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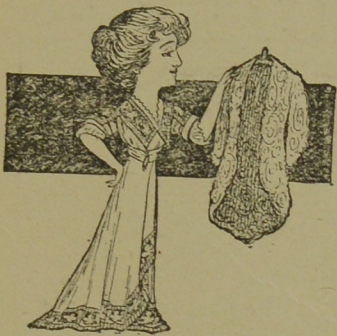
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"What difference would it make?" Seager answered angrily. "You know what women are, Arendsen. I'll find means to have the knot safely tied well within the time limit, and whether I happen to hit her fancy or not. You may trust me to waste no time in my wooing, and take it as gospel that no woman living is going to stand between me and five millions. She may make any conditions she pleases, so long as she marries me. I don't care if I never see her face again after the wedding. I'll disappear and send her a death certificate, so that she'll be free to marry again if she wants to. All she has to do is to go to the registrar's with me, and pocket her share of the money. I'll make it so easy for her that she'll maybe want to keep me—but we'll have to see about that afterwards. The great point at present is to get married without a moment's delay."

"Then why don't you start for Paris at once?" interrupted Arendsen, and the ironical question brought his visitor to the climax of their interview.

"How can I?" he answered irritably, "until you come in with the capital. Cut all bluff out, Arendsen. Let's talk sense. I've put the proposition squarely before you. It's up to you to let me have a couple of thousand dollars. Then I'll owe you ten thousand altogether, and I'll pay you cent per cent. It'll be the easiest hundred thousand you ever touched, and—otherwise you'll get nothing."

Arendsen was still reflecting rapidly. He had a far better idea of the value of money than Seager. He also knew that there was no time to be lost, and did not spend any on futile finessing. The other had perforce come to him as a lamb to the slaughter, and it was a pleasure to bleed him.

"I'll put up one thousand dollars," he said at length, "and not a cent more. It's a sheer speculation, and I'm a fool to part with the money so easily, but I'll risk that much on Stephen Quintance's note for two millions five hundred thousand, and Dominic Seager's for the eighty thousand you owe me already, with interest at ten per cent."

"Now listen to me," he went on, as Seager glared at him with a ludicrous mixture of rage and amazement. "If you kick, I'll squeal. If you make any bones about it, I'll

lock you up. If you do me dirty in the very smallest particular—" he leaned forward and shook a warning finger in his confederate's face,—"I'll—"

He said no more, but sat back, satisfied. His man was utterly in his power now, and he saw that Dominic Seager had come to no understanding of his position.

"All right, then," assented that worthy in a husky voice and after an interval spent in staring open-mouthed at his oppressor.

"I've told you the fix I'm in, and you're free to squeeze me. But it is not honest. It isn't honest, Arendsen."

"Tush!" the other retorted, but more pacifically. "You're a fool, my friend, when it comes to figures. If I were in your place I'd see that she paid her share of whatever it cost me to raise working capital. Isn't it almost as much for her benefit as yours?"

Seager's face cleared. "Gad! but you're a hard file," he exclaimed. "What you say's very true, and I'm not above taking a tip from a friend. She'll have to split expenses with me."

"And now, if you'll count the cash out, I'll give you your notes—I've been practicing Quintance's signature so that it comes off the pen as readily as my own,—and I'll skip across to Cherbourg by the first steamer. Give me back my papers. The girl's address is in one of the letters from these rascally 'Frisco lawyers. It's a pretty good sign that they take me in trust, en, Arendsen?"

"Except in the matter of cash," Arendsen commented dryly.

"I suppose that if they had met your request for a loan I might have waited long enough without seeing you."

"I'd have sent you your eight thousand dollars, I think," Seager answered indifferently, "if only to be out of your debt. You're a dangerous devil, Arendsen. But for that I'd have been here before."

He signed a separate name to each of the documents which his companion had been preparing, pocketed without counting them the notes produced by the latter from the big safe, heard with an air of weariness a final warning as to the horrible fate in store for him if he should play his accomplice false, and, having bidden that individual farewell with the curtest of nods, was escorted

CHURCH JEWELRY GIFTS

PROVE MOSTLY "JUNK"

Neat Packages Heaped Into Collection
Baskets Yield in Value a Total
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New York, April 27.—"All that glitters is not gold," and neither do neatly tied bundles done up in jeweler's tissue paper always contain rare gems and silverware, as the Rev. Canon William Sheafe Chase, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Bedford avenue, near Clymer street, Brooklyn, learned yesterday.

Canon Chase was a greatly disappointed clergyman when he discovered that the jewelry and silverware collected by members of the vestry during the Sunday morning services would not bring the \$1,500 he expected to wipe out the indebtedness on the rectory. In fact the total was \$1,350 short of that sum.

Christ Church is one of the most exclusive in Brooklyn. Canon Chase a year ago cleared the debt on the church property, and for some time he has been striving to pay off a mortgage of \$1,500 on the rectory. Some women of the congregation conceived the plan of offering their excess jewelry and silverware for that purpose. A week ago Canon Chase announced that a special collection would be taken up last Sunday morning, and he made an appeal for any jewelry, silverware or gems which could be turned to money.

Canon Chase had arranged to count up the treasure yesterday afternoon, and a manufacturing jeweler, provided with all the appliances necessary for testing metals, was on hand. A number of women of the church opened the bundles.

The costly gems and jewelry expected did not materialize. Instead, the packages contained a sad assortment of old silverware, almost worthless, jewelry, pewter tableware, mutilated coins and time worn watches. After all the packages had been opened and the "junk" as it was termed, spread out, the jeweler put a value of \$150 on the lot.

TROUBLE OVER MILK

SUPPLY IN BOSTON

Famine in That Commodity Seems Probable Unless Amicable Arrangements are Come to.

Boston, April 27.—A declaration of war between milk producers and contractors in the so-called Boston district with the innocent consumers as the principal sufferers probably, was proclaimed today by the producers at the close of an enthusiastic meeting at the American House. It is expected that hostilities will begin on May 1. The fight is on the rate per can of eight and a half quarts. The producers demand thirty-three and a half cents, the rate paid during the winter, while the contractors have decided to maintain the twenty-five cent rate, which has obtained during the summer months for the past three years.

The meeting here today was attended by fifty farmers who claimed that they represented nearly 5,000 producers, supplying Boston with 80,000 cans of milk daily.

If the declaration of war is carried into effect a milk famine in Boston seems possible.

The contractors who handle the milk in this city expressed the opinion today that many of the farmers would not hold to the action taken today and that there were a sufficient number of producers not in the association to keep Boston from being milkless.

downstairs by the inky-faced boy who had introduced him.

"You'll cable me the moment the bond is registered," Arendsen called after him, "and write me by every mail. If I fail to hear from you regularly I'll understand that there's something wrong, and be after you like a shot. We're slack just now, and I can quite easily spare the time for a run across."

"I'll send you the news, sure," Seager called back. He had not failed to comprehend the threat underlying the careless words.

"That fellow's the worst snob I know," he said angrily to himself as he stepped out on to the sidewalk. "He puts on as much dog with me as if I were afraid of him. I'll teach him a lesson as soon as I can afford to set up school. But in the meantime I'll dodge down to Number 9, Broadway, and book my passage."

He turned into Chambers street and took the Elevated, chuckling to think of the change in his circumstances since he had come shivering down in the surface car, and, when next morning, Arendsen rang up the steamship office to ask whether a berth had yet been reserved for Stephen Quintance, he was politely informed that that gentleman had made all arrangements and was then on the point of sailing for Paris.

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WINSTON CHURCHILL

URNS PRISON REFORMER

London, April 28.—Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill since his promotion to the home office has directed a good deal of his attention to the English prison system, with the result that he has already ordered a number of reforms with the idea of ameliorating the hard lot of the convict. Mr. Churchill is a most impressionable person, but it is not generally known that the seeds of reform were sowed in his mind through witnessing recently a performance of John Galsworthy's stirring prison drama 'Justice' at Charles Frohman's Repertory Theatre.

The play deals with first offenders and has realistic prison scenes showing the tortures of prison life, especially solitary confinement. Mr. Churchill, who was present at the second performance, sat through the play in a most absorbed manner, his friends noticing that he was deeply affected by it.

Now comes the sequel, for soon after he began making the rounds of the convict prisons and studying their system. The first outward sign that the seeds fell on good ground was the announcement soon after that the Home Secretary had authorized the Prison Commissioners to relieve all prisoners not actually guilty of what may be called dishonorable conduct or serious violence, of the many degradations hitherto put upon them by the prison rules. For instance, they may wear their own clothes will not be forced to bathe or clean their own cells, or have their hair cut, and may occupy their time by reading their favorite authors. In this category are included the militant suffragettes who get into trouble. But it is only fair to Mr. Churchill to say that the new order affects a far greater number of prisoners than this branch of feminine endeavor supplies.

Mr. Churchill has also visited the new prison for habitual convicts at Parkhurst. This is the very latest thing in prisons, but the new Home Secretary has come to the conclusion that there is still room for improvement. Among other luxuries to be provided is a recreation ground of an acre in extent, while it is understood that a billiard room will be installed to relieve the ennui of convicts.

Andy Kyle has arrived home in Toronto from Providence, where he left the Leafs. Man. Kelly has been unable to place the Toronto boy in a good spot but will do so shortly if possible. One of the clubs of the Southern Michigan League has asked Toronto for an outfielder, and Kyle may be sent over.

Jack Tait will not go to Ottawa, May 24, as announced in a despatch from that city. He will run in the C. A.A.U. championships at Woodstock that day. Ottawa communicated with him, but the Industrial City club has been given his promise to appear.

Cities and towns in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maine have decreed sane Fourth-of-July celebrations.

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