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SERIAL STORY
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SYNOPSIS.
 For fifty years the continent of North America had been isolated from the rest of the world by the use of Z-rays, a wonderful invention of Hannibal Prudent. The invention had saved the country from foreign invasion, and the continent had been united under one government with Prudent as president. For half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. The story opens with President Prudent's death. His death is hastened by the receipt of a message from Count von Werdenstein of Germany that he has at last succeeded in penetrating the rays. Lying, he warns his daughter Astra that this means a foreign invasion. He tells her to hurry to the island of Cyrine, but dies before he can tell her the location of the place. Astra is nominated for the presidency by the continental party. Napoleon Edison calls on Astra, informs her that he was a pupil of her father's, and promises to help her. He gives her a sample of a newly discovered substance which, he says, will solve the problem of flying. Chevalier de Lenzburg, an American, is suspected of being an American. He is seized at night and carried off in an airplane. Astra is inaugurated as president. She receives a message from Edison, whose long silence has worried her. He has agreed to a prisoner for two months on the island of Heloland and has just escaped. He announces that the continental fleet of Europe is being built for Astra. He promises to call on her the following night. Countess Rosita, a spy, becomes a prisoner in hope of securing Napoleon's secret. She falls in love with him. He agrees to join him in an attempt to escape. By the use of fire-wire she summons a curious flying machine which resembles a monster eagle. She escapes and sends his message to Astra. Edison calls on Astra as promised. He tells her his plans for defense have been completed, but that he will give full details at his workshop on the island of Cyrine in three hours. His plans are based on the peculiarity of the new substance, which is lighter than any known metal and is practically indestructible. The Europeans succeed in passing the line of isolation, but find that the Americans have established a second one. Edison delivers a note to von Werdenstein in his flagship demanding that the fleet be withdrawn. Edison is attacked, but escapes by a submersible. He sends his two sons to two workshops and several aeroplanes. Realizing his helplessness, von Werdenstein withdraws his fleet and consents to a universal disarmament. The Americans are ill on the island of Cyrine. Countess Rosita offers to go and comfort her, hoping to discover Edison's secrets. She begins to wear a net and a narrow black ribbon. Edison's assistant, the Countess gets a letter from von Werdenstein offering her the principedom of Schomburg-Lithow for Edison's secret.

CHAPTER XIV.—Continued.
 He went up high in the air and adjusting the electro-stylograph, with which all the aerodromes were equipped, he began to send out calls for Napoleon.
 In a few minutes the connection was established and Santos told Napoleon of his discovery.
 "Wait for me, my dear boy, I am coming," Santos saw Napoleon adjust the mechanism to full power, then dart forward. They spoke from time to time, and Santos gave directions, until he discovered in the southwestern sky the rapidly approaching American Eagle.

They met on top of the extinct volcano that was called Suemeg, on whose slopes the richest grape vines grew.
 Napoleon shook Santos' hand warmly and congratulated him on his discovery. After he had inspected the ground thoroughly he could not find words to express his joy, but as he knelt there, looking up, his whole being expressed a silent prayer of thanksgiving toward the omnipotent being who creates and governs the universe.
 "We don't need to look farther, Santos; there is sufficient clyrinity under our feet to meet the demands of the coming century."
 They started homeward.
 Napoleon communicated, through his electro-stylograph, with his friend Kalmar, to find out who owned the property on which the peak of Suemeg stood. After a delay his questions were answered. The peak, as part of the Schomburg Lithow estates, had fallen to the crown, as the prince had recently died without heirs. That was all the information he could get, so he decided he would call on the Hungarian minister of agriculture, who would probably be in a position to tell him what he wished to ascertain.
 "Fate is jesting with me. I had to find that precious metal in a foreign country, but gold will buy it," thought Napoleon, and returned that day to Washington, to tell his betrothed the good news.
 Santos returned to Cyrine, where he found the countess with Mrs. Edison. He did not mention the discovery of the new clyrinity deposit, as he knew Napoleon wanted to keep it secret until negotiations for its purchase were completed.
 The little island, hardly three square miles in size, was in the glory of tropical spring, and the fine weather had brought back the health of Mrs. Edison.

The sunsets were wonderful. Poetry and love were adrift in the air. Poor Duprell! It was only a question of time until he would become Rositta's slave, only a question of time when

he would betray his master for a sweet word from those treacherous lips. Napoleon came a week later and thanked Rositta for her kindness to his mother during her indisposition. He did not talk about the discovery of the rich clyrinity deposit in her presence, but when they went out for a walk he found an opportunity to communicate the good news to his mother.
 There was but one obstacle in the way of his acquiring this property. The last Prince of Schomburg Lithow had died. His possessions were now German crown lands and diplomacy must be employed, or the Count von Werdenstein would suspect the value of the property, and if he discovered the secret of the aerodrome Napoleon well knew that he would not hesitate to take to war in the air.
 "It would be terrible," he sighed, "to destroy all the good we have accomplished."
 Napoleon invited the countess to return to the capital with him and spend a few days with Astra. She consented, and when they were alone asked what had become of the assassin who had sought Astra's life. Napoleon could give her no information except that he was in prison.
 Almost every mail brought the countess letters from Europe, among which was another from the Count von Werdenstein.
 The cleverly worded contents of that message conveyed the information that Napoleon was interested in a piece of land belonging to the Schomburg Lithow principedom. Rositta was requested to find the reason for his interest. As soon as she was ready to cast the bomb that would destroy peace she might ask would be hers.

All this harmonized with her plans, and she looked forward to the next trip to Cyrine with Santos.
 There was a reception at the Crystal Palace that evening for the diplomatic corps of the countries represented at the capital. It brought back the days before the isolation. Uniforms glittered, orders of valor and distinction were exhibited by the Europeans, who seemed to hold to their traditions; the barbaric splendor of the Orient mingled with the simple evening dress of the Americans, for simplicity characterized every American citizen.
 When Astra appeared she was herself the greatest jewel.
 A concert was arranged for the entertainment of the distinguished guests.
 The Countess Rosita and Mr. Hale sat near each other; he was dreamily enjoying the wonderful mellow contralto voice.
 An attendant whispered: "A messenger wants to see your ladyship."
 Quietly she withdrew from the hall. Ambrosio Hale looked after her. He had seen the changing expression on her face, and shook his head doubtfully as he watched her leave.
 A man awaited the countess in a small reception room; he wore the black cassock of a Trappist monk, an ancient order that still existed in a few of the European countries.
 His face resembled that of the Countess Rosita to an extraordinary degree.

When she saw him she uttered one word: "Robert." He motioned for her to step nearer, and she obeyed.
 The pale padre brought from under his robe a small parcel and unfolded it. It contained a small locket with a fine chain of gold. Fine miniatures were on either side, and pressed between was a curl of black, glossy hair, bound with a narrow black ribbon. One portrait was Rositta's. The other was a little girl's.
 In pantomime the monk told Rositta that he had brought this to her at the request of the little girl. She watched him stupidly, seeming unable to grasp

his meaning. At last it came over her with a rush and she grasped the monk's arm convulsively.
 "Brother, what has happened to her, to my—my daughter?"
 The monk slowly raised his right hand heavenward.
 Rositta gave one shriek and fell fainting.
 The monk picked his sister up and placed her tenderly on the sofa, then he wrapped the locket and chain in its silk covering and placed it carefully in the bosom of her dress.
 His large eyes rested somberly on Rositta, and a sigh escaped his lips. He crossed himself and, with a last glance at the silent woman, departed.

CHAPTER XV.
 Love.
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"I—Will—Make the Whole World Suffer for My Loss."
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Held in the Hospital.
 "I don't see you running your car as much as I used to."
 "No. It takes me longer to get over an accident now than it used to."

Robert. At first, when she saw no one, she felt as though she had had a dream, but she felt the package in her bosom and she knew that it was no dream.
 She did not weep. Her eyes were dry and hard. She slowly unwrapped that medallion and looked at that lock of glossy hair. The portrait of her own child and a lock from her head! She repressed her feelings resolutely and left the room with a firm step. She passed through several rooms, nodding now and then to the people she met, until at last she arrived at her own door.
 She entered and locked the door, and sank into a chair; not to give way to her sorrow and sob, not to pray for consolation, but to curse the cruel fate that had robbed her of her only child, the only pure, clean, innocent thing in her life.
 She looked at the clear, smiling eyes gazing at her from the exquisite little portrait. Still she did not weep; her mouth was tightly closed, and the corners slightly drooped.
 "You have taken her from me!" she hissed to the invisible foe. "You wanted to crush me!" She shook her clenched hand toward that phantom pictured in her brain. "But you cannot. I am stronger. Until today there was one pure spot in my soul; I had one being whom I loved unselfishly, whom I wanted with me always, yet I would not let her live in my atmosphere, because I wanted her to be all that I was not. And now she is gone!" She groaned in anguish.
 "God! Are you the God of Love that Christ told of, or are you the vengeful, terrible God who vents his wrath 'till the seventh generation? You have taken my love; now my heart is black and empty of all save hatred."
 She became calm; her pale face was expressionless, her movements measured.
 "Nobody shall know that I have suffered." She stepped before the mirror and looked at herself. "But millions shall suffer. I—will—make the whole world suffer for my loss."
 "No more love, not another tender feeling shall creep in my heart." Her eyes glowed fiercely.
 "I swear, by all the devils of the underworld, that I will plunge the world into mourning, that rivers of tears shall flow to repay me for my heart's blood."
 After a few minutes' work before her mirror, she emerged from her room as rosy-cheeked as ever and smiling. At first her steps were slow, but they soon quickened, and by the time she arrived at the concert hall nobody could have told that she had gone through a terrible ordeal.
 The last entertainer was leaving the stage when she entered the room. No one, save Mr. Hale, knew of her long absence from the hall. When she met Astra she felicitated her on the success of the concert.
 When the guests had left, Astra and the countess retired into the little room that was reserved for family occasions.
 "You will soon be the happiest woman on earth, my dear," remarked Rositta, casually.
 "I am happy now, my dear girl," smiled Astra.
 "The gods have given you a wonderful temperament, my dear Astra. You, with your calm, serene nature, were created to be happy. You simply shed the difficulties of life."
 "Why, dear, are you unhappy?"
 "Unhappy?" A sigh escaped the countess' lips, a spark of fire gleamed in her eyes, then a smile parted her coral lips. "A person with a temperament like mine never could be happy. My selfish mind craves just the thing some one else has, and if I should rob that person I would get tired of the object and cast it away." She looked at Astra, but Astra only smiled serenely, not taking Rositta's remarks seriously.
 "Such is my fate, my dear. Tell me, am I responsible for being such an unhappy combination? Am I to be judged by the same measure as you, who cannot help but be good?"
 "We all have passions. Mine are for liberty, peace."
 "Liberty, peace," repeated Rositta, then relapsed into thought. Had Astra been able to read those thoughts, she would have had cause for alarm. Her brain was filled with war, destruction and mourning all over the world.
 The next evening Rositta returned to Cyrine, with Santos at the wheel of the aerodrome.
 Napoleon and Astra watched the great bird disappear in the western sky, and then they walked silently to a seat that overlooked the city. Napoleon talked for the first time about his love for her. Astra was calm, but she rose quietly and stood looking at the pulsating city below them. Their love had been understood between them, although they had never spoken of it. Yet it made her heart throb with happiness to hear his tender words. He rose and gently taking her arm, they walked among the plants that grew on the roof. A faint sound of music came to their ears.
 (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Greek Rulers.
 Greece has not treated her rulers well since she threw off the yoke of the sultan ninety years ago. At the outset she tried a president, Capodistria, who was soon assassinated; then Otho of Bavaria was chosen king, but after a stormy time was forced to abdicate. After that the crown went begging for a while. The duke of Edinburgh and the earl of Derby both refused it, and it was common talk that "Mr. Gladstone could have had it by the lifting of an eyelid."

As the World Moves.
 "You will admit we are in a high state of civilization?"
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 Uproar followed, while every one suggested plans for its recovery.
 Then the banker had a brilliant idea. "We will place a salver in the middle of the room," he said, "lights will be extinguished, and the perpetrator of this silly joke will have an opportunity of restoring the missing necklace."
 This was done.
 Then the lights were turned on again and there was more consternation. The salver had disappeared.

Too Precipitate.
 "Mr. Smith, could you lend me—"
 "No, Mr. Jones, I can't. And I wouldn't if I could. I've been lending you money for months and you don't even offer to return it."
 "But I wanted to know if you wouldn't lend me—"
 "I tell you I won't."
 "Well, don't. I wanted the loan of your fountain pen to make out a check for what I owe you. But if you are in no hurry, I'm not."

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