaven, Johnny Brabson, down on your knees and thank heaven!"

"Yes, yes," said he, "and I will, but wasn't it injunious in me, now?"—Youth's Companion.

"Kubisagari." One of the strangest diseases is known as kubisagari. It is common in northern Japan and in a small district on the Franco-Swiss frontier.

The attacks last about ten minutes and continue from May to November, recovery always coming in the autumn. Nothing is known about its cause, though Dr. P. L. Coucheud describes in the Presse Medicale a microbe he found in the cerebro spinal fluid, and the milk of persons suffering from the disease. The name kubisagari is Japanese and means "drop head."

Conclusive. Two Pullman porters representing different railroads met off duty and progressed from friendly gossip to heated argument.

Making and Earning Money. "What is the difference between making money and earning money?" asked the youth.

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All His Fault. Mr. Flubdub—I lost my umbrella today. Mrs. Flubdub—That's just like you, John Henry. I told you when you left the house this morning to take one of the borrowed ones.—Puck.

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ARABIAN JUSTICE.

A Desert Problem the Cadi Had No Trouble in Solving.

Two Arabs stopped at an oasis to have luncheon. One had three dates, and the other had five, which they were to eat together.

The Arab who had the three dates said, "Here is 8 ducats for eight dates—1 ducat for each date, therefore three ducats are mine." But the other Arab argued differently and contended that he should have seven ducats and the first man one.

The case was referred to the cadi of the nearest town, who upheld the second man's contention. This is the way he reached his decision: The three men divided eight dates. There were two and two-thirds for each, or eight-thirds. The first Arab had three dates, so he contributed nine-thirds to the whole.

For miles and miles in every direction that beautiful island is covered with continuous orchards of almonds, olives, figs and crochus, with occasional grafted oak trees, the sweet acorns of which are prized as highly as the chestnut.

This tree agriculture is nothing new, for many of these orchards are of unknown age, and some of them give evidence of having been generations of men rise, dig awhile—and die before Columbus sailed past on his way from Genoa to Gibraltar, and throughout all the years that the white man has striven in America these same old olive and carob trees have been standing there, handing down their harvests of fruit and beans to the men who raised other crops at their feet—crops of wheat, oats, barley, beans and peas.—From "Two Story Farming," by J. Russell Smith, in Century.

TWO CROPS AT ONCE.

Tree Agriculture an Old Story on the Island of Majorca.

Approximately nine-tenths of the arable area of Majorca, one of the Spanish Islands in the Mediterranean, is planted out to crop yielding trees. This makes one story agriculture. Then beneath the trees grain is grown that makes the second story, which may properly be likened to the cyclone cellar.

There are two kinds of talkers, those who don't stop to think and those who don't think to stop.

Landmann, the German aviator, who remained aloft for nearly twenty-four hours, certainly belied his name.

Whoever discovers a way to keep men from feeling old and women from looking old has a fortune in hand.

And the average girl will fall for an impossible story much quicker than she will for the plain, unvarnished truth.

The reason a man can play a violin all night is that he can't saw wood ten minutes without becoming exhausted.

Be not deceived by appearances. The teeth of the yellow cur are as sharp as those of the thoroughbred of the bench show.

The report that ice cream contains germs has died out. The young men tried to keep it going, but they just couldn't.

The man who starts out bravely to save for a rainy day is sometimes disappointed that it does not rain the next pay day.

There is one thing to be said in favor of the volcano. It doesn't come into the office and put its feet on one's desk when it smokes.

No fault is too small to be worth curing, so don't fancy that even the slightest of your failings isn't worth fighting against.

By carefully following long established precedent the Washington couple wedded in silence may be able to make up for it afterward.

A Long Island beetle is raising young rabbits on a bottle. We hope it's not the sort of one that will make 'em split in a bulldog's face.

Another mosquito's face is now suspected of being able to convey malaria infection is the myzomiza rossi. It will be difficult for her to prove an albino.

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Burglars stole 60,000 false teeth from a Strasburg dental establishment. The Prussians won't permit the Als Lanzas to ta' and now these cruel criminals seek to prevent them from setting.

As usual, the French birth rate is lower.

Never try to take passengers on your hobby.

The American navy is in for a long, dry spell.

He that speaks sows, but he that hears reaps.

Hold faithfulness and sincerity as first principles.

We all, when we are well, give good advice to the sick.

If you cannot live where you like, you must like where you live.

The persistent bore can make a mighty big hole in a busy day.

Some folks are like rocking chairs—full of motion without progress.

You never can tell. A sunny smile may merely conceal a hot temper.

It is better to have a boil than a grouch. You can usually cure the boil.

Whether or not poverty is a disgrace depends upon the efforts of the subject.

If you live slowly you will be apt to live long. It will seem longer, anyhow.

Stimulate your luck, but let not your stimulation depend on luck without intelligence.

Good health, an active mind and a clear conscience are the first requisites of beauty.

The trouble with a good many near neighbors is that they are only near neighbors.

The man who says the right thing at the right time is he who says nothing when in doubt.

The amateur golfer addresses his ball, swings four times and then addresses it again more forcefully.

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Some people tell their troubles with such ease that it does seem as if they get pleasure out of the telling.

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