

DOCTOR JACK

By St. George Rathborne.

(Continued.)

The arena is again being cleared for action as they turn away. Jack notes the fact that the Turkish embassy has also departed, and the thought in his mind takes the shape of a speculation as to whether he will ever look upon the face of the pasha again, little suspecting the strange train of events that lie in the near future, and which must bring them in contact.

They push through the crowd. Everyone recognizes the American as he passes. A few scowl at him darkly. Pedro Vasquez has friends, and they instinctively hate the man who accomplished that in which the matador failed.

The exit is reached. A crowd is pouring out. Jack, in the jam, endeavoring to protect the ladies as much as possible, feels a slip of paper thrust into his hand. He does not know who placed it there, and carelessly slips it in his vest pocket to be examined at leisure, doubting not but that it is a note from some anonymous Spanish damsel, who imagines she adores him because he has been too agile and shrewd for old toro. Jack long ago tired of these little affairs. The girl who wins him must be wooed, and not do the wooing herself.

CHAPTER V.

At last they gain the street crowd, already swollen by those leaving the pavilion, and as the word goes around that this is the brave American who slew the most terrible bull ever seen in Madrid, and decided the reward of the poor of the city, murmurs of admiration arise.

Don Carlos secures a vehicle, into which they all crowd, and soon the more quiet streets of the Spanish city are gained, where they can converse at leisure. The elder gentleman speaks again of Jack's bravery, and the seniors join in his praise, but she who was the incentive for the act says never a word in connection with it. This plagues Jack exceedingly, and he begs the others to say no more—that it did not amount to a great deal, any way, as he has seen bulls even more fierce in the land of the Montezumas, which remark brings him a quick glance and a smile from Mercedes, who has not forgotten what she said when comparing the animals of the two countries.

The ride is continued along the beautiful Calle del Prado, for the day is fine, and all feel an exhilaration after the hot atmosphere in the Plaza del Toros. Just opposite the museum the señor gives a signal to stop, and orders the driver to wait for them.

Here they spend quite a time with pleasure, for the museum contains a wonderful collection of rare paintings. As usual, quite a crowd is in attendance—strangers in Madrid always make the museum the first thing. Here almost all of the old masters are represented, from Rubens and Murillo to Raphael, and the artistic mind finds enough for a long continued feast to cover several days.

People are still crowding in, coming from the bull-fight, many of them travelers. A small admission fee is charged, something one seldom finds in the art galleries of Europe, though the attendants must always be tipped.

Jack is interested more in the lovely woman at his side than the pictures in the gallery, nevertheless he manages to find fault with several masterpieces, and expresses a plian taste for modern painting—bits of exquisite landscape, especially when there is some animal in focus. You see, Jack's artistic education has been neglected, and as a general thing he sees through.

NO SHADOW

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the eyes of the nineteenth century, and not with glasses three hundred years old, which accounts for his love of nature, and repugnance of gloomy paintings, no matter how valuable.

In front of one, however, he does stand entranced—it is a Murillo—"Rebecca at the Well." The colours of garments and features, the well with its bucket, the maidens in the foreground with their loveliness of form, feature, and manner, and the turbaned Oriental attendants farther back, attending to the camels, make a bright scene that holds the eye of the most ordinary observer.

As Jack turns to make some remark to his companion, he comes face to face with the man whose glance he caught at the bull-fight—the Turk. This time he gives as good as he receives. The pasha stops and speaks to Mercedes. Jack's eyes are upon her, and he notes a singular fact. In his rambles through the South-Western States he has more than once seen a rattlesnake charming a bird, and noted the manner in which the poor feathered songster fluttered near the reptile, endeavoring to break the spell, and bound to fall a victim unless help came.

Somehow he is impressed with the idea that the scene is a rehearsal enacted before him. Mercedes laughs lightly, but there is something in her manner that betrays concern, anxiety—fear of this man.

In the ordinary case it has always been Jack's plan to shoot off the head of the serpent, and save the bird. Perhaps he may have an opportunity to do something of the same sort here after on; meanwhile he will keep his wits about him and watch.

The pasha says something in a low tone to Mercedes, who, turning quickly, introduces these two men to her. Both bow gravely, but neither extends a hand. The pasha, in excellent English, makes a remark about the dexterity of the American in regard to killing a bull, and then extends a hand. Jack, in excellent English, makes a remark about the dexterity of the American in regard to killing a bull, and then extends a hand. Jack, in excellent English, makes a remark about the dexterity of the American in regard to killing a bull, and then extends a hand.

Just at this moment Doctor Jack's eyes, in ranging past the pasha, fell upon something that gives him a start. It is a face—one such as Murillo would have loved to paint.

The girl is not a native of Madrid. Her face, light hair, and wonderfully bright blue eyes, together with her costume, and, above all, the way in which she carries herself, stamp her as a New Yorker. It is generally true that there is an individuality about the New York girl that can be detected even by careless observers, and Jack could never be called that.

He excuses himself to Mercedes for a few minutes to speak to an acquaintance, he says, but, truth to tell, he has never set eyes on the face of this American girl before. In his pocket he carries a photograph, and watching his chance, he takes this out to compare the face with that of the stately girl who saunters about, swinging her parasol carelessly, and seemingly indifferent to the fact that she has been separated in the crowd from the companion who acts the part of duenna.

There can be no mistake. I wonder how she will receive me, and whether my story may be credited. Well, here goes, at any rate. My chance has come."

(To be Continued.)

QUEER CRANKS.

Centrists Who Make Life a Burden for the Shopkeeper.

Some short time ago a lady walked into an upholsterer's shop and ordered a suite of ebony upholstered in black velvet, several pairs of black velvet curtains, a black Brussels carpet, several pieces of fancy furniture in black wood, and some black iron lamps, with shades appropriately draped in crape. These she requested to be sent on to her country residence, where a room was subsequently fitted up with the above funeral hangings. It transpired that this lady, being somewhat eccentric, was in the habit of using this room only once in a year, namely on the anniversary of her husband's death.

A French gentleman ordered last year from a firm in Paris a golden bedstead, every part of which, even down to the laths, was to be made of this precious metal. Whether this purchase was a piece of unvarnished extravagance, or simply a transaction in the nature of an investment, we are unable to suggest, but the firm in question executed the order, and made a nice little profit over the transaction.

A West End bather was one day startled by a customer requesting him to make him a suit of top-hats, the dimensions of each one not to exceed four inches in height and two inches in circumference, but the finish was to be in their best style.

This gentleman, it appears, had waged with twenty of his acquaintances a new top-hat, and, unfortunately, had lost. Being of a facetious turn of mind, he had the above ill-fated hat made, and his successful friends. One morning a provincial firm of tailors received a strange order by post. It was for two suits of clothes, but the measurements required were remarkable. The trousers were to be two feet longer than the longest size which they kept in stock, and the coat and waistcoat proportionately long. They made up the garments, however, and dispatched them to the address given, discovering a few days later that their customer was a noted giant who was "doing" the provinces.

The gentleman who ordered from a Stratford firm of rat-catchers 500 rats, explaining that, his lease requiring him to leave his house in the same state as he found it, he wanted the rodents for re-stocking purposes, was perhaps outside in the strangeness of his request by a man who ordered from a firm of wholesale providers a pound of peas. This order was in time duly executed by the firm, who

boasted that they were open to produce anything and everything at the shortest notice.

In the neighborhood of York Road there lives, we believe to this day, a baker who tells the following story about a curious customer: One morning a gentleman walked into the shop, and having described a small meat pie, requested him to deliver twenty-five of these daily at his house. For a long time the baker marvelled at this strange order. That his customer, who was a single man, should consume twenty-five of these pies daily seemed scarcely credible. Yet to what purpose they were put he could not think. He chanced, however, one evening to visit a small music hall on the other side of the Thames, and then his curiosity was satisfied. In one of the performers he recognized his pie-ordering customer, who, dressed in the garb of an itinerant pie-vender, sang a song during the chorus in which he took from his property on the identical pie which had been delivered that morning at his house, and threw them among the audience.

Spider Farming.

A singular French industry has been imported into this country. A few miles outside of Philadelphia, a Frenchman has established a spider farm, where the insects are bred and furnished at so much per 100 for distribution in the wine vats of merchants and the cellars of private consumers who set as much store by the external evidences of age borne by the bottle as the date of vintage. A batch of these spiders is a fine investment for the wholesale merchant, who has newly stocked his cellar. In three months the new, shining, freshly labeled bottles are sovelled with filmy cobwebs that the appearance of twenty years' storage is gained and the effect on the customer is impressive. It would be very easy to cover the bins with dust, but this would give no such conclusive results as the rare device of dressing the bottles with naturally spun cobwebs, that drape the necks like delicate lace. When the proprietor of the farm has an order from a wine merchant, he places the spiders in small paper boxes, one pair in each box, and ships them in a crate, with plenty of holes for the ingress of air. The price asked, \$10 a hundred, is satisfactory to both buyer and seller.

The farmer is paid well for his product, and the wine merchant, at an expenditure of \$40 or \$50, may add a thousand or more dollars to the price at which he would have sold his stock of wine had it not been covered with its lacework drapery. It is not all kinds of spiders that weave the particular web most desired. The pattern should be large and circular, and this is only given by two special varieties of spiders. The stock of the farm comprises 10,000 spiders, old and young, the eggs of some of which, the choicest, are shipped from France. The mother spider, in laying her eggs, makes a small web in a broad crack, and lays about fifty eggs, which she covers with a soft silk cocoon, or they wait to hatch, an operation which takes one or two days. The eggs shuck crack off in flakes, and the young spiders have to fight their way out.

When they begin to grow at once, it is a week before they look like spiders. They often moult, and shed their skin like snakes. The brood have to be separated, and the young devour each other, until but one was left.

THE PRESS AND CRIME.

Is Journalism Responsible for Suicide? New York Herald September 7th.—In his address before the Medical-Legal Congress, Dr. Forbes Winslow attributed this year's epidemic of suicide chiefly to the great publicity given by the press to the facts of crime and trials, and the "insufficient power of the legislature to suppress such publicity."

This statement, coming from so high an authority, and reflecting so strongly on modern American journalism, is well calculated to attract attention and challenge criticism. The claim that suicide is increased by newspaper reports of crime can only be substantiated by statistics showing that the maximum of self-slaughter has been reached when and where these reports have been most common and sensational. Dr. Winslow offers no such figures, and we do not believe they can be given.

On the contrary, as far as statistics are available on this subject, they point to the opposite conclusion. They show that in several European countries where the press lacks the enterprise, and in some cases the power, to publish the criminal news of the day, suicide is far more prevalent than in this country where there is no press censorship, and

Prince Edward Island

Farmer compelled to stop clearing up his farm.



There is no healthier life in the world than that of a farmer, yet as a rule farmers work too hard. They toil early and late, through the broiling sun in the summer and the blizzard blasts of the winter, and they have to suffer for it because the kidneys cannot stand the strain put on them and backache often follows. Here is what Mr. Joe Costain of Mineshagh, P.E.I., has to say about what Doan's Pills has done for him.

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newspapers are free to publish what their readers want and journalistic enterprise prompts. For example, neither Denmark nor Saxony can be accused of sensational journalism, yet according to published statistics the highest suicide rates in the world are reached there. High rates are also found in France, Prussia and Baden, while Austria, Bavaria and Belgium are not much behind them. In all these countries suicide is probably more common in proportion to population than in the United States, and in all less publicity is given to crimes and criminal trials.

Dr. Winslow thinks that the extent to which such publicity is carried in this country has a deleterious effect on weak-minded persons and should be checked by legislative power. There are, of course, papers here and there which print without stint or scruple far-fetched criminal details, simply to satisfy a morbid taste or create a cheap sensation, and whose publication is a discredit to reputable journalism. There are also papers which go to the other extreme, and carefully exclude from their columns about all the public cases to which they are entitled, and whose readers are few. But the judicious publication of the legitimate criminal news of the day is an enterprise imposed upon a great newspaper by the reading public, as much as the reporting of political events, state and international affairs, commercial matters, sporting events and so on. A widely circulated journal which would fail to report fully and promptly all the news of the day, criminal as well as non-criminal, would fail to give its host of readers what they want, which they take the paper for, and what they have a right to expect.

To give proper publicity to crime is not only a legitimate journalistic function, but public duty. Crime is not a private matter and the effect on the community is immense, and its exposure, as well as its punishment, is a duty to society. So far from having any deleterious effect, we believe that publicity has a salutary influence, hence serves a useful public end. On the criminal inclined mind fear of exposure is a fear of punishment. In public affairs nothing is more conducive to honesty and purity than the vigilance of a free press in watching the doings of public officials and fearlessly exposing corruption and wrong-doing. In our courts there is no more delicate influence than when all proceedings are under the eye of watchful reporters. The value of the aid rendered the police and prosecuting authorities by newspapers is universally recognized and cannot be over-estimated.

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