

ESTABLISHED 1855.

THE ...

FORTUNE HUNTER.

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CHAPTER IV.

The 21st of June was a day of memorable triumph to me, a day of memorable events for Radville.

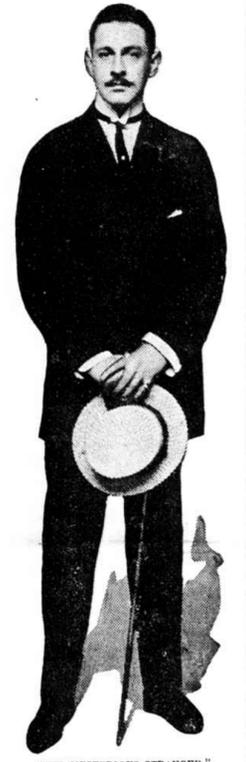
I don't know but that's a fairly apt description of his ordinary expression. He had a way, too, of nodding jerkily at you—just once—to show he recognized you or understood what you were driving at.

"Hello!" I said as he went round behind and opened the cigar case. "What's up?"

"It's a matter of five-cent cigars," he said, "I don't care for them."

He nodded that jerkily way in answer to Will Bigelow's "G'devenin'!" and without saying anything took his pen and started to register.

CHAPTER V.



The next morning I went out for a walk. I lingered a moment outside Sam Graham's old and much neglected drug store, thinking of the change that had come over it since the death of Margaret Graham, Betty's mother, for, despite its out of the way location, the shop had not always been unprofitable.

"That doesn't make any difference. I'm on the wagon," he said, smiling at me.

"Oh," said Mr. Duncan, "I thought you meant the 'sample room' over there."

"That will depend," said Mr. Duncan, "a day or so, perhaps longer, until I can find comfortable and more permanent quarters."

"You'd better not," said Mr. Duncan, "the thing is, you'd better not."

"Howdy, Homer! Come in. Well, well, I'm glad to see you. Sit down, I think that chair there by the stove will hold together under you."

"I'll endeavor to," said the young man. "And now may I go to my room, please? I should like to renovate my travel stained person to some extent before dinner."

"Howdy, Will!" I said, "you've found it all right. There ain't no quieter place in Pennsylvania than Radville, Mr. Duncan. I hope you'll like it," he said, sarcastic.

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"Yes; he promised he would. I explained it to Roland, and he seemed delighted. He's kind, very kind. I was inclined to doubt this and would probably have said something to that effect had not a shadow crossing the window brought me to my feet in consternation. But before I could do more than rise Colonel Bohun had flung open the door and stamped in. He stopped short at sight of me, and singled me out with a threatening wave of his heavy stick."

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Miscellaneous Reading.

EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD

Victoria Falls in Northwest Rhodesia, An Awe-Inspiring Sight.

If there is one thing more than another which characterizes the present age it is the enormous and ever-increasing facility for travel, and, availing himself of this, the globe trotter is everywhere in evidence in his search for the sensational and novel.



'TLL SHOW YOU, HOMER!

this and down here to this, where it's vaporized—much the same as they vaporize gasoline for automobile engines, you know—and then it just naturally flows up to the bracket, and there it is.

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THE GREAT BREAD CRAP.

All Known Cereals Wheat Rank First.

To obtain bread has ever been the struggle of mankind. The want of it has caused wars and the change of dynasties.

The first impression one gets of the falls themselves is a sense of utter amazement. You feel you are quite unable to drink in the majesty and splendor of the sight; the dictionary could be ransacked in vain for adjectives to describe what the eye surveys.

The south should produce its own bread and it will when its farmers fully realize the advantage and full value of diversified farming.

What are known as the Rain Forest and Palm Grove, adjacent to the falls, are aptly styled Nature's Cathedral, the prevailing moisture ministering to the most luxuriant growth.

That the soil best suited to wheat is the clay loam. Before planting the land should be thoroughly prepared by plowing as deep as possible and thoroughly harrowing.

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ABOLISHING THE GOSSIPS.

Strenuous Measures to be Tried in Germany Against Scandal-mongers.

In Germany, where everything appears to be "verbotten," officialdom in the person of a lone Burgomeister has at last invaded the most sacred right of women—gossip.

All Germany is looking askance at the town of Hattersheim, in Hesse, apprehensive of the widening waves of authority that would undertake to bridle the tongues of the fair.

As for Hattersheim under its sudden affliction of deterring law, it appears to be getting along very well, at least you are enjoying peace and freedom from envy, jealousy and backbitings that no community has known since human records were mixed at the tower of Babel.

The United States, in every village and city ward, produces its own crop of retailers of gossip and maligners of their neighbors.

Prosecutions for libel and slander, declares the stern Burgomeister, "has become a most disproportionate in a certain section of our city. Bitter enmities and litigation costs that amount to heavy financial losses have been incurred."

The men are hard at work, while the women are away their chief energy in gossiping and quarrelling, the children's training being neglected and the household suffering for lack of attention.

On such persons, remarks the Burgomeister, "it is necessary to take proportionate steps. The common law here has to meet every individual emergency, from the quelling of a riot to the execution of a criminal."

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FAMOUS SWORDS.

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Next comes the "sword of ceremony" that is used at Welsh eisteddfods. This weapon is placed in the hands of a modern Godfrey de Bouillon, who, it is recalled, with a two handed sword dealt a Turk into halves from the shoulder to the hips, would be quite long enough for any one who wished to put it to practical use.

Of gorgeous swords which are not so much weapons as settings for precious stones the most valuable in England is said to be the one presented by the Egyptians to Lord Wolsley and valued at \$10,000. This sum is comparatively insignificant for a bejeweled sword if the value of the sword brought over to the shah of Persia—namely, \$50,000—be taken as a standard of what a diamond blitted weapon could cost.

The desperate straits of the government to raise funds for the navy programme are fully disclosed by the most proposed schemes for this purpose.

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Thinking in Millions. In astronomical calculations it is most difficult to grasp the meaning of millions of miles, but some idea of the statement of the time that would be consumed by an express train or the shot from a cannon to cover celestial space. Now, the distance from the earth to the sun is about 92,000,000 miles and the light traveling at the rate of 186,700 miles a second in vacuum. It traverses this distance in eight and a quarter minutes, but a mile an hour would take 175 years to cover the distance of the sun.

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