

# Is the Glamour of Sudden Wealth and Fame Worth the Price?

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tories, he met Georges Carpentier, at that time world's light-heavy-weight champion. His knockout of the popular war ace in the sixth round of their great battle brought him into international prominence.

His early life in Paris had been that of a rather poor gamblin of the streets, and the years that followed failed to change his nature. He loved to pick a street brawl simply to display his strength and power, and when he was caught, paid his fine smilingly and went straight to another fight.

His sudden rise to pugilistic fame was as much a surprise to himself as to the entire world. The sudden wealth, the glory and the glamor of it all, went immediately to his head.

He was a picturesque fighter, and liked nothing better than to toy with his opponents until the last round, and then theatrically knock them out. He boasted that he trained on high life, and wine, and women, and song, and no one doubted his assertions.

He was in the midst of receiving fabulous offers for projected fights both here and abroad, when he was suddenly suspended by the French Boxing Federation for a ringside fight that wasn't on the program.

Siki grew furious when the suspension was not lifted at once, and decided to cause a furore by letting the public in on a few boxing secrets.

First, he charged that the fight with Carpentier had been "framed," and that certain gamblers had paid secretly and heavily in order that they could collect the huge stakes. Carpentier and his manager, Deschamps, vigorously denied the charges and a subsequent investigation failed to substantiate them, in spite of the fact that the referee voiced his belief that the fight was "not on the level."

The commission then took steps to deprive him of the titles which he had won from Carpentier. He was now in disfavor both in England and America, where projected bouts in which he was to appear, were barred.

Still fighting his way through, he came to America, where he planned a barnstorming tour of the theatres. There were three other fighters in the little troupe; the others were white. The first week's engagement at the Lafayette Theatre in New York went over fairly well, and he had been booked to play the Howard Theatre for the week after the next, with a week for a Christmas holiday.

It was Monday night, just a few days before Christmas. He went out, telling his wife, the former Lillian Werner, whom he had married in spite of the fact that he had a common-law wife in Netherlands, that he was going to "talk with some of the boys for a while."

Mrs. Siki went to a movie, and returned home about eleven o'clock. She retired, as it was nothing unusual for the fighter to reach home in the early hours of the morning.

About midnight, Patrolman Meehan greeted Siki, whom he recognized from his newspaper pictures. He saw the pugilist enter a restaurant.

Four hours later, Meehan made his early morning round of that section. It was dark and still, except for the whistle of the wind through the canyon of tall tenements.

Then it was that the policeman stumbled over something—something soft and yielding. It was Siki!

For weeks the detectives tried to piece together the story, but Hariem has a way of going mum on occasions. No one admitted having seen the glove slinger after Meehan had passed him at midnight. No one had heard the two shots. No one had stumbled over the body. There were no marks of violence. The gun, found in the gutter, yielded no fingerprints.

The detectives were stumped, and still are. Siki's murderer has never been convicted.

Perhaps some day the story will come out. It will be interesting the way in which the guilty party eluded the entire New York police force for so long. But, until that day, the murder of the great Negro fighter will remain in the category of "unsolved murder mysteries."

# THOSE SAVED PENNIES

By BETTY BARCLAY

Exclusively for the Illustrated Feature Section

An old couple of eighty years were anxious to celebrate sixty years of wedded bliss by inviting children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren to their home.

There were over forty relatives in and around the old home site and the old gentleman shook his head as he thought of the expense involved.

But not so the old lady. On their wedding night she had noticed a crack between the flooring of their bedroom, and had dropped a penny down this crack "for luck" as she

in sickness or in health, whether money was scarce or plentiful, another penny had followed after the first.

With a smile she pried up the flooring and began to scoop up the accumulated pennies until she had a heap which kept dad counting for hours. There were 21,915 pennies, in fact—or \$219.15 in actual cash. This was far more than enough to stage the celebration they had in mind.

Does not this give us a lesson? Suppose the penny had been a dime.

called it. Every night from then on, they would have had over \$2,000 in cash from this ten cents a day saved; or if they had deposited the money in a bank, they would probably have had at least \$5,000 by adding the accumulated interest.

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