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His Heart's Desire

By SIR WALTER BESANT

CHAPTER III.
"When you think," said the mate, looking about him with a frown, "that we shall do no business here?"
He was a young fellow of two-and-twenty or so, a frank and honest-looking sailor, though his features were that of a cunning kidnaper. He was armed with a revolver, ready to hand, and a cut-throat razor at his side. Behind him were four sailors, also armed, in readiness for an attack. For Polynesian are treacherous. But there were no islanders in sight, only two European-looking men, dressed in fantastic imitation of the natives, and the other, apparently an ordinary beachcomber, quite out of luck, ragged, dejected and haggard. A little way off the land lay the schooner. His business was to elicit, kidnap, procure or secure, by any means in the power of the captain and the crew, as many natives as the ship would hold, and to bring them to North Queensland, where they would be hired out to plant rice.

"It is an unlucky voyage," said the mate, gazing earnestly at the two men before him, whose appearance and the contrast between them puzzled him. "Two months out and five weeks back, no business done. Say, how did you come here?"
"For my part," said the German, "I am a naturalist. I make butterflies my special study. I have, I believe, captured only unknown specimens. If I succeed in getting them to Europe, that my name will be certainly remembered in scientific history as one of those who have advanced knowledge. Can any man ask more?"
"How did you get such a big man?"
"I am a linguist," the Baron Sergius von Holstein went on to explain, "as well as a naturalist. I therefore learned the language before landing here, having found a native or two of New Ireland in the mission of the Duke of York Island. It is a great thing to know how to talk with these black children. I am also a surgeon and a physician, so that I can heal their wounds and their diseases when they get any. You see, further, that I am bigger than most men. I am also thorough. I adopted their dress, at least some of it, and therefore being able to talk to them, I landed among them without fear. When they came round me with their spears I shouted to them down from the ship. And as I know a little predestination and conjuring, and am a bit of a ventriloquist, I am from time to time able to work a few of the simplest miracles, so that they readily believe me."

"How long are you going to stay here?"
"I know not; New Ireland is rich in new species, but I shall have to stop as soon as my means of collection and description come to an end. When that day comes I shall be glad to see a ship that it will not be yet."
"They may kill you," said the mate.
"It is possible," the Baron shrugged his tall shoulders.
"Have you no arms?" and my reputation for magic and sorcery."
"And how do you live?"
"The people bring me food every day with horrible misfortunes, as they very well know. I should tell them that in three days such a man would be dead and then it would be that man's duty to go away and die in fulfillment of prophecy. I suppose his friends would never speak to him again if he refused to fulfill the words of the prophet, so great is their faith. They bring me the strips of canvas for their milk; there are fish of every kind in the sea, which they net and spear for me; there are kangaroos, and cassowary on the hills, which they hunt and bring me. There are birds which they shoot for me; there are mangoes, bread-fruit, bananas, yams, sweet potatoes. I assure you we feed very well. Don't we, David?" He laid his hand on the other man's shoulder.
"We have also tobacco. There is, however, a very little of it," David, don't you run on the subject."
"Is your—your—chum also worshiped?" asked the mate, regarding David with an obvious decrease of interest.
"No; David is recognized as of inferior clay. This poor fellow was wrecked upon the island; he came ashore on a plank the rest of the ship's crew and passengers having given indignation to the sharks. He is not happy here, and he would like you to take him off the island."
"Yes," said David, eagerly, but still in his slow way, "anywhere, so that I can only get to my England."
"He was just getting off a plank and the people were preparing to receive him joyfully, warmly, and hospitably after their fashion; that is to say, into their pots—they have a beautiful method of cooking in a kind of sunken pot, which would greatly interest you if you were a captive and expecting your turn—when I fortunately arrived, and succeeded, by promising an eclipse if I was obeyed, in saving him. The natives came in good time; but I had forgiven the people for their momentary mutiny, and I asserted my power for ever. So long as David sticks close to me now he is safe, if he leaves me, his end is certain. But he is no use to me, and for certain reasons I should very much prefer that he was gone. Will you take him?"
"The ship doesn't carry passengers," said the mate, "besides, and you can trust him not to make mischief. I will pay for him if you like."
"What does he want to go home for?" asked the mate, doubtfully. Indeed, the appearance of the man did not warrant the belief that he would be welcomed by his friends.
"He has to pay a pilgrimage; he has to deliver a message before a magistrate, and to be subsequently elevated to a post of great distinction," said the mate.
"Humph!" said the mate. "He looks as if he'd done something. Better keep him in these latitudes, stronger, when no one asks and no one cares. But about his fare; who's to pay his passage and his grub, if we take him?"
"You will return some time to Queensland. Take or send this note." He took his note book, tore off half a leaf, and wrote a few words upon it. "Send this note to Messrs. Hengstenberg & Company, Sydney. Tell them where you got it, and they will give you £20 for it, and will thank you into the bargain for letting them know that so far, the Baron Sergius von Holstein is safe. If there is any money left after paying for your passage, give it to this poor fellow. He is not such a bad fellow, though he looks so miserable, unless he begins to rattle in you. When he does that, lock

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Portsmouth, Aug. 15.—Although very rapid progress was made with the peace negotiations yesterday, three of the 12 articles which constitute the Japanese conditions of peace have been agreed to by Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen on behalf of Russia, neither of the two articles to which Mr. Witte in his reply returned an absolute negative was reached. The crisis, therefore, is still to come. It may be reached today, as the cessation of Sakhalin comes first in the list. The three "articles found," as they are officially designated in the brief communications authorized to be given to the press, which were disposed of yesterday, are in substance as follows:

First—Russia's recognition of Japan's "preponderant influence" and special position in Korea, which Russia heretofore agrees is outside of her sphere of influence. Japan binding herself to recognize the suzerainty of the reigning family, but with the right to give advice and assistance to improve the civil administration of the empire.

Second—Mutual obligation to evacuate Manchuria, each to surrender all special privileges in that province, mutual obligation to respect the "territorial integrity" of China and to maintain the principle of equal rights of all nations to that province (the speaker).

Third—The cession to China of the Chinese Eastern railway from Harbin southward.

There was never any question about the acceptance on the part of Mr. Witte of these articles, the first two covering in more emphatic form the contents of Japan's "12 conditions" which constituted the Japanese ultimatum.

Being from the North, it was utterly impossible for the visitor to comprehend how the "condition" of equal rights of all nations to that province (the speaker) was so completely as to fairly wear away a pink silk kimono, all folds of billowy lace. However, her ears were soon to be opened and her eyes made to see, for just then the mother of the friend's laundress came into the room and asked for the weekly wash. She was a beaming old black "mammy" and sat down familiarly on a low stool, and asked for the weekly wash. She was a beaming old black "mammy" and sat down familiarly on a low stool, and asked for the weekly wash.

THE VIRGINIA DIPLOMACY.
With a Real Little Colored Woman Gets What She Wants.

There is a certain young married woman in Washington who has a charming little colored woman for an apartment house. She was born and reared in Virginia, and, consequently, sets great store by the colored race from her own particular state, says the Washington Star. She maintains that it is her duty to help the colored people, and she is always particularly diligent when they are in need. She is the most efficient help, and her servants are always from the Old Dominion.

There are others. Gyer—I understand Geyer has spent more than \$5,000 during the last year in a vain effort to acquire knowledge. Myer—Yain effort? Gyer—Yes; he's a student of racing form.

SKIN DISEASES

SPEAK FOR THE BLOOD

Skin Diseases speak for the blood and tell of the acid-laden, poisonous condition of that vital fluid, and of its effort to throw off and rid the system of the poisons and waste matters that have accumulated in it. Eczema, Tetter, Acne, Salt Rheum, Psoriasis, Boils and diseases of this type are all caused by a weakened and polluted blood circulation, and though they may have lain dormant in the system during the cold weather, at the coming of Spring and Summer, when the blood is reacting and making extra efforts to expel all the poisons and waste matters that have accumulated in it, they break out in a more violent and more extensive manner, and though they make their appearance, with a type of Eczema, I consulted several physicians and used several external applications, External remedies cannot curing but slight temporary relief. I decided to cure; they soothe and give temporary relief, but often clog the pores and glands, and the poison causing the trouble is thus shut up in the system to break out afresh later on. S. S. S., a purely vegetable blood remedy, cures all skin diseases by going down into the circulation, driving out all poisons and waste matters, strengthening the blood, leaving the skin soft and smooth, and building up the entire system by its tonic effect. S. S. S. cures Nettle Rash, Poison Oak and all skin diseases that enter the system through the pores and glands, as well as those that have their origin in the blood. Book on Skin Diseases and any advice wished, without charge. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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These are Captain Charles H. Ingram, in charge of New England work, stationed at Boston, and C. H. Burg, who has had a section of the Southwest under his charge and has been located in Texas. The names of the other two agents could not be learned today.

Car Builders Combine.
Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—Eight hundred of the heads of the largest firms in the country have engaged rooms in a local hotel for the second week in September for a convention that is looked forward to with hope by the business men as being the possible forerunner of one of the greatest consolidations of recent years. It is an open secret that numerous conferences have been held during the last six months and that by absorbing works at St. Louis and Elizabethport, a beginning has been made toward a general consolidation.

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Volcano in Nevada.
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