

HOLY LAND.

This is the mark he walked on, not alone
That Asian country, toward the sacred plain.

I had breakfasted with the colonel at his club, one of those dreary, large establishments which remind you of an overcrowded cemetery.

"Suppose we get out of this," said the Colonel, "briefly as he regarded the street from the broad club window."

"Where to?" said I. "Paris," he said laconically. "Done," said I.

"I saw then there was a history in the bag, and said, 'Why?' 'It isn't a long story, but may keep you awake. I'll tell you about it."

"I established my laboratory outside of Versailles and went to work with a will. In my experiments, however, I found myself all at once out of nitrogen."

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"That night I took the club train to London, and next morning at 10 o'clock found me at the chief's office. I presented my letter and stated what I wanted."

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"At last the chief said that, in accordance with articles 50 and 50, sections this and that of the office rules, he would be reluctantly compelled to refuse my request."

"Then I got tired. 'I told the chief I wanted the explosive and meant to get it. 'But you can't,' said he. 'I will,' said I, 'and carry it through London too, whether you like it or no.' 'Well see,' said Majendie. 'You will see,' said I, and I left him."

"That night when I walked home to my chambers I felt rather discouraged. There was ten pounds of nitroglycerin which I must have, and Lord only knows how many people Majendie might put in the way of my securing it. I wandered about London aimlessly for a week, and at last, when just about to despair, luck turned. Near Birmingham I heard a company had been formed to work a mine and used explosives."

"I took the next train from London and went there. There was a little village near the place, and from it I drove out to the works. I shall never forget it. When I got to the mine I met a hungry looking man, who asked me roughly what I wanted. I saw he was the person I was after."

"Come one side, I said. 'You use dynamite here?' 'Yes, for explosives.' 'Do you want more?' 'Yes.' 'Then get me ten pounds of nitroglycerin if you can.' 'I gave him the money and he put it in his pocket.' 'Wait here,' was all he said. 'That evening I drove back to the little country hotel with my treasure in the Gladstone bag. I put it in the room, locked the door and slept outside, for

I know the fumes of the nitric acid would escape through the bag. In the morning I got up early and took the train for London with my precious cargo. At London it took but a short time to rush into a compartment of the Paris express, which was just departing."

"Here my real trouble began. I put my precious bag on the frame in front of me. The carriage was crowded, and I began to doze after the train started. Suddenly I looked up. A fellow passenger had seized the bag and was about to throw it to the floor to make room for some of his own luggage. Luckily I seized it in time. If I hadn't—well, I wouldn't have been here now to tell the story."

"After the train had progressed half way to Dover one man in the compartment said: 'D—n this railway service. Here I got a headache, the first in my life, through the ventilation. Another also complained of a headache, and by the time we reached Dover there were seven very ill men in the compartment.' 'I was ill, too, but I knew the cause. It was the fumes of nitroglycerin.' 'At Dover as we got on the boat there was another narrow escape. A stupid porter seized the Gladstone bag and tried to balance it on his head. I rescued it in time.' 'We got aboard the boat at Calais all right, and I sat pensively watching that infernal bag, which rested quietly, as if it had not been filled with dynamite enough to blow up the ship, within ten feet of me. The passage, thank heaven, was smooth, but I felt pretty well done up. I left the bag and walked down into the cabin thinking of the custom house officers who were awaiting us on the other side. At last I saw a man—an interpreter, a Frenchman—and I decided to make him help me. I sat down in the cabin and began to weep—it isn't hard if you know how. He said, 'Does monsieur require anything?' I looked up, wiped away my tears and told him my sorrow."

"It was to the effect that my wife was dying in Paris. She had telegraphed me, and I was about to soothe her last moments by my presence. He became immediately interested and begged me to cheer up. I agreed to do so on condition that he would join me in a bottle of champagne, which he did gladly. As we walked I slipped two Napoleons into his hand and said: 'Now, I want to get away quick on the first train. I've nothing but a satchel, and don't want to be detained by the customs house at Calais. Can you arrange matters? He swore that he would and kept his word. When the boat landed my satchel was carried triumphantly ashore on the shoulders of my friend, the interpreter, and I passed the customs house without a moment's delay.' 'And so we went to Paris—the Gladstone bag, filled with nitroglycerin, and myself—and in course of time arrived at the Gare de Nord. I hailed a passing cab and directed the driver to my address, but cautioned him to avoid the rough streets on the journey. Like all Parisian hackmen, he did just the opposite till I stopped him. 'My friend,' said I, 'do you know what's in that satchel you have between your legs on the box? Well, sir, there's enough dynamite to blow your whole outfit to the devil, and if you don't drive quieter the chances are against you. You never saw a more careful driver after that in your life.' 'Finally, I arrived at my rooms, and the next day got up early (for I was beginning to get afraid of that infernal satchel by this time myself) and went to Versailles, where I stored the stuff safely in my laboratory and exploded it at my leisure.' 'I wrote to Majendie in London afterward, telling of my success, and received a short reply saying that I ought to be in jail this minute. 'Funny, isn't it, these English officials have no sense of humor?' 'And here the colonel lit another cigar, while I watched the Gladstone bag reflectively.—Philadelphia Times.

Late Comers to Church in New Clothes. The following notice has been distributed in the pews of a Massachusetts church: "It may not be inappropriate to call the attention of the audience to the bad habit they have fallen into of watching people who come in late, especially those who have new clothes. These late comers are modest people and it must be a serious annoyance to have their raiment made a subject of remark. They wear it unconsciously and prefer that you would not notice them. The Sunday services are at 10:30 and 7:00 for the benefit of all who desire to spend an hour in worship, but for all those who have recently visited the tailor and milliner and dressmaker the morning service begins anywhere from 10:30 to 11, and the evening service at 7:50. For the benefit of the very tardy ones the announcement is hereby made that the benediction will be the only portion of the service in which they are respectfully invited to participate."—Exchange.

Black Bucks of India. The black buck of India is a very graceful animal, weighing between thirty and fifty pounds. The hide of the male, when full grown is of inky blackness on the back, while the belly is as white as snow, the contrast being very striking. The horns are black and spiral in shape, and in length average about eighteen inches, although they have been known to reach twenty-six inches. The animals are usually found in herds, and are difficult to approach on foot, as the bucks toss their heads in the air from time to time in a very graceful manner, and some of them are almost sure to detect any attempt at stalking.—St. Nicholas.

THE FOUNTAIN HEAD OF STRENGTH

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"Isn't there something the matter with the feet in this poem?" said the editor. "Sir," replied the laughing man who stood by his desk, "I'm a poet, not a chiropodist."

KIDNEY TROUBLE. Some most excruciating pain comes from derangement of the kidneys. This is the testimony of Senator Henry C. Nelson of New York as to the value of ALCOCK'S PODOUR PLASTER in such cases: "On the 27th of February, 1888, I was taken with a violent pain in the region of the kidneys. I suffered such agony that I could hardly stand up. As soon as possible I applied two ALCOCK'S PODOUR PLASTERS, one over each kidney, and lay down. In an hour, to my surprise and delight, the pain had vanished and I was well. I wore the plaster for a day or two as a precaution, and then removed them. I have been using ALCOCK'S PODOUR PLASTER in my family for the last ten years, and have always found them the quickest and best remedy for colds, strains and rheumatic affections. From my experience I believe they are the best plaster in the world."

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