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general manager of the British Iruhwe Rubber Company of the Lobanzo."
"Of course, I know everything as it has appeared in the newspapers,"
Mr. Garth interrupted. "I make a it has appeared in the newspapers,"
Mr. Garth interrupted. "I make a
point of keeping myself well informed
on all matters of the day, and, of
course, this is a particularly interesting question."

"In that case," Monk went on, "you
are, of course, fully aware of the
nature of the charges brought against
the Lobanzo Company, and particularly against me personally."

Mr. Garth nodded. "In a nutshell,"
he said, "you are accused of double
dealing, posing with your hand on
your heart as the apostle of humanity,
the black man's brother, while all the
time you are making fortunes out of

time you are making fortunes out of practical slavery, and instigating measures of brutal severity, countenancing an iniquitous system of forced labor, permitting torture and atroctty, ch?"

labor, permitting torture and atrocity, eh?"

Monk smiled. "You speak like Valentine Drake," he said.

"But it's the position, isn't it?"

"Yes; but there is more. I have denied the charge, and invited investigation. All this horrible business has taken place in Van Ost's territory—the B.I.R.C. The Lobanzo Company has nothing to do with the B.I.R.C., is not interested in it in any way, save that it wants the Concession withdrawn and the B.I.R.C. wiped like a plague spot from the face of the map. I personally have never been, nor ever would be, interested in the B.I.R.C. Well, what do they do—these peculiarly virulent enemies of mine, whose sole object, as far as I can see, is to bring about my ruin? They make the most astounding statement that I have been secretly connected with the B.I.R.C. for some time, that I am most largely interested financially, and am in reality the moving genius in their diabolical government. Again I give them the lie direct. The thing at first appeared to be too monstrously incredible for serious consideration. What do they do then? They say they have letters signed by we, abundantly proving every statement they have made. They publish them, and in particular a most infernal secret circular, which practically encourages the most inhuman treatment of the wretched 'Forgery,

"Yes."
"And you said so?"

have every reason to 'believe there has been some clever 'jugglery going on by this Van Ost. However, I don't want to go into that now; but what I want to get at is this. By a stroke of luck I managed to get hold of several of the original documents, including the original signed secret circular. The forgery of my signature and handwriting is really an effort of genius."

"Most interesting," said Mr. Garth. "I should very much like to examine it. I might possibly be of assistance. Have you the documents with you?" have every reason to believe there

Have you the documents with you?"
"Alas, no; that is one of the matters on which I am now consulting you."
"Lost them?"

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"No. Stolen."

"Hh! this looks interesting."

"One moment. Let me give you all the facts. In my room at my house, Dunbury, at Blackport, I have a little safe, the very latest thing for safety. In this safe I keep a few very private papers." Monk's voice dropped almost to a whisper. "I put these B.I.R.C. forgeries in this safe, and before leaving for the Lobanzo entrusted the key to my secretary, Mr. Lorion, with the most strict and implicit instructions as to never letting it out of his possession."

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"Yes, but listen for a moment. I may take a long time, but I want you to know everything there is to be known. Lorion, as I have said, is a man in whom I have the completest trust; and it was just possible in my mind that I might want to have that safe opened during my absence. So I arranged matters with him that only on my instructions should the safe be opened."

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"Quite so," put in Mr. Garth, who was beginning to show signs of impatience. So far nothing appeared to justify this busy Blackport man's visit to him. "How was the safe robbed, after all?"

"By Lorion himself. But we antick."

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"By Lorlon himself. But we anticipate. When I got back to Blackport, of course I realized that my position was a little awkward, and certainly open to some amount of misconception. I didn't want to alarm my wife, nor to appear ridiculous in the eyes of the people who knew me. But prinof the people who knew me. But principally I wanted to get hold of Lorion, regain possession of the little key to

laugh.

"You'll soon see," replied Monk.

"As I was saying, the first thing I did was to go to my office. Lorion was not there. I went to his rooms, and was told he was at the club. I went there, but in vain. I telephoned; I made inquiries. In short, I spent nearly three hours trying to find him before I went to Dunbury. There I was just too late to catch him."

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Monk paused again, then he said quickly: "The papers Lorion took from that safe affect my son, Peter."

"Ah, your son. He is at Oxford, isn't he? A fine young fellow, as I remember him."

"The very best boy in the world," exclaimed Monk proudly.

"You say the papers affect him? What does that mean? Some youthful escapade?"

Monk shook his head. "Peter has never done anything in his life, as far as I know, that he can be ashamed of," he answered warmly. "No, Peter is not to blame, poor old chap. Garth, I must tell you; and yet I'd give all that I have not to have to do so. My life's work, all that I have striven for, has been for years, and still is, centred in Pe'er. He is to come after me. He will take up my work. I shall live to see the boy going higher and higher. I am an ambitious man, Garth, and I am not ashamed of it. shall live to see the boy going higher and higher. I am an ambitious man, Garth, and I am not ashamed of it. Ambition is no crime. My god is Peter. I tell you, Garth, I couldn't love the boy more if I were really his own father."

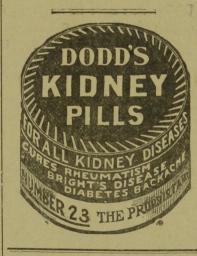
Garth started and bent forward. "If you were really his own father?" he repeated slowly.

Monk covered his face with his hands. "The truth's out," he said huskily. "Peter is not my son."

"You mean—you can't mean that your wife was untrue to you, that—"

"God God, no, man! He is no more her son than mine. And it is that knowledge and the power that it gives him which Lorion now holds in his hand."

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to mention that I have put the official police on that gentleman's track, and there is a warrant at present unexecuted."

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Monk nodded. "I do," he said grimly "But, forgive me, where do I come in," asked Mr. Garth, with a little laugh.

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before I went to Dunbury. There I was into to late to catch him."

Monk's face shaped into a very grim smile. "He'd been disturbed by my wife, robbing my safe."

Mr. Garth grunted. "Tell me the details," he said.

Monk did so at length, explaining too, the attitude of Lady Monk in screening the young man. Mr. Garth inscreening the young man. Mr. Garth sistened most attentively.

"Now we come to the crucial point, which so nearly affects me," said Monk very seriously. "Lorion not only stole the BLRC, papers, but he stole something else—something the possession of which places him in the postition of—well, just doing whatever he likes. Mr. Garth, I must make the position clear. Lady Monk, as you are probably aware, is my second wife. My first wife"—Monk spoke reverently—"was a woman who shaped my say that her comradeship helped much in She was a fine woman, Mr. Garth, and though I lost her many years ago, I still retain a great affection for her I honored her, if I may say so, by remaining a bachelor—a woman-hater, in fact—for nearly twenty years." Monk paused and glanced at the detective nervously. "Time," he said sententiously, "time, I supose changes all of us. For myself, I am a different man now from the man who mourned his poor wife twenty years ago."

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