

MYSTERY OF THE STOLEN GOLD

Thief Exposed by the Accused's Sweetheart.

Phil Boutelle and I worked for assayers. Phil was a redheaded, freckled, generally homely fellow, attentive to business and despite his unprepossessing appearance very attractive to women. This I accounted for by his smooth tongue.

There came a leakage in the gold dust passing through our hands, and I was suspected of being the thief. Up to this time Florence March and I had been getting on admirably, but now one day I heard Boutelle pay her one of his sickening compliments, and from that time she seemed to be completely under his influence. Then I heard that Boutelle had given evidence against me.

The leakage in the dust was very small, but it was constant, so that in course of time it must be very large. The thief had some method of carrying it away in infinitesimal quantities, but with great regularity. I was called into a private office one evening after stopping work and searched. The other clerks were put through a similar process, but nothing was found on any of us. I was put under special surveillance, and it was not long before I discovered that a new man who had come into the assaying room and who appeared to have taken a desperate fancy to me was watching me. He was a detective employed to gain my confidence.

Florence March gave me to understand that she did not believe I was guilty, but instead of resuming her former relations with me, she accepted more and more Phil Boutelle's attentions. I charged her with her perfidy, which, though it pained her, made no difference in her treatment of my rival and accuser.

But one day the tables were turned. I missed Boutelle from his work and upon inquiring learned that he had been arrested the night before. During the morning I was called into the office of my employers, and an apology was made to me for the spying that had been done on my movements.

"You have discovered the thief?" I asked.

"Yes."

"To a certainty?"

"Yes."

"How was the discovery accomplished?"

"That is a secret."

I returned to my work and that afternoon passed Florence March on the street. Now that I was vindicated and the man she had taken up with in my stead was known to be the guilty party I felt that I could show her my opinion of her conduct with a better grace than before. I walked by her without looking at her.

Boutelle pleaded guilty, so there was no evidence brought forth to show how his iniquity had been discovered. This was only disappointing to me. One day soon after he had disappeared from the world, while I was in the private office of my employers, I asked if I would ever know how the culprit had been discovered.

"Why do you wish to know?"

"Because a girl whom I respected deserted me for him, though he accused me of the crime of which he was himself guilty. I am curious to know more on her account."

"Do you refer to Miss March?"

"I do."

After a few words whispered between them one of the partners said: "Miss March discovered Boutelle's rascality."

I was thunderstruck. "How did she do it?" I asked.

"For that you must go to her."

I hurried to Florence. She came down to see me, maintaining a reserve. "I am told you discovered the thief," I said. "Would you mind telling me how you accomplished it?"

"I suspected him from the moment I heard he accused you. Besides, he was too broad with his compliments. It seemed to me they were intended to cover some object."

"You mean that?"

"Certainly."

"And why did you desert me for him?"

"To rescue you from the position you occupied."

"And how did you do that?"

"I tried to win his confidence, but failed."

"Well?"

"I can't tell you any more. You will blame me."

"No," I said, now knowing that she had saved me. "I will not blame you. I now believe in you thoroughly."

"Well, I permitted him to become so intimate that one evening he sat so near as to put his head just above my shoulder. When I went to my room I saw something sparkle on my dress. I brushed it into a china cup, and it proved to be gold dust. I gave the information, a detective was put on Boutelle's track, and it was found that he had been carrying gold dust away in his hair, which was of a convenient color to conceal it. The discovery came from his washing his hair every day when he went to his room after leaving the office."

"And why did you not confide in me?"

"You would have spoiled everything by making an accusation without a bit of proof. It was very hard for me." Her voice trembled. I took her in my arms, and that is the end of the story.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Knowing Squirrel.

Miss Mary Owens of St. Joseph, Mo., has fed and petted the squirrels that live in the trees in her yard until they are quite tame. One of them will sit from her hand and come when she calls. She feeds the squirrels nuts cracked and placed in a small box and the box in a tree.

She noticed that the bluejays were eating the nuts before the squirrels could get them. She had no objections to feeding these birds, but she placed food for them in another place and did not want the squirrels to be defrauded of theirs. So she tried this novel plan with success:

She brought the box of nuts, as usual, and, taking the tame squirrel on her lap, showed him the nuts inside the box, then closed the lid. She did this twice, the squirrel watching keen and alert. Then she opened the box, fed him one nut and closed it again. She did this three times. The next day she took the tame squirrel again and showed him the closed box with nuts inside. He waited, looked at her half questioningly, half appealingly; then with nose and slender paws he opened the box and seized a nut. Miss Owens closed the lid, and this time the squirrel opened it without hesitation.

The next day the closed box was placed in the tree, the lid arranged so that it could easily be opened, but would fall shut again. The tame squirrel came first and opened it; the others looked on; then, one after another, they followed his example. So now they are fed and their food protected from those for whom it is not intended—Our Dumb Animals.

An Optical Illusion.

The following is a curious and interesting experiment. Take a piece of cardboard about five inches square, roll it into a tube with one end just large enough to fit around the eye, and the other a trifle smaller. Hold the tube between the thumb and finger of the right hand—do not grasp it with the whole hand—put the large end close against the right eye and with the left hand hold a book against the side of the tube. Keep both eyes open and there will appear to be a hole through the book and objects seen as through the hole instead of through the tube.

The right eye sees through the tube and the left eye sees the book, and the two appearances are so confounded that it is impossible to separate them.

Secret History—A Game.

Each player is requested to write on a card or folded paper the name of some well known woman in history or fiction or in modern life. These are dropped into a basket and all are then asked to write upon another set of papers the names of certain men whose names and careers are familiar to the average person. These persons are put in a second basket and both are well mixed and then passed around.

Each player draws one paper from each basket and juggles his wits to write a brief story, bringing in the names of the man and woman which he has drawn as hero and heroine. The more impossible and ridiculous the better.

Why Has a Cat a Tail?

"Just answer this riddle!" said a mocking bird to a jay.

"Why has a cat a tail?"

"H-mm," said the jay. "h-mm!"

"You don't know, you don't know!" jeered the mocking bird. "No wonder your name is jay."

"Just wait a bit, now," said the jay, mopping his forehead with his best handkerchief. "Why has a cat a tail? Why has a cat a tail? He muttered over and over to himself. "Why has a cat a tail? M-mm-m? I have it!" he said at last, putting up his claw. "A cat has a tail for the same reason that it has a head!"

"And, boys and girls, I guess that is the truth.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Work of Boy Scouts.

O. H. Fenstermacher, scout commissioner of Muskogee, Okla., is working on a campaign to rid the telephone poles of that city of unsightly advertising. The Boy Scouts of America have offered to clean up all the poles if the city council will pass an ordinance prohibiting the placing of signs on the poles in the future. The boy scouts are working to arouse public sentiment in support of the proposed ordinance.

Five hundred Boy Scouts of America acted as guides to the visiting veterans during the recent meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic at Detroit.

Hidden Geographical Terms.

Each ill child received some candy. He broke a rib, a youth said. He got the car, I verily believe. The boat is landing. Each Arbor day he plants a tree. Let him in, let him in. Fill up the plate, auntie. So under the table he found it. He gave each girl a key. That is our cedar tree.

Answers.—Hill Bay, River, Island, Harbor, Inlet, Plateau, Sound, Lake, Source.

A Crown Prince.

A crown prince, maybe you suppose. Must wear a crown upon his nose! He does sometimes, but then again He goes about like other men. With just a hat upon his head Or sometimes with a cap instead. To fight he wears a huge war bonnet With a spiky point upon it. Now, just remember this one thing: He's oldest son of a ruling king.

SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLE PERSONS

Lord Kitchener, England's Minister of War.



England's military forces in the present international war are under the supreme control of her foremost soldier and most successful commander in chief, Field Marshal the Earl Kitchener of Khartoum, who has just been appointed minister of war. His achievements as the conqueror of the Sudan and as the victor of the battle of Omdurman in 1898, the success with which he put an end to the Boer war three years later, his complete reorganization of the army and military defenses of India and more recently his magnificent constructive work as British plenipotentiary in Egypt are so familiar on this side of the Atlantic as to need little more than passing reference.

Like the famous Field Marshal von Moltke, he is a scientific soldier who prepares for his victories by plans laid out beforehand with mathematical precision, leaving nothing to chance. He organizes victories as well as winning them.

Lord Kitchener was born at Bellingsford, County Kerry, Ireland, in June, 1850. He was educated at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and entered the Royal Engineers in 1871. He commanded the Khartoum expedition in 1898 and was chief of staff of forces in South Africa in 1899-1900. He was promoted to the rank of general in 1902 and made Viscount, receiving a grant of £250,000 and thanks of parliament. From 1903 to 1909 he was commander in chief in India. He was made field marshal in 1909. Recently he became an earl.

The German Crown Prince.

Prince Frederick William, heir to the German throne and to the kingdom of Prussia, has for several years been the idol of the military party in Germany. A full fledged colonel of the army at thirty-two, he has made numerous occasions in recent times to convince the country that he has a mind and a backbone of his own.

It is said of Prince William that, next to his wife and children, his most passionate object of admiration is the great Napoleon. Pictures,



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statuettes, busts, medallions, engravings and other mementoes of the Corsican conqueror are to be seen in profusion in the prince's study at the Marble palace in Potsdam. The emperor, who divided up this Hohenzollern's own realm in French provinces, is said to be the crown prince's model of what a great leader and strong ruler ought to be.

Frederick William was born May 4, 1882. He was married in 1905 to the Princess Cecilie, who is a duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and is the father of four sons.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Sealed Cooking Pot That Prevents Escape of Steam.



It is well understood that a great deal of the flavor and other virtues of the meats and vegetables designed for the dining table are lost while undergoing the cooking operation, being carried away in the escaping vapor and heat. In a new kettle, which has recently been called to the attention of housekeepers, this is prevented by means of a lid which is sealed on the internal under pressure. This prevents the escape of steam and facilitates the process of cooking, which is accordingly accomplished in a much shorter time and a superior manner, for the claim is made that foods cooked in this manner have a more delicate flavor and are for that reason more palatable and inviting. The lid is sealed in place by means of a lever which is easily and quickly manipulated.

Beef Heart Pie.

Cut in bits and boil until tender one beef heart, three slices bacon, two parsnips, two carrots, one onion, two medium sized potatoes. Brown four table-spoonfuls of flour in the oven. Thicken the stew, of which there should be about three quarts. Stir the browned flour with a little water until smooth and thicken the broth as usual. Add butter, salt and pepper to taste. Put in a baking dish, cover with crust made as follows, and bake in a quick oven. Crust: Two and one-half cupfuls flour, sifted with one-half tea-spoonful salt, one tea-spoonful cream tartar and one-half tea-spoonful soda. Rub in one tablespoonful lard or other shortening, mix to a soft dough with warm milk, and drop in spoonfuls on top of the hot stew, near enough so that the dough in rising will come together and cover top of pie.

Household Helps.

To keep black stockings a good color dye them through dark blue water after washing.

To keep brown stockings a good color never iron them, but just pass them through the mangle to smooth them out.

To sweeten macid butter melt the butter, skim it then place a piece of light brown toast in it, and in a few minutes the toast will have absorbed the unpleasant taste and smell.

To clean all kinds of baking tins and cake dishes and pans make enough strong limeswater to cover the dishes and let them boil in it for ten minutes. When taken out they should be as bright and clean as new tins.

Uses For Embroidery Cotton.

Embroidery cotton, the soft finished sort, is right for darning table linen, which is difficult to mend with twisted sewing cotton. The same kind of embroidery cotton is often a convenience for darning fine colored stockings; it is not always possible to match the fancy colors now worn with ordinary darning cotton. Another use for the soft twisted embroidery cotton is to make buttonholes in cotton or linen garments. One gets a better effect than with sewing cotton and the work is more quickly done.

Eggs, Spanish Style.

Cook two cupfuls of raw tomatoes with a chopped up sweet pepper, frying the two in a tablespoonful of butter. Add paprika, salt and a tea-spoonful of finely minced chives and reduce to half the quantity, which will take about ten or fifteen minutes. Toast slices of white bread, put poached eggs on top and pour over the tomato and pepper sauce. Serve at once. Chopped onion may be substituted for the chives.

Cucumber Pickles.

Wash the cucumbers in cold water, wipe dry and place in jars with alternate layers of green peppers and horseradish sliced thin. To one gallon of vinegar add one tea-spoonful of salt, one of sugar, quarter of a pound of white mustard seed and the same amount of black pepper, together with a lump of alum the size of a walnut. Boil this mixture and pour over the cucumbers hot on three successive days.

Pumpkin Pie.

Two cupfuls boiled and strained pumpkin add three-quarters cupful sugar, two well beaten eggs, two table-spoonfuls molasses, one table-spoonful melted butter, one-half tea-spoonful each ginger and cinnamon, small pinch of salt and two cupfuls milk. This is enough for two pies.

ROUND THE WORLD

Russia has thirty-two schools for women.

Uruguay now has an American sheep-ster.

Berlin to London is a distance of 161 miles.

Ontario has an Indian population of 23,044.

Turkish rugs generally are made by women.

James Bryce says Japanese lack originality.

Corn growing is highly successful in the Philippines.

Belgium's seaboard is forty-two miles in length.

China's primary school system is to be thoroughly systematized.

Belfast last year sold 1,908 tons of thread to the United States.

Bolivia's pavilion at the San Francisco exposition will cost \$22,000.

Egypt has a virtual monopoly in the production of long staple cotton.

It is estimated that the annual catch of lobsters in the world is 125,000,000.

Professor Arloing of Lyons, France, says human perpiration is an irritant poison.

New Brunswick has 17,308,000 acres of land, of which only 1,474,078 acres are cleared.

There are 31,000 merchant ships in the world, capable of transporting 47,000,000 tons.

More than 10,000,000 dozen eggs were imported into Canada from the United States during the last fiscal year.

The sparrow hawk renders good service in destroying insects and rodents and should be thoroughly protected.

Poi Franconi, the opera singer, who had a great popularity in the United States a few years ago, died recently in Paris.

Oil pressed from coconuts, the dried meat of coconuts, is rapidly replacing animal fats in the manufacture of artificial butter in Europe.

Last year the tobacco industry in the United States contributed to the government nearly \$104,000,000 in internal revenue taxes and imports.

Something like a huge umbrella is a protector for young trees that is bolted on a pole and closed in the daytime and unfolded and lowered at night.

A century ago only 800 species of orchids were known and those very imperfectly. Now the latest authority gives the number of known species at 30,000.

Aspen wood is used almost exclusively in making matches in Sweden, as it is easily cut and porous enough to be readily impregnated with sulphur or paraffin.

What is said to be the most scientific milk producing plant in the world is maintained in a suburb of Dresden, more as a philanthropy than as a source of profit.

One of the chief hopes of future prosperity in Spain lies in the country's mineral riches. The surface areas of the workings open at present cover about 2,600,000 acres.

Estimatedly the amount of royalties received in thirty years by the Balthus house of Wagner at not less than \$1,500,000. Last year the sum of \$68,985 was received.

The bishop of Calcutta recently pointed out in an appeal for the evangelization of the Mohammedan world that Mohammedans form one-eighth of the world's population.

Of the 7,500,000 miles that are estimated in the world more than half are in the United States. No other country is credited with 1,000,000. Spain comes nearest with about \$10,000.

The Lloyds of London have recently issued a form of insurance against appendicitis. The claims have become so numerous that they have found it necessary to double their premiums.

"Master Humphrey's clock," made in 1829 by William Humphrey of Barnard castle, Durham, from which Dickens took the title of a book, was sold recently at Sotheby's in London for \$120.

Kukul nut oil is a valuable Hawaiian product and is in demand in the paint and varnish trade. It has been shipped to the United States from various Pacific islands for the last seventy-five years.

A machine has been devised for imitating the noise of an aeroplane engine with the object of alarming hostile troops. The Serbian and Montenegrin troops used a rattle during the Balkan war to imitate machine gun fire.

A new Greek law forbids the emigration of boys over fourteen, except on deposit of a sum varying from \$40 to \$400, according to age, the deposit being recoverable if the subject returns and performs his military service.

Magnesian is a mineral which is over 52 per cent carbon dioxide, the gas which is used for charging soda water, ginger ale and similar beverages. By far the greater part of the magnesite occurring in the United States is found in California.

Within six years the American Red Cross has expended approximately \$730,000, including the value of donated supplies, in trying to afford some measure of relief for hundreds of thousands of inhabitants of the famine region of central China.

The most important producer of quicksilver in the United States is the famous New Almaden mine of Santa Clara county, Cal., which contains over a hundred miles of underground workings and which has produced steadily since 1850. California produced quicksilver to the value of \$627,228 last year, leading every other state.

Pumpkin Pie.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Herbert Moran of the Boston Braves.



Photo by American Press Association.

Herbert Moran, the outfielder recently purchased by the Boston Nationals from Chattanooga, has been playing a fine game for the Braves. He is off in the batting order and his hitting has been of great value. He is a good walker and feet base runner and plays his position in center field admirably. As a batter Moran is classed as fair to good, his percentage being about .250, but his speed in the bases makes him far more dangerous than some of the 300 clubbers. Ballparks had been after Moran for some time and was greatly pleased when he captured the best outfielder.

Jim Smith Boats Up.

We have heavyweights of the grand class—the Kansas Cyclone, Turkey Thunderbolt, etc.—but now comes Ed Fogg of New Castle, Pa., with a new top. He has recruited Jim Smith, the New York heavy, and dubbed him the "Abyssmal Brute" because of his size and strength, so he says. He gives his age as twenty years, and his percentage as follows: Weight, 245 lbs.; height, 5 feet 9 inches; reach, 79½ inches; neck, 15½ inches; chest, 46 inches; chest expanded, 51 inches; biceps, 16 inches; forearm, 14 inches; shoulder, 15½ inches; bicep, eye cord, black hair and is a Russian Jew.

Jim may be a bear out and all that or perhaps an "Abyssmal Brute," but, according to his own statement, a few years ago, he is more than twenty. Jim stated previously that he was born in 1885, so he must have slipped a few eggs since then. If he is of the heavy variety, then the boxing game has no place for him, but the chances are that Jim, with his mild blue eyes, is anything but the terrible brute his friends would make him out. When he was fighting around New York, he was considered a real tough trial home for any of the big fellows, and no doubt James has proved by his experience.

Harry Vardon's Golf Kit.

Harry Vardon, the great English golf expert, in describing his equipment says:

"In addition to my mittens I carry a driver and two brasses. Of the latter one is straight faced, while the other is lofted so as to help in caddy lies. I have a creak and a driving iron. The former makes the greater distance, but the driving iron is useful when the shot is of a length which does not demand the use of a creak."

"There are the two mashes, which I have already recommended the golfer to use, the one for ordinary approaches and the other for odd jobs, especially in long grass or against the wind, and a niblick and a putter complete the armament."

"I think it is just about sufficient for anybody. An undue profusion of implements often leads to hesitation in the selection of a club for a particular shot and a general state of confusion."

Cardinals on a Menus Basis.

The Cardinals are working on a bonus scale donated by President Schuyler Britton when the players were signed up this past spring. Here it is: Twenty per cent of the season's salary if they finish one-two, 15 per cent if they finish three-four and 10 per cent if they come home fifth. And unless there is a complete crash between now and the finish there will be a bonus for the athletes when the final pay check is settled.

Golden May Come Back.

It is not at all unlikely that Joe Godson, who was with the Washington Nationals for a couple of years as a utility man, will be recalled next spring. Godson is doing splendid work out on the coast, and Griffith contends that the fact that he is only twenty years old gives him a chance to develop into a real player, so that he proposes to take him on again next spring and give him another trial.