



An Adventure of the Scarlet Pimpernel

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STORY FROM THE START

The Scarlet Pimpernel, known during the French revolution as the most intrepid adventurer in Europe, is an Englishman. At a house party given by Sir Percy Blakeney the latest adventure of the Scarlet Pimpernel, the rescue of the Tournon-d'Ageneys, is being related. The Scarlet Pimpernel is really Sir Percy Blakeney, popular London dandy. The failure of Lauzet, revolutionary chief of the section in which the Scarlet Pimpernel has been operating, to prevent the escape of the Tournon-d'Ageneys brings the condemnation of the government upon him. He causes the arrest of the Deseze family on a charge of treason.

Chapter III—Continued

The following day was market day in Mantes, and the first Lauzet had been doubtful whether it would not be better to wait another twenty-four hours before carrying through his friend Chauvelin's project. The dawn, however, broke with ideal conditions for it; a leaden sky, a tearing wind, and torrents of rain alternating with a thin drizzle. On the whole, nature had ranged herself on the side of all those who worked their nefarious deeds under cover of semi-darkness. Lauzet, gazing out on the mournful autumnal aspect of weather and sky, felt that if the Scarlet Pimpernel did indeed meditate mischief he would choose such a day as this.

Thus it was that in the early dawn of this market day the citizens of Mantes had a sad scene to witness. Soon after seven o'clock a small crowd collected round the big, old-fashioned diligence which had drawn up outside the Deseze house in the Rue des Pipots. To right and left of the vehicle were soldiers on horseback, two on each side, mounting guard, and the man who held the reins was also in the uniform of the rural gendarmier. Every one in the city knew this man. Charles Marie was his name, and he had begun life as a baker's assistant—a weak, anemic looking youth, who had been sent out of the army because he was no use as a fighting man, so timorous, and slow witted was he.

Lately he had obtained a position as hostler at the posting inn in Mantes, because, it seems, he did know something about horses; but why he should have been chosen to drive the diligence to Paris today nobody could conjecture. He must have had a friend in high places to be so exalted above his capabilities. Anyway, there he sat on the box, looking neither to right nor left but straight between the ears of his off-leader, and not a word would he say in response to the questions, the jeers, and the taunts which came to him from his many friends in the crowd.

Soon, however, excitement centered round the porte-cochere of the Deseze house. It had suddenly been thrown wide open, and in the doorway appeared two citizens Deseze, escorted by two officers of gendarmier, and closely followed by Madeleine, her little daughter also under guard. It was pitiable to see the poor invalid, who could scarcely stand on her half-paralyzed limbs, thus being dragged away from the home where she had lived as a happy wife and mother for close on a quarter of a century. A murmur of sympathy for these two women, and of execration for the brutality of this arrest, rose from the crowd. But it was quickly enough suppressed. Who would dare murmur openly these days, when spies of the revolutionary government lurked at every corner?

Hostile glances, however, were shot at Citizen Lauzet, who had come over that morning from Mantes and now stood by, somewhat detached from the crowd, watching the proceedings in the company of his friend Chauvelin.

"Is this in accordance with your idea?" he asked in a whisper when, presently, Chauvelin completed a quick and comprehensive examination of the diligence. Chauvelin's only reply was a curt and peremptory "Hush!" and a furtive glance about him to see that there were no likely eavesdroppers within hearing. He knew from experience that the famous League of the Scarlet Pimpernel also had spies lurking in every corner; spies not so numerous, perhaps, as those in the pay of the committee of public safety, but a great deal more astute, and he also knew—none better—that the case of the Deseze family was just one that would appeal to the sporting or chivalrous instincts of that band of English adventurers.

But he was satisfied with the misadventure organized, under his supervision, by Chief of Section Lauzet. Prominence had been given all over

the department to the arrest of the Deseze family, to the worth and integrity of its head, the sickness of the wife, the charm and modesty of the daughter. Half a dozen picked men of the gendarmier of Mantes, armed to the teeth, would join the diligence at Mantes, but they would ride inside disguised as passengers, whilst it was left for anybody to see that the coach was traveling under a feeble guard of four men, an officer, and three troopers, and was driven by a lout who was known to have no fight in him.

CHAPTER IV

The Road to Death

Lauzet had been inspired when he chose this day; a typical day in late October, with that pitiless rain lashed by a southeasterly wind that would score the roads and fret the horses. Down in the forest the diligence would have to go almost at foot pace for the outline of every tree on the roadside would be blurred, and objects would loom like ghosts out of the mist.

Yes! The scene was set for the comedy invented by Chauvelin for the capture of his arch enemy. It only remained for the principal actors to play their roles to his satisfaction. Already the female prisoners had been hustled into the diligence amidst the sighs and tears of their sympathizers in the crowd. Poor Madame Deseze had sunk half fainting with exhaustion into the arms of her young daughter, and the two women sat huddled in the extreme corner of the vehicle, amidst much jolting and creaking, some shouting and cursing, too, with cracking of whip and jingling of spurs, the awkward, lumbering diligence was started on its way. Some two hundred meters farther on it came to a halt once more, outside the commune sariat, and here the male prisoners,



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Citizen Deseze himself, was made to join his family in the alrress, creaking vehicle. Resigned to his own fate, he set himself the task of making the painful journey as endurable as may be to his invalid wife. Hardly realizing yet the extent of their misfortune and the imminence of their doom, the three victims of Lauzet's cupidity and Chauvelin's vengeance suffered their martyrdom in silence and with resignation.

The final start from Mantes had been made at eight o'clock. By this time the small city was filling with the neighboring farmers and drovers, with their cattle and their carts and vehicles of every kind, all tending either to the Place du Marche or to the various taverns for refreshment. Lauzet, accompanied by Chauvelin, had ridden back to Mantes. Just before nine o'clock the diligence rattled over the cobblestones of that city, and a halt was called at the posting inn. It was part of the program to spread some hours in Mantes, where the extra man of the gendarmier would be picked up, and only to make a fresh start when the shades of evening were beginning to draw in. It was not to be supposed that the English brigands would launch their attack in broad daylight, and the weather did not look as if it were going to mend.

Chauvelin, of course, was there, seeing to every arrangement, with his friend Lauzet close at his elbow. He had himself picked out of the six men of the gendarmier who were to ride in disguise inside the diligence; he had inspected their disguises, added an aristocratic or realistic touch here and there, before he pronounced them to be good.

Finally he turned to the young officer who was in command of the party.

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Modified Dutch Colonial Home Well Arranged and Attractive



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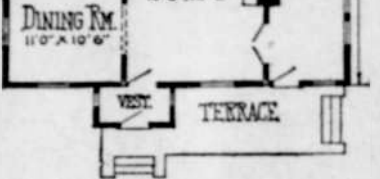
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to practical home building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as editor, author and manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 1827 Prairie avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

There is no excuse for anyone who plans to build or is building a new home to have other than an attractive house. Designs for modern homes have been brought to a point of excellence where exactly the right number of rooms to meet the family needs and their arrangement can be had in a home that is good to look at and one of which the owner may be proud.

Take, for example, the modified Dutch colonial home shown in the accompanying illustration. Added to this rectangular house are an enclosed vestibule, an open terrace and a sun room. These give the exterior of the home an appearance of size much greater than its dimensions and add to its comfort and attractiveness.

This house is designed for the farm family or a family living in town that requires three fairly large bedrooms. It is 26 feet wide and 22 feet deep, exclusive of the sun room at the end and the terrace at the front. The

home contains six rooms. The living room is 13 feet 6 inches wide and 17 feet 6 inches deep and in the center of the wall which separates it from the sun room is an open fireplace. The sun room is reached through double french doors at the front of the room. An open stairway with one turn leads



First Floor Plan.

out of the back of the living room to the second floor. The dining room is connected with the living room by a double cased opening which gives the effect of two rooms being one spacious room. The dining room is at the front and on the corner which permits windows on two sides for light and ventilation. Between the dining room, which is 11

feet by 10 feet 6 inches is a breakfast nook where the less formal meals may be served and the work of the homemaker made easier. The kitchen is 8 feet by 11 feet. Stairs to the basement are under the stairs to the second floor and are reached through the kitchen.

The sun room is a good feature of this house. It is 7 feet 6 inches wide and 21 feet long and has a door leading into it from the terrace as well as the double doors from the living room. There are a window at the front, five windows at the end and two windows at the back which in summer are screened and make the sun room a very attractive semi-indoor sitting room. In the winter these windows are closed, and by extending the heating plant so that this room will be heated it makes a warm, sunny place in the cold weather.

Upstairs there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. All these rooms open off a center hall. Each of the bedrooms is a corner room and each has a good sized closet.

This is a most desirable home building design, and because of its low cost will appeal to a great many prospective home builders who want a pretty house that contains plenty of room for a family of six persons or less and is arranged so that the homemaker can take care of it with a minimum of labor.

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Bathroom and Kitchen Most Neglected Rooms

Too often, in planning a home, the bathroom and kitchen are neglected. Yet these rooms, almost more than other places, should possess an air of refinement and sanitation which will leave its impress upon every one who enters them. You perhaps have admired and envied bathrooms and kitchens in the homes of friends, but did not realize that equally artistic and practical effects could be secured in your own home at comparatively little cost.

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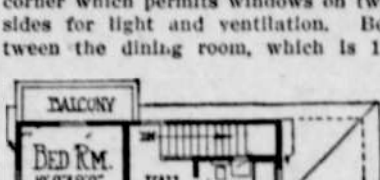
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Second Floor Plan.

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Birds That Qualify as Farmer's Good Friends

Although both cuckoo and quail are worth cultivating for their insect-eating propensities, the grosbeak is the most valuable of the lot where the farmer is concerned and should be given every chance to propagate throughout the country, says Howard T. Middleton in an article in the Farm Journal.

This little member of the finch family, with its oversized mouth, is particularly fond of potato bugs. It is found, and, if unmolested, will build its nest at the edge of potato fields and guard them throughout the growing season.

"It is a conservative estimate that one-tenth of the grosbeak's diet is made up of potato bugs," says Mr. Middleton, "but he also preys with relish upon cucumber beetles, cankerworms, caterpillars, army worms, cut worms and chinch bugs."

Examination of the cuckoo's stomach reveals that he spee 'izes in caterpillars and other crawling creatures, while the quail finds the potato bug his favorite item of diet in season.

Seek Royal Treasures

Century Under Water

The romance of recovering sunken treasure is again being enacted off the coast of Elba, where a ship, after a century at the bottom of the sea, is being salvaged. One hundred and twenty years ago the Pollice left Naples for Spain, her cargo consisting mainly of valuables and treasures belonging to Ferdinand IV, who had been deposed by Napoleon. Orders had been given the captain of the Pollice to stick closely to the shore of Elba in case of interference by the French. Despite the secrecy with which the trip was made, the French heard of it and, rather than surrender, the captain scuttled his ship. When Ferdinand returned to Naples, he made efforts to recover the treasure, but the machinery of the time proved ineffectual and the two brig sent to salvage the ship nearly sank. Recently a fisherman brought up part of a mast in a net cast near the scene of the wreck and proceedings were again undertaken.

Rode to Office on Ass

Mounted on an ass, M. Henri Castagne triumphantly rode to the mairie of Pessac, near Bordeaux, France, recently, to take his seat as the newly elected councillor. He wore the traditional gray top hat decorated with ribbons, and carried the pleader's lance with which he paraded the village streets during the election campaign. Castagne styled himself "the laughing candidate," and one of his election pledges was that within three months all drinks would be free in the local cafes. Castagne won his seat by 60 votes, and so far has been the most popular candidate ever in the village.

Take Vast Sum to Europe

There is no registration that would give the exact number of Americans who go abroad each year. It is shown, however, that in the fiscal year 1927-28, 430,955 American citizens came into this country from abroad. Before 1880, the number of citizens going abroad was less than 50,000 yearly. By 1914, the number had risen to about 300,000. This tourist travel now pours about \$1,000,000,000 into European coffers yearly.

Price for Peabody Museum

The skeleton of a mosasaurus, a type of dinosaur, which had been on hand since 1880, recently was put together and mounted at Peabody museum, Yale university. The wait of more than forty years was hardly a watch tick in the history of this giant beast, for it lived at a period estimated at 120,000,000 years ago. It came from Wyoming, the first of its species to be discovered.

Eye Specialists for Pets

Eye specialists for pets have appeared in London and are kept busy. All sorts of pampered animals are treated. One of them was an Angora rabbit, which was operated on for entropion, or inverted eyelids, a condition which causes eyelashes to be continually rubbing the eyes. A show was also relieved of two years' suffering of this kind.

Religious Statistics

The number of religious denominations in the United States listed in the 1926 census is 213. Churches reporting number 231,983 with an active membership of 54,624,976. The expenditure for the year 1926 is \$814,371,529 and the value of church edifices listed is \$3,842,577,133.

On Horseback!

Voice Over Phone—"Gimme the propeller, please." Soda Jerker (absent-mindedly)—"On white bread or rye?"

Competition Is the Life of Trade;

and it also reduces some of the competitors to starvation. It has faults

Russ Ball Blue goes farther, makes clothes whiter than liquid blue, large package at Grocers.—Adv.

One likes a frank person pretty well, but is always a little afraid of him.

Statistics were used pretty steadily, too, to bolster up slavery.

Those who develop personality by a recipe have the artificial kind.

All castles should be cool, at least.

What Will you do



When your Children Cry for It

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Couldn't See It Then

Grandmother—When I was a girl we used to keep our money in our stocking tops.
Granddaughter—But how risky to put it just where it could be seen.—
Karlakuren, Oslo.

My, Yes!
"I hear that saxophonist paid \$100 for his instrument."
"That's a lot of money to blow in."

To Cool a Burn

Use Hanford's Balm of Myrrh
Money back for first bottle if not satisfied. All dealers.

Friendship's Obligation

Unless you bear with the faults of a friend, you betray your own.—Syrus.

When you have dependability others are going to lean on you—and heavily.

There is a type that hungers for publicity, but shrinks from personally facing it.

Rounding out a career is anything but becoming obese.

Dignity gone wrong is what makes feuds in backwoods regions.

It must be as hard to be a tyrant as it is to bear his tyranny.

You can't think up snappy comebacks. They pop up—if any.



Makes Life Sweeter

Children's stomachs sour, and need an anti-acid. Keep their systems sweet with Phillips Milk of Magnesia! When tongue or breath tells of acid condition—correct it with a spoonful of Phillips. Most men and women have been comforted by this universal sweetener—more mothers should invoke its aid for their children. It is a pleasant thing to take, yet neutralizes more acid than the harsher things too often employed for the purpose. No household should be without it. Phillips is the genuine, prescription product physicians endorse for general use; the name is important. "Milk of Magnesia" has been the U. S. registered trade mark of the Charles H. Phillips Chemical Co. and its predecessor Charles H. Phillips since 1873.

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FLORESTON SHAMPOO—Ideal for use in connection with Parker's Hair Balm. Makes the hair soft and shiny. 50 cents by mail or at drug stores. Illinois Chemical Works, Piquette, N. Y.

Fast Traveling
The speediest lee toboggan run in the world is claimed by St. Moritz. It is three-quarters of a mile long, has a drop of 514 feet, and permits a maximum speed of 80 miles an hour.

Open to Inducements
Mother—Will you please keep quiet, son? My head is just about to split.
Small Boy—If I keep quiet can I see it split?

That's That
"Rather short skirts you are wearing, girlie."
"These are kilts."

The largest concrete span in the west will be built at Los Angeles. It will be 254 feet long, the entire bridge measuring 2,700 feet.

Who collects the most personal anecdotes in a lifetime? A newspaper man or an actor?

A hobby is anything in which you don't care whether the public is interested or not, if you are.

When your friend gets rich, the hardest thing to resist is his determination to give you money.

Russ Ball Blue, I want. Instst, don't accept substitutes. Grocers sell coast to coast.—Adv.

Every man must do a certain amount of whining to some woman.

If you wish to please your friends quit talking so that they can begin.

War to the knife is sometimes declared by rival cutlery manufacturers.

Character is a perfectly educated will.

Ask for "TACK-UP" AEROXON Fly Catcher
Leading Ribbon Fly Catcher
Nationally Advertised
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Never Take Medicine, Pharmacist, 84, Urges

In one of the oldest parts of Rome (one of the oldest cities in the world) is to be found the oldest pharmacy in Italy, presided over by the oldest pharmacist of Italy. Founded in the Sixteenth century by monks, it was operated under religious auspices until 1730, when it came into the possession of the Prato family, which has conducted the pharmacy from that day to this—200 years in a single family. The store furniture and all the equipment are centuries old. Presiding over this venerable establishment in the Piazza della Maddalena is Dr. Recote Scaletta, who at eighty-four years of age is rounding out his sixty-second year of service there. Doctor Scaletta works 14 hours daily, as he has for three-score years. So vigorous is Doctor Scaletta that one would think him twenty years younger than his actual age. Asked for his formula for longevity and good health, Doctor Scaletta generally replied that his first principle is never to take medicine! He drinks

a half liter of wine and smokes two cigars daily. "Eat heartily and take a bath daily" is another of the counsels of this veteran pill dispenser in an establishment which might well be one of the sights of the Eternal city.

Just a Detail
In battle the duke of Wellington overlooked nothing. Baron von Neumann of the Austrian embassy at London in 1840 tells in his recently published diary of an account given by the Iron Duke of the Battle of Vittoria:

That "after the whole of the French infantry had been routed, all the artillery, consisting of 900 pieces of cannon, and all the baggage had been abandoned, the English army considered the battle ended, when the duke stopped the forward movement of the troops and said: 'The battle is not yet won. There is a corps of 10,000 cavalry still intact,' and they thereupon disposed of them."

First Plaster Was Mud; Now It's Delicate Item

Mankind, in all probabilities, used mud as its first plastic material, applying the mud over a framework of woven reeds. Then, further along in the world's history, the burning of lime and the calcining of gypsum were discovered.

Up until about 30 years ago lime was the standard plastering material. But lime plaster, because of its chemical composition, takes a long time to reach its ultimate hardness. And it is dangerous to apply a decorative material over a lime-plastered wall until the plaster has completed the chemical process known as the "set."

Here's why: While still in the process of "setting" lime is liable to blister or to burn through a decorative material.

Gypsum plaster, on the other hand, "sets" so rapidly that retarder—material to slow up the process of "setting"—has to be introduced. Thus the "setting time" is actually controlled and gypsum plaster that "sets" in two hours is shipped to those cities where