

A Flesh and Blood Fortune

By DWIGHT NORWOOD

Edward Clavering inherited \$10,000 on the death of his father...

The first thing he came across to interest him was a girl in the house...

Her father, a well-to-do merchant in Pennsylvania, had been seized by the gold fever...

This is a bare synopsis of the story Ned got from Alice Woodville...

Whenever there is money for investment, especially in new countries, there are persons who are intent upon getting it without a return...

One day a woman came to him, who said that she had understood that he was looking for mining property...

Ned spent some time, looking into the matter, which seemed to promise a large return. He finally agreed that he would select from the mine himself...

He selected an assayer whose reputation for integrity was of the highest, and gave him the specimens of dirt he had taken from the mine...

That night Ned went to sleep thinking of the fortune he was to take back with him when he returned southward...

"Why not?" "The mine has been salted." "How do you know?" "Mr. Hawkins told those people about you. They have planned to swindle you."

The papers were not signed. Clavering took a fortune back with him when he returned, but not in gold...

SHIPYARD SECRETS.

Precautions Taken to Guard Them by the English Officials.

Every British shipyard that builds for the navy must take great precautions that none of the secrets entrusted to its care shall leak out.

These precautions have brought many suspicious circumstances to light. One night when a new cruiser was about to undergo her trials...

SNARED BY AN ECLIPSE.

Superstition Caused the Death of Two Athenian Generals.

In the old days eclipses were looked upon with superstition and dread, and more than once they were factors in battles.

Nicias and his supporting general, Demosthenes, who had come with reinforcements, decided to abandon the campaign and go home while they still had control of the sea.

It is bitter medicine, but the one thing needed most in the human soul is discipline.

It is well to have force, pentus, vigor, enthusiasm, love, power, but you may have them and be a criminal, a maniac, or a cad.

Our first move was to establish a camp on the highest spot of the island and divide our forces. I took charge of the land party and Barcas of the brig.

Encouraging. A lady advanced in age and in a declining state of health went, by the advice of the physician, to take lodgings in a village near the metropolis.

Causes For Regret. "Do you find that set of books you bought interesting?" "Not very," confessed the man who tries to improve himself.

Elementary, Watson. "Does Wombat own or rent his house?" "Rents it."

AN ISLAND STOREHOUSE

By M. QUAD

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Two thousand miles due north of the island of Mauritius and almost beyond the reach of the Seychelles group is the lone island of Agalega.

It was in the year 1881 that the captain of a trading schooner entered the port of St. Louis in the Mauritius to tell a wonderful story about this island of Agalega.

The plunderer Barcas had brought away was worth \$10,000, but he was assured that this was a mere flea bite compared to what had been left behind.

The firm had a trading brig called the Posm, and as soon as she arrived in port she was cleared of cargo and her crew discharged.

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When Alabam Lincoln sat back in hand day after day under the tree, moving round it as the shadow crossed, absorbed in musing his tasks...

What "Penny" of Nails Mean. The terms tenpenny, etc., as applied to nails came from the number in a pound, pronounced pun.

Mourning in Arabia. When Arabian women go into mourning they stain their hands and feet with indigo for eight days, and during that time they will drink no milk, on the ground that its white hue does not harmonize with the mental gloom.

The Way of Life. One of the foibles that poison home life is the unwillingness to yield in unimportant trifles. The desire always to have one's own way is very far from the way of life.

Portugal's Exports. Portugal has three large sources of revenue upon which the country depends for its prosperity—the exportation of wines, sailrines and corkwood.

The idle always have a mind to do something.—Marquis de Vauvargues.

MUSIC LANGUAGE.

Single Notes Are Its Letters, Groups of Notes Its Words.

As you know, the single notes are the letters of the music language. Groups of notes are the words of the music language.

This fact explains two important divisions of music—namely, melody and harmony. In a general way, melody consists of single tones heard one after the other; combinations of tones heard simultaneously are called harmony.

On the other hand, a word of the music language may consist of several tones heard simultaneously, which is impossible in language.

Her Claim to Fame Put All Her Rivals Out of the Running.

The superintendent of a charitable institution for the aged poor in a certain district says that there is no topic more pleasing to some old women than the discussion of their "better days," when they were the fortunate possessors of "everything heart could wish for."

One poor old lady stood this sort of talk as long as she could. Then she calmly interrupted with:

Victor Hugo's Modesty. It is related that upon one occasion Victor Hugo, the great French writer, received a letter bearing an address of a single line, "To Our Supreme Poet—Hugo took the letter to Lamartine."

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LEGALLY DEAD

By JOHN Y. LARNED

I once asked my friend Jenkins, a criminal lawyer, if there were not peculiar secrets locked up in the breast of a man of his profession...

"If I hadn't been a criminal lawyer, I think I should have been a detective. Criminals never interested me especially, and I never had much sympathy with them."

"A murder was committed. The murderer not only fled, but left articles by which he was known. He made good his flight and was not heard from in three years; then he or a man who was his double deliberately walked into the town where the murder had been committed."

TURN OF THE WORM.

Adopted to Save Conquered State From Organized Pillage.

The Hague laws of war on land, drawn up in 1864 and 1907 and adopted by all nations, were designed to check the rapacity of conquerors and to save vanquished states from organized spoliation.

Pillage is formally forbidden. This is a prohibition against the looting of captured towns, against acquiring booty at the expense of private property, but does not, of course, forbid the seizure of horses, arms or military supplies taken on the field of battle.

Getting at the Truth. At twenty-three he thought fate was making a special effort to keep him down.

Defining a Siege. In international law a siege is thus defined by Oppenheim: "Siege is called the surrounding and investing of an enemy locality by an armed force, cutting off those inside from all communication for the purpose of starving them into surrender or for the purpose of attacking the invested locality and taking it by assault."

Difference in Time. A large, slow footed dork was leaning against the corner of the railroad station in a manufacturing town when the noon whistle in the big factory blew and the hands hurried out, bearing their grab buckets.

Battle Royal. "I shall never marry," remarked a girl of a certain age, but not specified.

Uniform Affection. "Somehow or other, girls generally keep constant to their soldier lovers. 'Is that what you might call uniform affection?'"

Know the Style. The Shopper—Have you any red lady's house slippers? The Shoe Clerk—You mean moccasins. That's what the red ladies wear.

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PRAYER BEFORE BATTLE.

When a Whole Army Kneels Before the Order to Attack.

During one of the numerous wars waged by France two centuries ago a strange scene took place near Salamis, a disputed outpost, which well illustrates the religious spirit which often prevailed among the soldiers of earlier times.

The French approached the best-garrisoned lines, and both armies were arranged for a conflict. The sun shone from a cloudless sky; every detail on each array in the field was visible to the other, and both were beheld at once from the citadel.

There were three French marshals present, and it was Schomberg's turn to command. He drew up his 20,000 men in four lines, with skirmishers in front, and the regular cavalry was placed at stated intervals, ready to charge.

In this impressive order and in absolute silence the French advanced until nearly within cannon shot, when at a signal the army was halted and simultaneously knelt down to pray. Then followed the order to attack, which was silently and cheerfully obeyed.

LAWS OF WAR ON LAND.

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