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some back to her shed of the husk of sin and selfishness. And so when he spened his eyes he looked into Ea-ther's, and they both read what their could not utter-forgiveness, love

They bore Arthur back to the gypsy samp near by in wondering silence, and then Esther relieved the gypsy woman watching by the side of Ha-par and whispered to the dying wom-A smile transfigured the wan face Hagar. "I know the good news you



dear sen, is here!" Prescient in the face of death, Hagar

also knew that the husk of evil had fallen from Arthur and that the wings of the morning had wafted elean

He leaned his head against that loving, tired breast and knew-full, deep and satisfying-that a mother's prayer was indeed a charm against harm. above all diamonds!

In those few moments of deep rap re Hagar realized at last that all her sorrows and sacrifices had not been in vain. Her son, parted from her since his birth hour, was in her arms at last-the man she had always hoped that he would grow to be.

She laid Esther's hand in his and breathed a final blessing upon these two she loved above att else. And so this gentle, yet strong, heroic soul

passed to its reward.

This was the news that Quabba came sadiy back to find. This was the news that wrenched his faithful, humble soul. But Esther and Arthur did not weep. They felt that Hagar had passed in joy beyond comprehen-sion, and Eather had no cause for tears, and Arthur had cause too deep

They gazed upon the calm face of Hagar hand is hand while Arthur pledged his vows again to be whole of heart and body as the dead would

After Hagar had been laid to rest be gypsies, led by Arthur, new call-ing himself by the name of Harding, ournieyed on back to fair Virginia to helr mountain rendezvous in the Blue

The journey was long end slow and yet a happy one for the fond lovers. As M, in truth, the evil husk had fallen from him in the plunge from the clouds that Blair's treacherous tampering with the aeroplane had caused. Arthur had found the drug addiction and its desire pass from him.

CHAPTER LVII.

mounted the stairway of the wind and ridden upon the wings of the morn ing, without fear and without hope.

He had deait with destiny and had won. By some miracle of the com-monplace the falling aeroplane had struck a low, thick, sturdy tree, and the man plunging to death had been thrown up into the canvas wing of the bird machine, and so, save that he was stunned by the jar, had escaped un-

The wondering gypsies chafed his hands and brow, one put a brandy flask to his lips and forced a few of its fiery drops between the clinches

All the while Esther held his head upon her lap and a great joy filled her being, for she knew he lived and had



grew bright; his tanned face glowed with happiness, and ever through the sun and shade Esther, his beloved, by his side, her tender hand in

So, while these happy lovers jour across a nation's breadth with the simple gypsy folk, how fares it with he great of earth?

How fares it with Blair Stanley and his fair wife, who was Vivian Mars-

ton? Have they not everything their bearts have long desired? They have the wealth of John Pow-ell, for Blair was next of kin when it was proved the supposedly dead John Powell was Arthus Stanley, fu-gitive. They have the diamond from the sky and the Stanley earldom, for to these things long desired Blair also

is heir as next of kin.

And Luke Lovell, with a face crush ed beyond recognition, lies in a west-ern graveyard with the name of Ar

thur Stan'er on his temb.

The physicians who examined the dead man knew nothing of the drug addictions of John Powell. They ought for no marks of these. The wounds and scars on Luke's body from his escare from prison and other hard knocks he had endured were believed to be the marks of injuries that Arthur Stanley, alfas John Powell, had sustained in the brawl and riot at his mines that had for a while incapaci-tated him, such time as he had been under the are of the dead Durand. posing as his private physician. Blair and Vivien shaned proximity to the dead nor locked upon the crushed encoffined form again.

Then before Blake, the detective, or the Bloom, the Richmond gambler, the first derining justice should be done and the latter desiring the diadone and the latter desiring the dia-mond from the sky, could make a move Extractal Vivian had crossed the continent from Los Angeles and had

walled in authorsty to strike. Biake and Abe fil am had been in too many tires to be to any no tion to proke on open demand on Blatr for the distroyed, which had been promined him in the bargain for his

So Elair and Vivian journeyed to London and were received, with some ill grace, by Marmadake Smythe, for a lifetime soli for and family lawyer to the earls of atmiley.

But Martinduke Smythe did his duty as he saw it. He had a!! the creden tials, and in the time Blair was in ducted into the house of lords. This brief and cornewhat bald ceremony was not at all satisfying to the luxury and display loving Vivian.

She had not in the peeress' gallery in ordinary afternoon attire and ha een Blair fairoduced to the lord chan cellor by a fat and stupid old baro of the realist whom Smythe had se cured to be Blair's sponsor.

The robes on earl wears at his in-troduction to the house of lords and at sittings of parliament are neither

It was the first bitterness to Vivian who had inaugisted an occasion of great splendor. Histir were an ordinary morning suit under his robes, for it was the custom, Smythe had assure them, and when one is a peer one must do everything according to cus

Then when Vivian and Blair wer to be presented at court, which mean something more satisfying in costum and ceremony, King Edward VII. died and King George V. reigned in his stead. There was the usual period of mourning and no royal drawing room

mourning and no toys in which the until after the coronation.

The coronation! That was worth the walting, for it meant the only occasion a peer and his noble lady may wear their coronatis and the more graceful and beautiful coronation robes.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of Trust executed by J.-H. Wood, Jr., and wife Naomi S. Wood to Ben T. Holden, Trustee, on the 23rd day of December 1914, and duly recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds of December 1914, and duly recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds of Franklin county, In Book 193; at page 145, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and demand made upon me to foreclose as in said Deed of Trust provided, I, the undersigned Trustee will on the 21st day of Feb. 1916 at 12 o'clock M., at the courthouse door in Louisburg, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate, situated in Cedar Rock township, Franklin county and described as follows:

FIRST TRACT. Bounded on the North by the lands of Buck Collins; on the East by the lands of J. J. May; on the South by the rands of W. I. Stallings and on the West by Stallings, containing fifty acres.

SECOND TRACT. Bounded on the North by the lands of Mrs. Anna Wood's estate; on the East by W. 1 Stallings; on the South by the lands of J. W. Vallentine and on the West by the lands o' Mrs. Nacmi S. Wood, containing 23 1-3 acres more or less.

HIRD-TRACT. Bounded on the North by the lands of Mrs. Naomi S. Wood and Willie Wood; on the East by Mrs. Naomi S. Wood and Willie Wood; on the South by Mrs. Naomi S. Wood; on the South by Mrs. Naomi S. Wood; on the South

Wood and Willie Wood; on the East by Mrs. Naomi S. Wood; on the South by the Greenleaf-Johnson Lumber Co. and on the West by the lands

seres, known as the War tract.
FOURTH TRA Bounded on the North the ands of Percy Gupton; on the East by the lands of Mrs. Naomi S. Wood; on the South by W. O. Stone and on the West by Mrs. Bettie Tucker, containing 35 acres.
The last three tracts adjoining each other and constituting the home place now occupied by J. H. Wood, Jr., and wife. This the 19th day of January, 1916.

BEN T. HOLDEN. acres, known as the

BEN T. HOLDEN,

Notice

North Carolina, Franklin county. The undersigned, having been appoint-ed and duly qualified as administraed and duly qualified as administra-tor of the estate of Sarah J. Preddy, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are requested to exhibit the same before him on or before the 10th day of February, 1917, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immed-iate payment. This February 1.

ISTRESS of Stanley Hall,
Esther, my wife to be, I
salute you!" said Arthur in
deep carnestness as he drew
Esther to him. "Too long have you been BLAND G. MITCHELL,
Administrator of Sarah J. Preddy
eccased. 2-4-6t.

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my body shall be called to the English earldom of the Stanleys!"

So while Vivian and Blair are busy

with court tailors and court dressmakers and are feverishly preparing for the glories they are to be part of, and while day by day the suspicion and distrast between them and Marmaduke Smythe grow in intensity, let us return to America and to the grows follows.

to America and to the gypsy folk.

The gypsies had reached Virginia and

the neighborhood of Fairfax. The car-avan moved on under the leadership

falling to decay. Weeds rankled on the once well kept lawns and dower

A weather stained, discolored sign, "For Rent." hung by rusty nails to one of the great pillars. A whippoorwill

CHAPTER LVIII. King Arthur Marries Queen Esther.

cheated of your birthright. I am not guilty of any wrong except to you, and

you have forgiven me. Blair Stanley is guilty of the death of Dr. Lee, and I feel sure that Blake has the proofs.

The time has come when, for your sake, the truth must be known, and you must take your place in this stately home of your people where I dwalf.

home of your people, where I dwelt tions of the dead and to augment their

Esther shuddered and threw herself

into his arms. "No. Arthur!" she cried.
"I have never been happy here! Let the

dead and their secrets rest in the grave. "Rich and of position, you know no happiness, nor would I. It was not your dying mother's wish, I know.

clearly. All she desired was that we should be happy together.

"When last within this gloomy house

with her I asked for a sign, and it was

given to me. And I repeat this to you

feuds and hatreds."

Skirting around Fairfax, Arthur and Esther rode in the twilight and stood at the portals of Stanley Hall. The place was barred and bolted and fast

of Quabba.



where thou lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God."

And as the twilight turned to dark ness these two rode away from Stan lay hall to dwell unknown, obscure among the simple gypsy loved them.

Here the astute T nd here he brot