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LUKE HAMMOND, THE MISER.

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CHAPTER XX.

Main text of the story 'LUKE HAMMOND, THE MISER.' starting with 'JOHN MARKS TELLS A SECRET. Midnight found Hammond in a fever of impatience...' and ending with 'I am ready, now to do it,' said Luke; and then rapidly told of his two prisoners in the eastern wing.

Continuation of the story text, starting with 'To get some one to personate me,' said Hammond; and to-morrow suffer him to introduce Harriet Foss to the pretended Luke Hammond as his father...



A Model Good Road.

An experiment in good road building that will prove of practical benefit to the State is the model dirt road which was built by the Government experts, Messrs. Harrison and Sheets, through the Louisiana State University campus.

School of Road Building.

It is announced that the Iowa State Highway Commission will conduct the first good roads school in America at Ames, the Good Roads' Association has wisely decided to hold its annual meeting simultaneously with this session...

Water the Greatest foe.

All practice and experience have clearly proven that the greatest foe to good roads is water. The drainage of improved roads is, therefore, one of the first principles of road construction...

Increases Land Values.

With first-class roads, over which two horses can draw two tons in a two-horse wagon 365 days in the year, irrespective of weather conditions, the land fifteen miles from town would be worth as much as it is now two miles away.

Reaches Our Islands.

The good roads movement is reaching Cuba, Hawaii and Porto Rico.

Source of Pride and Profit.

A creditable public highway, owned and controlled by the people, could harm no one and would be a source of pride and profit to every class.

Away From the Bush.

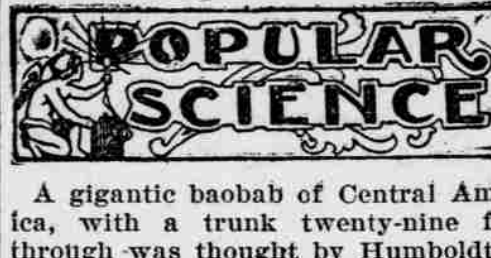
"If you want to see real country life come with me and I'll show it to you, and within fifteen minutes' journey, I'll remark a friend of mine.

Human Hair Industry.

In the rural districts of France the human hair industry is very active. The average price given for a full, long head of hair is from two dollars to two dollars and sixty-five cents for the best quality and color.

Easy Fishing.

Catching fish by hand is becoming a great sport on the Auxvusse. The method is to feel under the roots of trees overhanging the water, under old logs, rock heaps, etc., until Mr. Fish is located, when it is a comparatively easy matter to run one's hand into his gills and pull him from the water.



A gigantic baobab of Central America, with a trunk twenty-nine feet through was thought by Humboldt to be not less than 5150 years old.

The Murray system of printing by telegraph has been used by the British postoffice with great advantage. The German postoffice has been giving it a prolonged trial, and the Russian postoffice has just given an order for the apparatus.

Mexican botanists believe they have now discovered a life span even greater than this, and from the annual rings a cypress of Chepultepec, whose trunk is 118 feet in circumference, is assigned an age of about sixty-two hundred years.

A Boston scientist says that hypnotism can develop only natural instincts and the best hypnotist in the world cannot make a really moral person do wrong. From experiments he has made he believes that seventy-five per cent. of the human race, if unrestrained by family pride and other life considerations, would steal.

A Viennese naturalist declares that nearly all reptiles that die from natural causes close their lives between midnight and morning and fewer still in day light. Most reptiles seem aware of their approaching death, seeking out particular places and there awaiting the end, while those whose lives are spent underground come to the surface before death.

It was recently demonstrated before the Society of Biology at Paris that the ancient custom of burning such substances as sugar, resin and certain aromatic plants for fumigation and disinfection was of considerable value, as these materials gave off vapors with antiseptic properties which made them most useful germicides. This is due to a large amount of formaldehyde in the vapors, and it was found that when two grams (thirty-one grains) of sugar were burned in a bell glass of twelve liters capacity, objects infected with the bacillus coli, bacillus typhosus, the vibrio of cholera, the bacillus tuberculosis, and other pathogenic germs were destroyed within half an hour.

In a recent address Professor H. F. Osborn gave some additional facts about ancient American horses. It appears that in North America there were always from four to six entirely different varieties of the horse family, living contemporaneously. Some were slow moving and relatively broad-footed horses, living in the forests; others were very swift, having narrow feet more resembling those of the deer, and lived on the plains. Moreover, there were American horses larger than the huge Percherons of to-day, and others smaller than the most diminutive Shetlands. Strangely enough, the greatest beauty and variety in the development of the horse family were exhibited here just before the total extinction of horses on the American continent, a catastrophe which still offers an unsolved problem for investigation.

AGAINST FREAK NEWSPAPERS.

Significance of Recent Decision of Post-office Department. In their struggle for business some newspapers have found it necessary to bolster up indifferent publications by the addition of calendars, sheet music, patterns, blocks of postal cards, cut-out animal pictures, animal masks, cut-out dolls, soldiers and naval vessels, circuses, handbills and card-board spectacles. The purpose is to make the customer believe he is getting a bargain, and this forced circulation, which is not won on the merit of the paper itself, is offered as proof to the advertiser of actual worth. It is a deception to both the reader and advertiser, and has been made all the easier of accomplishment because the publisher has been permitted to circulate his cheap John assortment through the mails at second-class rates.

The Postoffice Department, casting about to decrease its enormous expenditures, has discovered that these newspaper owners have been imposing upon it, and has issued notice that the practice must cease. The point is made that this matter is purely extraneous, and cannot come within the provision of the law of 1879, which permitted the mailing of newspaper supplements at the second-class rate of a cent per pound. It is estimated that this action will work a material reduction in the amount of mail handled, and will, to that extent, relieve the present congestion.

It should also have the effect to increase the standard of the newspapers that have engaged in the business. The publishers will be forced to furnish a higher quality of news in order that their publications may compare with those newspapers which have been heaving strictly to legitimate lines.—Toledo Blade.

The Louvre Threatened. A new danger threatens the Louvre. The great palace of art has for years been imperilled by the presence of the Colonial Office in the wing on the river front, and each session the Minister of Fine Arts vainly asks that the Colonies shall be provided for elsewhere. The Colonial Minister objects to the demand, but professes an equal solicitude for the safety of the picture galleries. Now, however, it has been discovered that the Colonial Minister has had a room fitted up for his automobile exactly beneath the Rubens gallery. An explosion of petrol might occur here any day, and then the far-famed collections might be burnt up.—London Chronicle.

ANCIENT WAR SHIPS.

Large Vessels of the Egyptians, Phoenicians and Greeks.

The inventions of the Alexandrian age were both numerous and varied. Under the Ptolemaic kings of Egypt ships were built of lengths varying from 812 to 420 feet, the latter carrying 4000 rowers, 400 sailors and 2550 soldiers, altogether more than 7000 persons in one vessel. Demosthenes mentions a merchant ship which, besides the cargo, slaves and crew, carried more than 300 freemen as passengers (Boeckl, 69). Archimedes built a ship for Hiero, of Syracuse, which was provided with dining rooms, galleries, gardens, fish ponds, stables, mills, baths, eight large towers and an engine for hurling stones of 300 pounds weight and spears thirty-six feet long. Its decks were inlaid with scenes from the Iliad, and it contained a temple of Venus and other wonders. Although this huge vessel may have been more useful as a pleasure boat than a man-of-war, the Greeks of this age constructed fighting ships of scarcely less gigantic dimensions. Not only this, but they accomplished in them the most daring voyages. That of Pytheas to the Baltic has been already mentioned. They also sent ships to the Indies, and several around the Cape of Good Hope, which, after having made the voyage from the coast of Spain, were found wrecked on the shores of Arabia. Eudoxus also made the same voyage, though in the opposite direction. However, this feat had already been performed by the Phoenicians under Pharaoh Necho, 611-605 B. C., and by the Carthaginians under Hanno. The art of sailing on a bowline, or "against the wind," if not also anticipated by the Phoenicians, belongs to the Alexandrian age. The invention of an inclosed basin or dock, for ships, is also of the same age. Philon constructed one at Athens, which harbored 1000 ships. The Maritime Code and the Colossus of Rhodes were of the same age.—Scientific American.

With the Funny Fellow



The Young Man's Plight. The hope of hoarding money is but an idle dream; it used to go for oysters. And now it goes for cream.

"Notwithstanding what you say about Kraftig," said Godard, "he seems to be a loyal fellow. He appears to keep in with his friends." "He should be kept in with them," replied Crabbe. "Most of his friends are in jail."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Jack—"Uncle John, do you believe in dreams?" Uncle John—"Why?" "I dreamed last night that you lent me a hundred." "Keep it, my boy, keep it."—Translated for Tales From Meggendorfer Blaetter.

A Morning Dream. Mrs. Skynfint—"What are you chucking about, Jones?" Mr. Skynfint—"I dreamed I was going to give a Pullman porter a quarter." Mrs. Skynfint—"Shouldn't think that would make you grin." Mr. Skynfint—"Well, I woke up just as he was reaching for it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Good Old Days! The noblest mind the best contentment has.—Spenser. The best part of beauty is that which no picture can express.—Bacon. The seed sown in the ground contains in itself the future harvest. The way of the world is to make laws but follow customs.—Montaigne. A rude jest will sometimes create an unfavorable impression which never is wiped out. To carry the head above one's station denotes ambition and a pride that is dangerous. Finding fault over trifles is apt to blind the sight to errors of greater consequence. Economy that entails suffering shows lack of sound judgment and brings few rewards. Words, money, all things else are comparatively easy to give away, but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice, it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of him.—Lowell. To say, then, the majority are wicked, means no malice, no bad heart, in the observer, but simply that the majority are unripe, and have not yet come to themselves, do not yet know their opinions.—Emerson. I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty and joy to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. It is my service to think how I can best fulfill the demands that each day makes upon me, and to rejoice that others can do what I cannot.—Helen Keller. The Get-Rich-Quick Fallacy. In this commercial age when a man gets to some scheme that will make a wagon load of money he does not hunt around for some other man to get the profits, but he goes straightway and takes them in for himself. The only protection against these sharpers is to be suspicious of all investments promising very large returns. Any business man of standing can cheat his customers if he has a mind to do it, because they have confidence in him, but these same customers would at once become suspicious of a stranger who should offer them an investment that promised 100 per cent. profit in six months, because they would know that if the man had such a sure investment any good bank would advance the money on it for a reasonable interest. Anything as safe as Government bonds always brings small returns. The man with the swindle and the get-rich-quick concern does not look for the man who is willing to invest in Government bonds, but for the man who wants to speculate and make large profits. Almost any man without money thinks that if he only had a few thousand dollars he could make fabulous sums in a very short time, and when he gets the money he is ready to buy a gold brick.—Witchita Eagle.

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