



THE ADVENTURE OF BLACK PETER

The nocturnal visitor was a young man, frail and thin, with a black moustache, which intensified the deadly pallor of his face.

"They failed for a million, ruined half the county families of Cornwall, and Neiligan disappeared."

"I read at the inquest a description of his cabin, in which it stated that the old logbooks of his vessel were preserved in it. It struck me that if I could see what occurred in the month of August, 1883, on board the Sea Unicorn, I might settle the mystery of my father's fate."

"Excellent, Watson! The alternative develops. Have you telegraph forms? Just write a couple of messages for me: 'Sumner, Shipping Agent, Ratchiff Highway. Send three men on, to arrive ten to-morrow morning—Basil! That's my name in those parts. The other is: 'Inspector Stanley Hopkins, 46, Lord street, Brixton. Important. Wire if unable to come.—Sherlock Holmes.' There, Watson, this infernal case has haunted me for ten days. I hereby banish it completely from my presence. To-morrow, I trust, that we shall hear the last of it for ever."



He returned with a large book, one of the logbooks which formed a line upon the shelves. Leaning on the table, he rapidly turned over the leaves of this volume until he came to the entry which he sought.

"No, there is nothing." "You have not been here before last night?" "No."

"Then how do you account for that?" cried Hopkins, as he held up the damning note-book, with the initials of our prisoner on the first leaf and the blood-stain on the cover.

Stanley Hopkins appeared, and we sat down together to the excellent breakfast which Mrs. Hudson had prepared. The young detective was in high spirits at his success.

SHEFFIELD, July 7.—Mrs. C. C. Taylor and little son, Donald, went to St. John Thursday, also Mrs. Will Gilbert and Mrs. Fred Venning.

WHERE IS ELIJAH? Worried at Shiloh Over Whereabouts of Rev. F. W. Sandford and His Yacht.

OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT Fred Raymond's famous comedy The Missouri Girl, now in its tenth season, is a most conclusive proof that good, clean, wholesome theatrical productions are always welcomed and generously patronized by the theatre-going public.

GRAND FALLS GRAND FALLS, July 8.—The picnic of the congregation of the Church of the Assumption has been fixed for Tuesday, August 15th.

ENGINEER APPOINTED Martin J. Butler Succeeds Collingwood Schrieber as Deputy Minister of Railways.

Ottawa, July 9.—(Special)—The Dominion government have had for some time past under consideration the appointing of an engineer to examine the terminals and locations in connection with the Transcontinental Railway from Moncton to Port Simpson on the Pacific Coast.

Advertisement for 'COMING FORWARD THE IRVING CIGAR' by J. Hirsch Sons & Co. Montreal. Includes an illustration of a man and a dog.

Advertisement for 'No Ashes' 'Bison' Fire Pot. The fire pot in the 'Bison' hot water heater is built slightly conical to prevent ashes sticking to it.

Advertisement for 'THE JUDGMENT OF PARIS' corsets. It is all in favor of the Dip Hip. This corset gives to any figure the long waist and slender hips about which are built all the latest modes in ladies' gowns.

Advertisement for 'Briggs' Blackberry Syrup'. For Cholera Infantum, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Etc. USE BRIGGS' BLACKBERRY SYRUP.

Friday last,

that he was to cross the Atlantic. If he

made the attempt it is not surprising that he has not been heard from for the little yacht would not be likely to make very fast time in mid-ocean.

Several letters were waiting for Holmes

at Baker street. He snatched one of them up, opened it, and burst out into a triumphant chuckle of laughter.

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