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## THE DOUBLE CROSS

(Continued.)

With that he threw open the double doors leading into the drawing-room—and I beheld a great number of persons, all seated and facing an improvised altar. As I passed up the aisle through the centre of the assemblage, I noted many whom I knew from La Luz and Guanajuato. There were the del Travenos and all the others that had figured in my adventures "up country," including even my judge, de la Torre, and Meldrum and many officers of the Black Cavalry.

In front of the altar, and facing us, stood Padre Aurelio.

Near the padre, a little to the side of the altar, stood Don Justino, and by him, my beloved Felipa and Alva.

As I advanced, with the President walking beside me, Don Justino bowed, Felipa smiled and Alva viewed me with grave, sad eyes.

I seemed to be doing all this in a dream. Felipa, in her beautiful bridal gown and veil, seemed to be a dream woman.

And when Padre Aurelio said, "Who giveth this woman?" Don Justino, in all his pride and dignity, stepped forward, holding Felipa's hand, and put that hand in mine.

Felipa at the same time handed to Alva the bridal bouquet of roses.

Then, as Padre Aurelio continued the ceremony of uniting us, Alva stood where she could see directly into my face.

And what terrible thing was that I saw in her eyes now—again—that terrible thing that I had seen the night when she said, "No, on the mouth."

At last Padre Aurelio threw over our heads—Felipa's and mine—a golden chain, signifying our eternal union.

The ceremony was at an end. The girl of the convent school, the woman of the steamer and the woman of the Catacombs, was now mine, all mine.

As we turned from the altar, I took Felipa in my arms, kissed her, and she whispered these mystifying words: "John, my John. You have married—God forgive me and help me!—the sign of the cross!"

### CHAPTER LIX.

#### THE MYSTERY OF THE BIRTH.

"Why should God forgive you that?" I whispered. "I know you bore the sign of the cross. For I saw the cross, Felipa dear, one night when—you did not know."

Now came the guests' other congratulations, and how merry everybody was! When all had paid their compliments to Felipa and me, the President himself stepped up, saying:

"Come now. We must sign the documents prescribed by law to make your union legal."

A few minutes later we entered the reception room—Felipa and Alva, Don

Justino and the President and myself—where we found the Señor Reyes the minister of justice who had shown me my father's will, awaiting us. I knew now, of course, that the "trustee" whom he had represented at the reading of the will, was none other than the President himself.

Reyes at once asked us to sign the certificate of marriage. After affixing my own signature, I handed the pen to Felipa. She, after a moment's hesitation, during which she looked appealingly at Alva, as if for encouragement, signed merely:

"Señorita de Gasteneda."

My astonishment was so great at the seeming incompleteness of the signature, that I cried:

"But your front name, Felipa! What about your baptismal?"

"The signature is sufficient," Señor Reyes put in, hurriedly.

At the same time he took the pen from Felipa.

"And now," he added, "the first witness please."

And he handed the pen to the President, who quickly scrawled his remarkable-looking autograph.

"And the second witness, please," Reyes said, as the President put the pen in Alva's hand.

Unlike Felipa, Alva hesitated not at all in signing merely:

"Señorita de Gasteneda."

"De Gasteneda?" I cried, forgetting for the moment the wondrous revelation that Alva was the daughter of Don Justino.

"Oh, yes," I went on, recollecting the situation, "you, Alva, are—why, you and Felipa are—"

"Sisters," she said, smiling happily and going to Felipa and embracing her and murmuring again and again:

"My sister! Dear sister!"

"But your Christian name, Alva," making protest as I had at the time Felipa signed. "Why do you not sign your—?"

But Reyes, just as in Felipa's case, again interposed, saying:

"The signature is sufficient."

Then, too, the President asked us all to come at once into the library.

"My secretary is there," he said to us, "with certain papers to incense you."

When we were all assembled in the library, the President's secretary closed the connecting doors, thus shutting out the hum of conversation in the adjoining drawing-room. The President sat at a desk, opened a document with a red seal—a document I had seen before.

"This," he said, looking directly at me, "is your father's will. You have proved yourself a man of courage, Señor St. John, in marrying the woman of your choice, instead of—the fact is, señor, you have nobly sacrificed the money for the woman, not the woman for the money."

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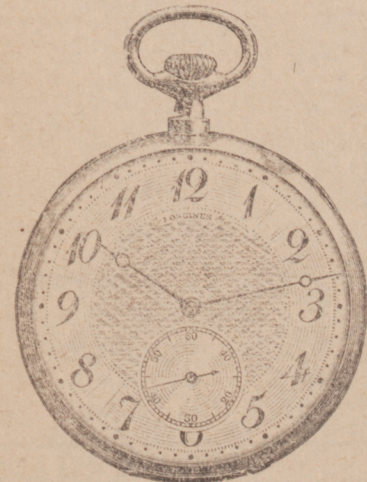
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## GERMANY AWAITS INTERESTING EVENTS

Berlin, Nov. 30—Crown Prince Frederick William although he accompanies the Crown Princess Cecilie from Denzig to Berlin in December, will not remain in Berlin but will go to Silesia to participate in the hunting party.

The accouchement of the Crown Princess is expected about the second week in December.

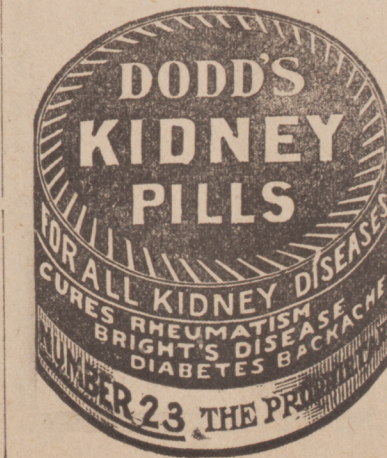
## SUICIDE OF SPECTATOR AT FOOTBALL GAME

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 1—A football game here today was brought to a sudden stop by a suicide in the crowd of spectators along the side lines. Harry Mintz, a former football player from Stockton, California, came to Buffalo four days ago with the expectation of meeting his wife and effecting a reconciliation. He found that she had gone away, shot himself at the game.

### MOVING PICTURES FOR THE INSANE

Washington, D.C., Dec. 1.—The \$125,000 theatre erected by the government for the benefit of the inmates of St. Elizabeth's Insane Asylum was opened today. The theatre is to be devoted to the display of moving pictures, which all inmates declare to be a great aid in curing insanity. The theatre is called Hitchcock Hall, in honor of Ethan Allen Hitchcock, who was secretary of the interior at the time the appropriation for the erection of the building was passed by Congress.

The label section of the San Francisco Labor Council has decided to issue a vest-pocket directory for general distribution that will contain the names of all articles that bear the union label, so that those who wish to secure articles that are "strictly union" will know just what to call for.



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