

TOLD OF A DIAMOND RING

"Gentlemen of the jury," said Mr. Justice Prickett, speaking in rapid and easy tones, "this is a case which will not, I imagine, demand very lengthy deliberation at your hands. You have heard the evidence. The facts are of a type with which we are all familiar. We have a robbery—a daring and successful robbery—from a jeweller's window, and one of the stolen articles—a handsome gold bracelet—is found in the possession of the prisoner. It is for her to say how she came to have that bracelet in her possession and unless she gives a reasonable account of the matter, you will be justified in inferring that she took it, knowing it to have been stolen. Gentlemen, the prisoner's counsel suggests to you that she may have bought it, the time, the place, or the circumstances of the sale. As for the other hypothesis—well, gentlemen, it is for you to say what you think of it."

He hemmed and hawed, spoke of secret but reliable and positive information, pressed his perfect devotion to the British Bench as represented by Mr. Justice Prickett, and finally, in some roundabout fashion, gave that dignitary to understand that what he really wanted to do was to see Lady Prickett's jewels. The judge marvelled greatly, but he said nothing, and took steps to have the Chief Commissioner's desire satisfied. After an awkward pause the jewel-case was produced, and its contents exhibited. "That's one of 'em!" cried Mr. Samuel in an excited tone, pouncing upon something. It was Lady Prickett's new diamond ring! "That's one of 'em; I'll swear to it anywhere! Our private mark and number are on it, as you can see for yourself, my lord—J. S., 239." He whipped a watchmaker's lens out of his pocket and invited "his lordship" to inspect the thing for himself. "But it can't be yours!" cried the judge; "I bought it myself from a man who—"

HISTORICAL IMPOSTURES.

Some of Those Which Have Made Great Commotion in Their Time. The list of strange impostures in history would of itself fill pages; the narrative of their conception and fulfilment would occupy several volumes. Some of them have been quite purposeless; some have been daring and well-effected; but the shrewdest and most daring of them all have been criminal in design, and too often successful. An apparently purposeless imposture was perpetrated in Saltcoats at the beginning of this century. Helen Oliver, a maid-servant at a farm-house, was supposed to be courted by the ploughman there, but this person proved to be a woman in disguise. Helen then helped herself to a suit of her brother's clothes, took his name of John, and marched off to Glasgow as a boy. She learned the trade of a plasterer, and worked at it in several towns for a year or two, her sex being unsuspected. To complete the imposture she even courted a girl and offered her marriage. Finally, after several adventures, she was compelled to admit that she was a woman; but for many years she continued to follow the laborious trade she had adopted. The late Colonel Burnaby told of the discovery of a woman who served as a soldier in the ranks of Don Carlos in 1874. She wore the uniform, and lived and fought just as the other soldiers, but a priest in whose parish she had lived identified her. Don Carlos removed her to the nurses' quarters, but she begged to be sent back to the ranks. He laughed: "Not to the regiment of men; but when I form a battalion of women, you shall be colonel."

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Guerre and her husband, Martin, lived in the French town of Rieux. After some years of married life, in which they had one son, Martin suddenly disappeared. Then eight years elapsed, without word of his wife and his home, and was rapturously welcomed. Three years again went by, in which the pair lived together without incident. Then Martin's uncle had the man arrested as an impostor, and a long litigation began. Helen asserted her identity with so much earnestness, his wife swore to him as her husband, he showed almost perfect familiarity with Martin's life and affairs, he gave such a circumstantial account of himself, and he was so much like Martin, as to be almost absolutely his double. The litigation was of an extraordinary kind; first the accused was condemned as an impostor, then the judgment was reversed on appeal, and yet a further inquiry was made which went in favor of the accused, when lo! in walked the real Martin Guerre. For a long time the first corner asserted that the second was the impostor, but facts were too strong for him in the end, and before he was hanged he confessed his offence and asked pardon. The motive of his imposture lay in the fact that Martin had some snug possessions of which he became the holder while Bertrand's husband. To such strange devices will men resort for a little gain.

BORN. Halifax, April 21, to the wife of T. Moran, a son. Oxford, April 16, to the wife of Harvey Hewson, a daughter. Hantsport, April 1, to the wife of Simeon Mitchence, a son. Granville Ferry, April 15, to the wife of S. Pickup, a son. Halifax, April 18, to the wife of Chas. B. Rosborough, a son. St. John, April 15, to the wife of W. F. B. Patterson, a son. Hantsport, April 2, to the wife of Terry North, a daughter. Granville, April 16, to the wife of Israel Longley, a daughter. St. Stephen, April 16, to the wife of Frank Smith, a daughter. Alma, April 9, to the wife of John Conner, a daughter. Westport, April 17, to the wife of Evan Frost, a daughter. Halifax, April 22, to the wife of Wallace Harrington, a daughter. Hantsport, April 7, to the wife of Daniel McCulish, a daughter. Nictaux, N. S., April 15, to the wife of Barry Coleman, a son. Middleton, N. S., April 12, to the wife of J. P. Sloane, a son. Parrsboro, April 16, to the wife of Alexander Young, a son. Granville Ferry, April 15, to the wife of James H. Rhoads, a son. Nictaux West, N. S., April 12, to the wife of Edwin Nichols, a son. St. John, North End, April 17, to the wife of S. B. Corbett, a son. Victoria, N. S., April 12, to the wife of John Quinlan, a son. North Sydney, April 16, to the wife of E. J. Christie, a son. Halifax, April 22, to the wife of Wallace Harrington, a daughter. Bay du Vin, April 19, to the wife of Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, a son. Fredericton, N. B., April 17, to the wife of W. F. Stockley, a daughter.

MARRIED. Lunenburg, April 5, Henry Schuare to Eliza Meisner. Bridgetown, April 8, by Rev. F. M. Young, Lorenzo and Maria Kelse. St. John, April 19, by the Rev. Geo. Braco, Samuel Milligan to Eva Kerr. Spring Hill, April 11, by Rev. H. B. Smith, John Carroll to Jessie Malloy. St. John, April 24, by Rev. Job Shenton, James Gilliland to Emma Thomas. Antigonish, N. S., April 13, by Rev. J. L. Munro, H. Z. Kiah MacDonald to Georgia Smith. Greenfield, N. S., April 12, by Rev. C. S. Stearns, Lewis Morris to Emma Smith. Kingsclear, N. B., April 12, by Rev. H. Montgomery, Chalmers Turner to Kate Baker. Truro, April 18, by Rev. William Ainley, T. R. McMillin to Margaret Stevens. Hantsport, April 13, by the Rev. Abram Perry, Thomas Mallett to Mary Thorne. Shelburne, N. S., April 10, by Rev. L. Daniel, George H. Pierce to Dora Grant. Oakland, N. S., April 13, by Rev. W. J. Rutledge, Charles Ernst to Drucilla Haum. Tower Hill, N. B., April 15, by Rev. J. W. Millidge, Joseph F. Merrill to Lillian Towers. Mill Village, N. S., April 13, by Rev. S. R. Ackman, J. W. Marshall to Maud Mousar. Elgin, N. B., April 15, by Rev. James C. Steadman, John Martin to Maria Banister. Halifax, April 24, by Rev. Monsignor Carmody, John Handley to Maggie McEtrath. Martock, N. S., April 12, by Rev. P. A. MacEwen, George C. Knowles to Laura Lane. Barrington, N. S., April 15, by Rev. Craswick Jost, Clifford Kendrick to Theresa Rogers. Liverpool, April 19, by Rev. G. W. F. Glendinning, George A. Smith to Alice M. Zwicker. Salspringes, N. B., April 15, by Rev. Andrew Armit, John W. Ailon to Lydia Smith. Youngs Cove, N. B., April 11, by Rev. R. W. J. Crockett, F. Merrill to Maggie Hughs. Harrigan Cove, N. S., April 10, by Rev. W. H. Anderson, Geo. H. Moser to Alice McEtrath. River Dennis Station, N. S., April 11, by Rev. A. McMillan, Peter McLean to Jessie McIntyre. Central Argyle, April 15, by Rev. J. L. Smith, Norcross B. Crosby to Margaret Spinney Gienlivet. Canterbury Station, N. B., April 5, by Rev. C. A. Warford, Charles Shanks to Fannie McMillin. New Cornwall, N. S., April 12, by Rev. A. C. Sweeney, John Falkenham to Emily Jondry.

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