

## The Major's Lesson

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Major Thornton, U. S. A., retired, was at Margate, England. Going one day to his room, he found in the hall of the hotel a diamond sunburst. His first thought was to go down to the office and turn in the lost jewel; his second was to wait and give the loser a glad surprise.

They were discussing the matter in the lunch room when he went down. While he was out on the promenade there had been an arrest in the hotel. The wife of a prominent manufacturer stopping at the house had made an outcry that the jewel had been taken from her room during a momentary absence. Suspicion was directed to a waiter named Saunders, who had come up to the next room with an order, and when suddenly accused of the theft he became confused and embarrassed and had been put under arrest and taken away. None of those who saw him and heard his lame explanations could make the least excuse for him. A search had failed to find the jewel on his person, but it was, of course, argued that he had passed it to a confederate.

The major heard all this and much more, and he started to defend the waiter and talk about the unreliability of circumstantial evidence and etc. instances when the lady assured her hearers for the tenth time that she had the jewel in her hand and was looking at the hinge of the pin not a moment before she left the room. She was most positive that she left it behind her on the dresser. She would swear to that in all the courts of the land. The aggressiveness and the positiveness of the lady rather startled the major. If she could not be made to believe that she had dropped the thing, what sort of a position would it put him in?

The major kept the sunburst in his pocket. Saunders had been put through the third degree at the police station and given his liberty. He had come down from London fairly recomended and up to that moment no fault had been found with him. He returned to the hotel and talked about a suit for damages and faintly frightened the woman into giving him a hundred dollars in cash and making a humble apology.

When the waiter had been freed the major's quarry was worse than ever. If he restored the jewel, he would be asked why he delayed. It was very doubtful also if his story of finding it in the hall would be believed. The loser was too positive for that. The man Saunders went away at once. If the jewel could in some way be returned to the lady, would anybody believe that the waiter had become conscience stricken? On the contrary, wouldn't everybody declare that the real thief had become frightened and was still a guest at the hotel?

How we argue to ourselves and how other people argue about us are two different things. As a matter of fact, the major was the last one to be suspected, and yet he had the feeling that all looked upon him with suspicion. Whether at table, in the smoking room or on the sands, the subject was constantly turning up, and he sometimes wondered why he was not arrested as the criminal. He stood this sort of thing for two weeks and then decided to go elsewhere. He would go up to London and from thence mail the jewel to the lady and go on to Paris at once. From the time he left the hotel until the train started he was in a cold sweat. The sight of a policeman gave him feet as cold as ice. When he reached London he anxiously remembered that a valuable parcel like that must be receipted for and the name of the sender given. He might give a false name, but if the parcel was traced back wouldn't his personality be remembered? The major sat on a bench in St. James' park trying to figure it out when a voice said:

"Major Thornton, sir, if you will permit the liberty, sir."

It was Saunders, the waiter. He was well dressed and looking pretty chipper. The major made room for him on the bench, and the waiter sat down to continue:

"Major, that was a bad deal they gave me at Margate."

"Yes," was the reply.

"It may be the means of ruining an honest man's reputation. Such things get out, you know, and once a man in this profession is spotted as crooked no hotel wants him thereafter. If I hadn't lost my head I should have made the lady pay five times the price she did."

"I was not one of those who thought you took the sunburst?"

"Thank you, sir—thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have given me hope."

"What I think," continued the major, "is that the lady dropped the jewel in the hall and some one found and kept it."

"Just my idea all the time, sir. It must have been dropped in the hall and picked up by somebody else."

There was further talk, and after a quarter of an hour Saunders arose, uttered his heartfelt thanks once more and took himself off. He had been gone ten minutes when the major felt in his pocket for the sunburst and his box. They were gone; also his wallet and his watch. Saunders had cleaned him out as they sat talking. It was a beautiful case of pocket picking and thanks rendering in one, and, though it put the major in a hole financially, he heaved a sigh of relief as he realized that he was rid of the sunburst at last. Saunders had taken it from the room and dropped it in his hurry to get away.

M. QUAD.

Is the man who stepped upon your toe the face from the lady's skirt guilty of train robbery?

Sometimes being faithful to old friends is tantamount to arresting your own development.

One way to stop carache is to move.

One would think money was bent on self destruction the way people talk about saving it.

## Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

### LAST OF HIS RACE.

How  
The last  
Fly of the season  
Slicks around,  
Only  
Follow of  
His species  
On the ground!  
How he buzzes  
In your ear.  
At the tail end  
Of the year,  
Like an auto  
Out of gear  
Coasting around  
Very friendly  
In this last  
And lonely  
Fly.  
Wants to  
Into secrets  
Underneath  
Your bald spot pry.  
Without coin  
Or cash or check  
Samples sections  
Of your neck.  
Then upon the  
Upper deck  
Plays high spy.  
When he pours  
Into  
Your ear  
His singing part,  
You have awful  
Thoughts of murder  
In your heart.  
Try your best  
On him to land  
When he lights  
Upon your hand.  
But you find  
He will not stand.  
He's too smart.

### No Advantage.



"Got a license for your dog?"  
"Have to have one."  
"Sure."  
"Pshaw! If he is going to be as much bother as that, I might as well have a husband."

Suggestions to a Superior.  
A battered looking individual who was evidently boycotting the barber shop and whose appearance would indicate that he had slept the night before by the wayside entered a passenger car and settled back in the yielding plush.

The train started, and the conductor came along. "Tickets."  
"Pardon me," said the battered one, "you do not appear to know me. I am president of this road, and while on a hunting trip in my private preserves I changed my clothes and forgot my pass."

"Awkward, isn't it?"  
"Yes, indeed."  
"Well," said the unfeeling conductor, reaching for the bell cord. "I guess you will have to walk back for it."

The Wrong Half.  
"He dreamed his uncle died and left him a large fortune."  
"Did the dream come true?"  
"Partly. He had an uncle who died a year or two later."

Preferable.  
"And then she has the artistic temperament."  
"Thanks, but I prefer the scrubstic."

Different Now.  
He used to call her love and dear; at least that's what she claims. Through wedded bliss keeps he to that. She says he calls her names.

### PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Aspiration has to be up and doing these days to reach as high as the cost of living.

Some people are always trying to do better; others just do better.

Probably the best thing about advice is that it is seldom followed.

Being truthful is comforting, but still it has its drawbacks.

Just singing about a crown of glory isn't sufficient to get it to come and perch upon your more or less luxuriant locks.

Generally speaking, the man who insists upon painting the town would be much more respectably and profitably engaged if he would limit his activities to his own house.

As a rule, when you please yourself you don't.

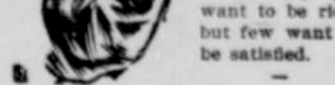
It is as easy to turn a man's head as it is to pick his pocket, and there are those who can turn both tricks at the same time.

Lots of people aim high who are too nervous to pull the trigger.

A good disposition is an excellent thing to have on hand.

A tailor's goose isn't a bad present to keep in touch with.

Lots of people want to be rich, but few want to be satisfied.



## OUR GOAT SHOW.

List of Premiums to be Offered for Blooded Animals.

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