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THE MAN WITH A HEEL.

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James Dodd had been an employee of the house of Walfour & Co., the bond street diamond merchants, for a period of fourteen years before he was made assistant manager and given charge of the unset stones.

For two years after he had been given charge of the gems James Dodd was simply waiting. He meant to fill his pockets with plunder and skip. He was methodical and cold blooded. He would not make the mistake so many others had. He would make none at all. Step by step he prepared for the coup. He must change his looks, his gait and his voice. An actor taught him the art of appearing to be ten years older. Some one else taught him that by holding a peach stone in his mouth he could alter the tone of his voice. A housekeeper made him a shoe for a deformed foot, and for more than 300 nights he walked the streets with it. It gave him a limp and a lop shoulder. He tested these things in the severest way. In his disguise he went boldly into the store as a stranger and made purchases of men who had known him for years and years.

Three months before the affair was ripe James Dodd had his eye plan laid. He would not flee abroad, as others had done and been overhauled almost at once. He purchased a book-stall and five blocks away. He purchased an old house to live in. He secured a housekeeper. He had worn his wig a hundred times. The shoe for the deformed foot had a cavity in the heel. The diamonds hidden away there would always be at hand. Closing time one day the event came off. Uncut and unset diamonds to the amount of \$20,000 were carried home in his pocket. An hour later he had taken possession of his new quarters under another name.

The "diamond mystery" made a great sensation. The house believed in the honesty of its employee; the police believed he had skipped. Three or four days later a discussion, and then a reward was offered and the sleuths let loose. They telegraphed to every port in the empire. They gave notice to all the steamers that had sailed. They had not taken a train in every village on the watch. If Dodd had committed five cold blooded murders the hunt couldn't have been fiercer. It dragged into days and weeks and months. The diamond merchant and over in the press and in every police station and barroom in the land.

A young man who had lived a life beyond reproach for fourteen years walks out of the house where he has been employed, and disappears from the ken of men. He was not even seen to leave his boarding house that evening. No one saw him on the street. He had no good alibi on any sort of craft. He had not taken a train at any point within the empire. While he was directly in charge of the gems, the manager or either one of the partners had access to them. The detective figured it out that Dodd must surely be the guilty party, but a large element of the public shook their heads doubtfully and made comments that put others in embarrassing positions.

After six months the case was abandoned. It was the general opinion that Dodd was dead by accident or suicide. Meanwhile the bookstall flourished. Its only attendant day by day was Mr. Cooper, its owner. The only one to penetrate the old house behind it was the aged housekeeper, and she went to her own home at night. The public had been buying books of a certain man for years. One day he dropped out of sight and the man stood behind the counter. There was a moment of surprise at seeing him, a question or two, perhaps, at the other, and then business went on as usual. That's the way with the public. The old gods and the new comet. There were no newer or better books. There was no change in price. There was nothing to call for discussion.

Detectives loafed away a quarter of an hour at the stand. Employees of the house of Walfour & Co. turned up there almost daily. All sorts of men stopped there. For weeks Mr. Cooper heard his case discussed, but it was rarely that he had a cup of tea with a little girl twelve years old began to pass that way every day with her father's dinner. By and by she and Mr. Cooper began to nod and smile to each other. Sometimes she would stop and chat for a minute, and sometimes he handed her a penny. She told her father of these things, and he was wroth, but after walking around to understand one day did looking the man over he decided that there was no harm in him.

A year lacking a few days had gone by, and it was midwinter again, when one day as the girl passed the stand two dogs began fighting in her path. Mr. Cooper hurried out to kick them apart and make a safe passage for her, but in doing so he slipped and fell and rolled off the stand, with in front of a van and was run over. There were two or three minutes of excitement, and then he was taken away to the hospital, and the doctors found him already dead. Mr. Cooper was known by name, but of course his clothing was overlooked. As the shoe for the deformed foot was removed it was seen that the heel was turned a little. A minute's investigation revealed the fact that there was a cavity and in that cavity the diamonds stolen from the house in Bond street. The man had planned and plotted and dodged and waited, and yet it had been in vain. The verdict of the law had exposed him and lost him his life at one and the same moment. M. QUAD.

WHEN BEN CAME HOME.

By LESTER ROSE.
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Vesta sank wearily upon a shoe box and gazed forlornly about her. The last of the packing was accomplished. The last nail had been driven home into the shoe box, which contained the books that were to be kept out for the new home. The rest of the beloved library remained in the cases, gapes showing where the selections had been made.

The corner of the lower shelf had been the resting place of the blue and silver "Pilgrim's Progress" ever since Vesta could remember, a book to be taken out Sunday afternoons and carried to the gentle mother, who patiently explained time after time the meaning of the fascinating woodcuts.

There was, a very large gap where the encyclopedias had been. She had bought those with the eggs and butter money. As her eyes roamed over the partly filled cases she could fill every gap from memory.

And as it was with the books, so was it with the rest of the household belongings. Here and there a blank or remnant of some familiar object now stacked in the wood shed. Very little was to be shipped, for the way was far and freight rates were high. Tomorrow the neighbors would hang out the red flag. By nightfall the house would be emptied and its contents scattered through the farmhouses for miles around.

Tears came unbidden to Vesta's eyes as she looked about. Her earliest memories were of the homely living room with its rag carpet and the comfortable rocking chairs on either side of the stove in winter or standing in front of the north window in summer, when the double shades were taken down and the wind blew through the house, sending the leaves on the other side of the well kept fence.

It was the only home Vesta had ever known. It seemed to the tired girl that she could never learn to love another half so well. When she had been a child her mother's death Vesta had been shielded from all troubles. After she had come back from the little

burial ground on a hill she had found occupation and forgetfulness in her efforts to make her father forget his loss. She had even refused to marry Ben Folsom because she had considered it her duty to stay by her father and comfort him in his sorrow.

Ben had gone west and she was left more than ever alone. Then had come that terrible day, a year and a week after her mother's death, when her father had driven into the yard with Sable Connors, who had been teaching school over at the corners, and had announced his marriage.

Vesta tried to learn to love this second husband, as these were the ways of the antithesis of the woman whose place she took, but the new Mrs. Brewster had repudiated every advantage that the new home offered. She had married to get rid of the man who had treated the stepdaughter with scant courtesy.

The ways of the household were amended to suit her radical tastes. The old recipes were sent to the attic, the too old fashioned and two upholstered chairs were taken to the place. The other memorials of Vesta's mother quickly followed the rockers to the garret, and the house was completely changed in appearance, as were the occupants in their attitude toward each other.

And now even the old homestead was to be given up. The fertile farm was to be sold and the household goods to be auctioned off. Mrs. Brewster had decided that the northwest offered greater opportunities for her husband, and they were to move to Manitoba and start afresh in the wheat belt.

Mrs. Brewster bustled into the room. "Come and eat some supper," she commanded. "Don't sit there looking as though you were too weak to walk. I've done twice as much as you have today, and I got the supper, too, but I don't look half as tired as you do. Stop moaning here in the dark, and come out and have a cup of tea with me. I don't feel like eating," answered Vesta, the sobs rising in her throat. To this woman the abandonment of the home meant nothing. She could not understand what it meant to the girl.

Mrs. Brewster turned away. "You'll be hungry by and by," she said sharply. "There'll be some cold things in the pantry, but I'm not going to make any more tea."

TWO MINUTE SKETCHES

Giuseppe Garibaldi.
By ROBERTUS LOVE.

Garibaldi was always a filibuster, but he filibustered not in quest of loot or personal power, but for the good of his own country. That Italy is today a strong, united nation rather than a group of petty principalities or dependencies of other powers is due in very large measure to the inborn filibustering propensity of Giuseppe Garibaldi. Here was a man with a mission, and he could not be kept down. For half a century his soul was centered upon the unification and liberation of Italy, and for the greater part of that period he was fighting for his cause.

California grows a flower named the garibaldi because it is red. The followers of Garibaldi wore red as their distinctive color of garb. The "Garibaldi" red shirt, famous in history, stood for united Italy. It was the red badge of liberty through unification. Garibaldi, who was a sailor's son and grew to loving, became identified early in life with Mazzini and other leaders in the Young Italy movement. But the methods of Garibaldi were not those of Mazzini, who was unable to compromise by accepting unification of the Italian states under a monarch, so he insisted that he be for a republican government. Garibaldi also was a republican, but he was willing to accept a benevolent monarchy as a means to an end—the protection and development of the Italian people.

Condemned to death for his part in the earlier uprisings, Garibaldi escaped to France and thence to South America, where he presently found opportunity to continue his career as a warrior in opposition to tyranny. He fought for the new republic of Uruguay against the usurpation of the Argentine dictator. Then he made his way to the United States, an exile from home, earning his living as a maker of candles and declining the honor of a demonstration such as the American Giuseppe Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot. Back to Italy went Garibaldi when the time was ripe, raising band after band of followers, conquering the Neapolitan provinces in the cause of unification and finally, absolute master of Naples, relinquishing voluntarily to King Victor Emmanuel his own sovereignty for the good of Italy. There indeed, was a patriot with no price tag attached to his red shirt.

As usual, he complained that the biscuits were heavy, the coffee weak, the bacon burned, and so forth. His wife in the end looked up calmly from her letters. "Don't grow so over your breakfast," she said smilingly. "I'm going to take it away from you."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Etiquette of the Flag. The army regulations of the United States provide that the flag at every post shall be raised at reveille each morning and lowered each evening at sunset, while the soldiers stand at attention and the band plays "The Star Spangled Banner."

The flag is never left out overnight for any reason, except perhaps one. When a fort or military post is actually under fire from the enemy the flag may wave defiantly until hostilities are over. This was poetically exemplified in Key's immortal song, wherein one line has it: "Through the night our flag was still there."

At all army posts, moreover, there is a special storm flag, half as large as the regular post flag, which is flown in stormy and windy weather. Another regulation is that on all occasions when the flag is displayed at half mast it shall be lowered to that position from the top of the staff. It is hoisted to the top of the staff before it is finally lowered—Harper's Weekly.

Smoking in Clubs. The question of smoking was a burning one in the mid-nineteenth century, and it was not until 1845 that White's gave up a room to the use of balconies, so, in all clubs the smokers were relegated to the most dismal apartments. It was King Edward when Prince of Wales who broke through the tradition, and when White's refused to extend the accommodation for smokers, started the Marlborough, wherein smoking was permitted in every part of the house but the dining room.—London Chronicle.

The Knock-out Blow. The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the sport the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple or the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to weary and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had told one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, he'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing hope to the public a parallel fact; that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ of the body ring as well as in it. We protect our heads, throats, feet and lungs, but the stomach is utterly indifferent to us, until it enters the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Ayer's Compound. These are the only cures of "weak stomach," indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, bad and impure blood and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

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