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THE LOST JEWEL.

How did such a great rough monster as I am come to marry a delicate litle daisy of a French girl like Pearl Trillars? Well, it's quite a story.

I had just come home from a two year's sojourn in the diamond fields of Port Natal. All the diamonds that ever glittered in the valley of Sindbad the Sailor would not make such a place as that endurable. I hadn't any home ta spsak of, and yet I was nomesick the whole time I was at Port Natal.

At first I had no great luck to speak of. The fields were crowded with seckers as eager and persistent as myself, and after four or five months I began to feel almost like despairing.

But I resolved to stay on, and it was well that I did, for on Friday, May 17, 1870, I found a great stone that looked like a rough, dirt incrusted pebble at first, but the second glance told me it was a diamond such as is found only once in years.

Silently I dropped it into my pocket and strode off homeward, slouching listlessly along, as 1 always did.

around me My heart stopped pulsing, my blood grew chill and a deadly sickness stole through my whole being, The diamond-the diamond for

if the whole room was in a whirl

which I had toiled and striven and waited and suffered-the diamond, it was gone.

I believe I was for a moment insane. I rose and staggered blindly toward the pistol which I always carried in the breast pocket of my outer coat, with some vague idea of putting an end to my life which had been such an utter failure.

When there came a soft little knock on the panels of the door, I supposed I must have answered, "Come in!" for the door was pushed open, and Pearl Trillard stood there, with a little boy-her brother-as I learned-at her side.

"I found a little paper parcel on the pounter this afternoon after you had left, sir," she said. "There is only a little clear stone in it, but"-The reader can guess the balance of this story-they are happily mar ried.

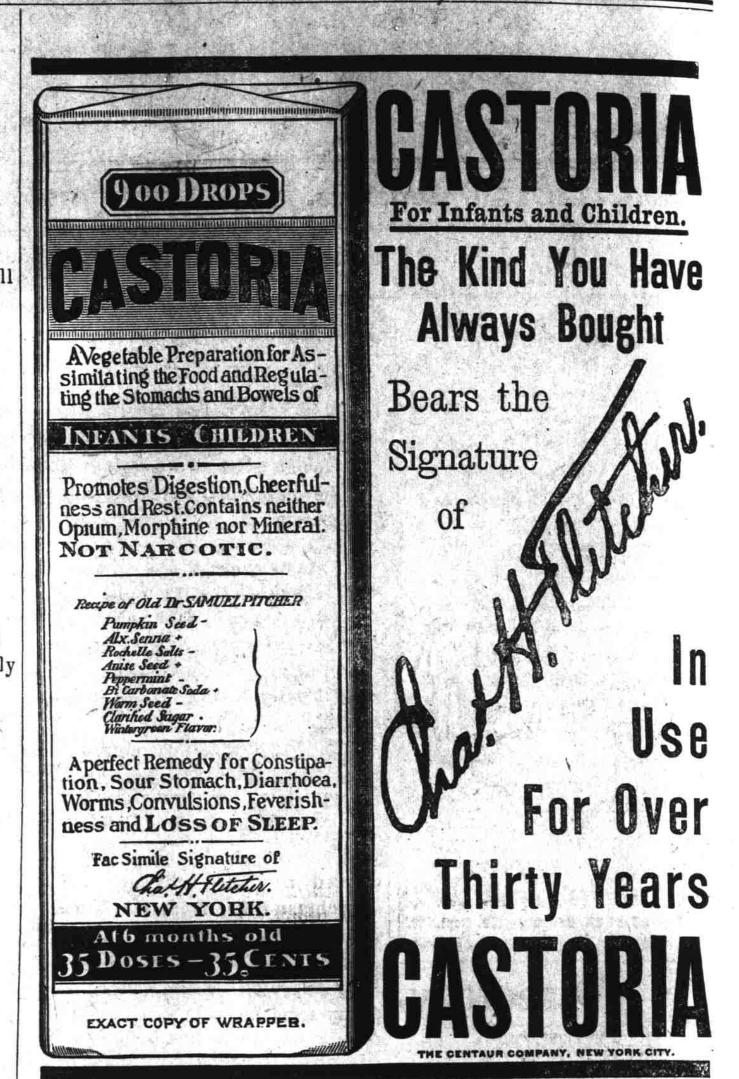
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"War is hell." Ah, well! We pray, "Our Father, Thy kingdom come," Then build our ships And forge our guns To kill thy sons; Our brothers. Then pray, that Thou wilt well Direct our shot and shell, And give us help In making hell.

WAR IS HELL.

"War is hell." Ah well! "Peace on earth," The angels sang. Ah Christ, we worship Thee 'Mid clang of arms And battle's roar, Where hate and wrath Shed human gore. And think we serve Thee, well With cruel shot and deadly shell In making hell.

"War is hell." Ah well! "God is love," we say. To him we pray To win the day, To help slay-That we may well Perform our parts



"Hello!" cried a wiry little Cape Cod man. "Densley's played out. Why, Densley, it ain't noon yet by the best chronometer in Boston."

"I don't care," said I. "I am going home."

pluck. Faint heart never won big dinners and suppers cooked for diamond yet. Don't give it up, man."

But I went back to the colony, wondering that they did not hear the confused beating of my heart, which seemed to fill the tropical silence with a noise like a reveille.

When I was alone, I drew out the great stone and feasted my eyes on its fair proportions. I danced-I sang in short. I had been seeking it a score of years. I had found it at license issued in England and Wales last.

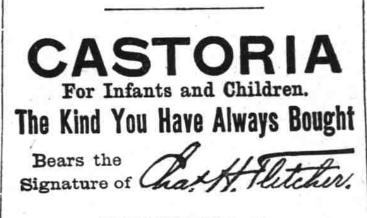
Well, I said nothing of my discovery and came back to the States, with the diamond in a little leather sack stitched on the waist of the flannel shirt I wore underneath the linen one.

should civilize myself a little, so I dropped into the first furnishing store which lay in my way.

The young girl behind the coun ter struck my eye pleasantly, as a flower or a sunsst or a star sown sky might have been done. She was tall and slight, very pale, with great al mond shaped eyes, a mouth like scarlet coral, and an abundance of dead black hair that seemed to weigh her small head down with its heavy duskiness.

I was clumsy and did not know what I wanted. Pearl Trillard did. She told meplainly what was necessary and what was not. So I bought my outfit and paid for it and went nine-pins quite 5,000 years ago. home with a part under my armthe rest was to be sent home-with Pearl's black almond shaped orbs still haunting me.

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A recent find of a set of ivory pins, a little gateway and three balls indicates that the Egyptians played In making hefl.

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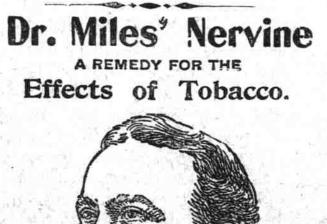
"Thy will be done on earth." Not yet.

Unless the prayers we raise. God will not change our. ways. Man causes all man's woe. Man is man's friend or foe, His to say, war or no, His to stop shot and sbell. His to quit making hell. -Exchange.



It happened to be a crowded car. A seedy looking man, very much the worse for liquor, rose to give his seat to a lady, when a robust man slipped into the vacant seat, leaving the lady still standing.

"Sa-a-y, you-you fellow you," Look out for dishonest people who said the boozy, but chivalrous inditry to imitate and counterfeit it. It's vidual, as he swayed to and fro harging to a strap, "I-I'm drunk, I know, but I-I'll get over it, I will; but you-you're a durn hog, and you will never get over it in-in this worlp-no, sir, never!" And the other passengers agreed with him .---Exchange.



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I sat down in front of it when supper was over and took out my pocketbook-to the inner compartment of which, since my arrival in port, I had transferred the little chamois leather sack which held my fortune--to have a look at the precious stone.

There was no sack there.

I searched through annd through the faded leather flaps of the worn pocketbook.

1 shook out the skirts of my coat. I even got down on my knees to search the floor beneath, but the diamond and its receptacle were gone.

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