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Too Late.
After a man gets into a hole it's surprising how many people could have told him what path he might have taken in order to avoid it.

Behold All Thieves.
In Yunnan, a country which lies east of Burma, the punishment for theft, even of a trivial character, is death by beheading.

Fumes Poison Hand.
The American Chemical society reports a case of paralysis of the hand caused by the poisonous fumes from a small gas heater.

Jan. 24 Is Date for Next Total Eclipse of Sun
Washington.—While no total eclipses of the sun are listed for this year, one of the best opportunities for observing a total shutout of Old Sol's face will be afforded the eastern part of the country early in the coming year, officials at the United States naval observatory here say.

On January 24, 1925, the sun will be in total eclipse. This will start at sunrise just beyond Lake Superior. Its path will be on into New York state and lower New England. Eastern New York and southern New England will be the best positions for the observations.

Another total eclipse will take place January 14, 1926. This will start in Africa, crossing the Indian ocean and the Island of Sumatra in the Dutch East Indies and the lower islands of the Philippines.

HE WAS MISTAKEN FOR A SPY

By H. M. EGBERT

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A SHOT, a cry, a general commotion and Leslie Durand was the center of an excited group. It was among the most sordid homes of the Italian district of the great city, and after dark. A week previous he had come into the section, primarily appointed by a common commission to ascertain the prospect of founding a community house. In addition to this, a newspaper had engaged him to write a series of articles on life in the ghetto-like district.

Durand had rented the suite of rooms over a cheap store. He was on his way home, when suddenly a loud report startled him. A hall of large shot showered past him. He ran to the spot where he had seen the flash—the mouth of an alley. No one was visible down its dim length, but near the street's mouth and the crowd quickly dispersed and a sawed-off shotgun, abandoned by the would-be assassin or excitement agitator, as the case might be.

"It is the vendetta!" was the surmise of an aged man. "Against whom?" It was challenged. "Ah, that is so—whom, indeed!" muttered the old man. Then, amid the babel of many Italian voices discussing the sensational episode, Durand quietly drew to the edge of the crowd.

His arm was touched gently as he started once more in the direction of home. He turned to see a man past middle age on crutches. Beside him was a girl of about eighteen. "Your hand is bleeding," he advised Durand.

"Why, so it is!" exclaimed the latter, for the first time noticing where one of the scattered leaden missiles had grazed the back of his fingers. "It is nothing, for I feel no pain," added Durand, carelessly.

"It should be attended to, nevertheless," returned the other seriously. "I am something of a surgeon, Mr. Durand. My little home is nearby—"

"Why, you know me?" observed Durand, wonderingly.

"By name and sight—oh, yes," was answered with a friendly smile. "In a little community like this every stranger is remarked."

Durand began wrapping a handkerchief about his hand. The young girl stepped forward to assist him. He knew not why, but the gentle touch of her dainty fingers, the look of interest in her clear blue eyes caused him to assent to the reiterated invitation of the old man, evidently her father, to visit their home and have his slight injury attended to.

It was a quaint little cottage far back from the street to which Durand was led. There was a neat glass sign on the door reading, "Prof. Gabriel Dubourg, Teacher of Piano and Violin." The front room was neatly furnished. There was an air of good taste and art all about the apartment.

"In our humble way, my daughter Lella and myself are quite favorites of the people about here," remarked the musician. "We know their ways. We feared that you—a stranger—"

Here the young girl cast a quick look upon her father, who, somewhat embarrassed, did not complete the sentence he had begun. Instead he locked the room door and hastily drew a small surgical case from a cabinet, but Durand said:

"See, it is a mere surface scratch on my hand."

"Yes, the abrasion is not severe, but—we must look for poison."

"Poison!" repeated Durand, with a start, and then he understood the insinuation. Doubtless the man who had fired the gun had sought to kill an enemy. Cases were not rare where poisoned missiles had been employed. Not for a moment had Durand suspected that the shot might have been meant for himself.

The professor applied a solution to the grazed member and bound it with a thin covering of gauze. Then they drifted into a pleasant conversation and Durand learned that the musician and his daughter were well posted in Italian dialects and received quite an income from writing and translating letters for their neighbors. As he thanked host and hostess for their kind attention and arose to go, the professor directed an uneasy and appealing look at his daughter.

"There were some little purchases you spoke of this afternoon," he offered to Lella. "She would be company for you on your way, Mr. Durand."

Lella flushed, but put on her hat. She accompanied Durand as far as a well-lighted, principal thoroughfare and then bade him good-night.

"I declare!" soliloquized Durand with a whimsical smile as he reached his room, what would my newspaper friends think if I were to tell them that a beautiful young lady actually saw me home!

The Dubourg family held a decided fascination for Durand and he called at their modest home two afternoons during the week following. The professor gave him much information that fitted into his newspaper stories. Lella enthralled him with her beauty and musical genius. One afternoon his stay lingered into the hours after dark. Again, as he arose to leave the hospitable roof, Lella had "some pur-

chases to make." As they neared his home a sudden enlightenment flooded Durand's mind.

"Miss Dubourg," he said, "can it be possible that you go to all this trouble from fear that I may come to harm?" Lella hesitated, faltered. Then she said:

"It is true. My father believes that shot in the dark was meant for you." "Oh, impossible!" exclaimed Durand. "What could be the motive? I am entirely friendly to these people."

"You have signed the name 'Zucchi' to your newspaper articles," spoke Lella.

"Yes, I picked up the name somewhere and have used it."

"You must change it."

"And why?" interrogated Durand in astonishment.

"My father and I know a great deal about our neighbors. It seems that a certain revolutionary set are suspecting that you are a spy. Your haphazard selection of that nom de plume has in their minds connected you with a hated and hunted detective known as Zucchi. Your life is in danger."

A tender glow overspread the young man's face as he realized the respect and interest Lella's words conveyed. He left her promising to find some way of setting himself right with the community the next day.

Durand noticed, as he approached the old building where he had leased living quarters, that the store below had moved from the premises that day. He attached no particular significance to this. Once upstairs he sat down to think, not of possible peril, but of Lella.

Suddenly there was a vivid flash of light, followed by a frightful detonation. The building rocked, every sash in the place was shattered.

Springing to his feet, Durand rushed to the window to see a shed structure in the next yard blown to atoms.

"Dynamite!" he breathed, and dashed down the stairs to the street. "Lella!" burst unrestrainedly from his lips as he saw, shrinking to the front of the building, the professor's daughter.

She was pale as death, her hands were clasped in pain. Then, just as he noticed that they were all blackened and burned, she fainted in his arms.

Those beautiful hands, all seared and scored for his dear sake—how he caressed them, when she lay, smiling proudly, fondly, under the care of her father.

She had followed two suspicious-looking trappers of Durand after he had let her that evening. She had reached the building just as they had set a lighted bomb in the hallway that might have blown the house to atoms. She had rushed at the missile of destruction and flung it into the next lot.

What had come of it all was love, pure and lasting. What came afterwards was the chime of merry wedding bells. The wild untamed revolutionary element were made aware of the real truth, and Durand and Lella had no more ardent well-wishers in the settlement.

Silly to Change Name; How We Get That Way

"D—n!" said William, throwing down the telephone book.

"My dear!" questioned his wife, raising her eyebrows very high indeed. "What is the matter?"

"They've got my name in wrong—another book doesn't come out for three months—d—n! I say."

She took the offending volume from him and smiled in an exasperating way. "I see nothing wrong with the name," said she. "In fact they have it just as I gave it to him."

He pushed back his hair with his hand and a dazed expression came over his countenance. Then she explained.

"All my life I've been tagged with perfectly undistinguished names," began she tragically. "I've had to say 'William' to you a dozen times an hour—I've been 'Mrs. William' or even 'Mrs. Billy.' Now we've moved and I made up my mind that so far as I can I shall choose my own names from now on."

"But—'Sylvester!'" wailed he—"Sylvester! What a mouthful—for a hundred per cent American!"

"Sylvester is a perfectly beautiful name," retorted she. "I suppose you can't sign your checks that way, but I've had all our calling cards marked 'Sylvester'—Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Smith—oh, if you only knew how my self-respect rises!"

"Think of Uncle William I was named after and what he will say to Sylvester when he hears! Think of any of the fellows I've known all my life turning up for over Sunday and discovering 'Sylvester'! Good Lord!" and the unfortunate man tore his hair.

MacMillan at Sydney.

Sydney, N. S.—The schooner Bowdoin, with the explorer, Captain Donald B. MacMillan, and seven companions aboard, arrived in this port safely Monday night on her way back to the United States after 15 months in the Arctic.

The vessel had been reported to have encountered a severe storm off this coast.

See Light Far at Sea. Rio de Janeiro is famed through South America for the abundance of brilliant illumination it has at night, and sailors report the glow from the lights may be seen as far as 100 miles out at sea.

Dress of Jap Women. The dress of Japanese women is regulated by their age and condition. One can tell at a glance, if one knows the rules, whether any woman is married or single, and how old she is.

World's Smallest Motor. A motor of French manufacture for attachment to an ordinary bicycle, is said to be the smallest motor in practical use. The cylinder has a stroke of only 2.2 inches and a bore of 2 inches.

Take Up Agriculture. More than 14,000 disabled World war veterans are taking courses in agriculture under the direction of the United States veterans' bureau.

Indians Use Finger Print. Indian chiefs in their dealings with the United States government now use the finger and thumb print instead of their witnessed mark. This applies only to those Indians who cannot read or write.

Oil Destroyed Birds. Thousands of game birds were needlessly destroyed every season at Las Vegas, Nev., by oil discharged on waters frequented by the birds, but a railway has remedied this condition.

Real Secret of Success. The secret of success lies in knowing how to make use not of what we have chosen, but of what is forced upon us.—Rev. J. L. Spaulding.

On the Quiet. Dear Old Lady—"In my day children were seen and not heard." Infant Flapper—"Well, I guess you got in a lot of dirty work on the quiet!"—Yale Record.

Stubbornness. "Hit ain't no cinch 't staid a bulky mawl," said Charcoal Eph, in a rambling mood, "but dat ain't nothin' 'tall, suh, 't changin' de mind of a woman who done got herse' sot."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Plans Weather Service. The Republic of Columbia is organizing a national weather service with headquarters at the observatory of Bogota.

Pupils Use Mirrors. The use of mirrors in schools in London has been recommended to promote self-pride and cleanliness.

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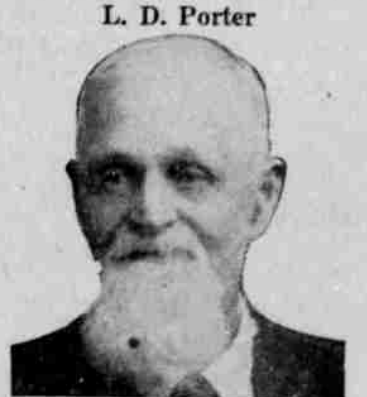
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Feminine Mystery 9999. Another of the feminine mysteries is the way a girl cat edge over nearer to the person she's talking to on the sofa without the slightest perceptible motion.—Ohio State Journal.

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