

Legends of Emeralds

by Edmund Russell



I SALUTE thee, O Emerald, magic gem!—
crista Michaela to this sovereign of green
practices, crown depths and cheerless wells
of powerful power.

It was occult to all ancient peoples. It
shone midst the torments heaves of the
crowns of Druid priestesses, in the tangle of
dark hair, above the unutterable yearning
of their eyes of splendor, as never to-day in
the conventional ornaments of machine-
made setting.

Color of universal
harmony; emblem of
hope, joy, abundance;
it cured epilepsy, eased the pangs of
childbirth and brought sleep to tired
brains. It healed all ocular diseases.
Indeed, so pure was its power that
when the eye of a serpent met the
eye of an emerald the serpent became
immediately blind, or perhaps had
to wear glasses like the cobra the
end of his life. Successes of old used
to hold an emerald beneath their
tongues so the incoming wave of psy-
chic vibration might be met by its
force and not utterly overwhelm them.

Light seems to traverse, to linger
and caress this lovely stone, whilst
the demand seems to turn back the
vision so violently it strikes one all
at once as a blow.

Waldemar—the emerald is sister



WALDEMAR
REMEMBERING
TO
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to be. One thought of the enormous
waste in cutting them all the same
shape. Each should have been of
slightly different form, their setting
following as though the artist were
loath to lose any tith of beauty; the
edges should show the touch of his
creative hand, perhaps even the ham-
mer marks. Each link speaks individ-
ual strength and feeling in its twist,
and should be incrustated with grains
of gold, beads of enamel or tiny gems,
and some continuous design run even
on the inside.

For those who are really rich, yet
may have but little money, there are
other beautiful green gems.
The peridot should be given sacred
honors, for it is the only gem that has
ever been known to fall from heaven,
having occasionally been found in
those mysterious masses called aereolites.

Like some rare sea thing
in sea tones is the pendant
of peridots, olivines, aqua-
marines and violet tinted
pearls. Half lost in gauzes,
it would encourage and
reveal a personality
that would be com-
pletely extinguished by



JEWEL
WITH
GEM
EMERALD

THE
EMERALD
EMBLEM
OF HOPE
JOY AND
ABUNDANCE

At the same time an
Indian princess in her
emeralds and fringes of
pearl looks more
poetic, her grace just
divined through the sa-
ri's veil, for there is a
certain pinched stiff-
ness about even the
best of our modern ef-
fects; all seems mere
military with heart,
body and soul expression spoiled by the self-
consciousness of trying to hold together so many
unrelated parts.

The most splendid regalia at the Viennese
court is that of the archduchess Marie Josepha,
wife of Duke Otho. She has just had them set in
a new and massive design by the court jeweler.
A stonemason we give as illustration. The large
emeralds are so arranged that they can be de-
tached and other colored stones clasped in the
same settings; thus the archduchess has rubies,
sapphire, pink topaz and immense diamonds of
the same size, so she may change to suit her
toilettes. Also all the sprays can be taken to pieces
and worn as smaller ornaments or massed to-
gether in different designs. This fashion was in-
troduced by the Empress Elizabeth, who de-
lighted in such combination and would cover the
whole front of a court garment with complex de-
sign. Such may be done with a modern artistic
design if made by a special jeweler, and is con-
venient to those who may only possess a few
pieces. Thus a girdle may separate into brooch,
pendant, cloak clasp, necklace, at will.

There is a vapid blonde actress at the
Comedie Francaise whose favorite color is sky
blue, which she clasps with a girdle of emeralds
so valuable that a big policeman never loses sight
of her when wearing it on the stage or off. This
appreciation of the charm of related blue and
green and violet is comparatively new to us,
though always known to the orient and to anti-
quity.

Emeralds are usually cut in simpler form than
diamonds and the corundum, or ruby, family of
gems. The table cut, square or oblong, with
large, flat face and beveled edges, the lower sur-
face in long, narrow facets. Their value depends
upon the tone, transparency and especially in the
western world the flawlessness of the gem, which,
if of dark velvet depth may even be worth more
than the diamond, though the price put upon all
expensive gems by the leading American jewel-
lers is entirely fictitious. The "flawless emerald"
has become a classic comparison for perfection,
as nearly every stone is full of little rifts or
clouds or discolorations that make it unfit for the
split superlatives of modern taste; to the oriental
mind nothing is more beautiful than beauty;
each stone is but a note of color in a general
harmony and the eastern jeweler has no preju-
dice against "flaws" or "off colors" and finds wor-
thy and dignified place for many a gem that our
jewel butchers would inconspicuously cast off.

At a recent dinner I noted the chain on a
beautiful arm next to me. Heavy links of bright
polished gold, carrying with little relation five
great cabochon emeralds, divided by four large
diamonds, soldered on to them.

If the diamonds had been replaced with tur-
quoises or violet-beryls or olivines or peacock
opals, their great value would have sufficed to
pay for some real art work in enamel or design.
Then the emeralds themselves were so "perfectly
matched" they might as well have been bits of
glass. So equal in tone all mysterious magic
gone—no thought of Druid foreword or impris-
oned spring—right from the factory these looked

the diamonds of the archduchess.

Don't value the emerald on account of its com-
mercial value but on account of the matchless
value of its tone in relation to other tones. Some-
times a touch of enamel, or chrysoptase or tur-
quoise does as well. If you can attain to its glory,
it is a great privilege to wear it with other things
that show your right to such beauty, but not
simply in display, as if bidding for the prize of
a gem show.

LONDON'S OLD ROMAN WALL

Visitors to London whose tastes lie in the di-
rection of exploring ancient remains will be grati-
fied to learn that the Society of Antiquaries has
succeeded in securing the preservation of a very
fine fragment of the great Roman wall around
London, which has just been laid bare, a London
letter to the New York Sun says. From time to
time portions of the great structure, the external
wall of defense built about the city in the fourth
or fifth century, have been uncovered in digging
foundations while rebuilding streets or houses.
These have rarely escaped demolition. The latest
discovery is to be preserved for the benefit of
the public.

It is situated near Newgate street, close to a
new annex of the general postoffice. The frag-
ment, which is that of a great curved bastion,
is 50 feet long, 20 feet high and 8 feet wide. The
present summit lies several feet below the sur-
face of the ground. The whole is in a wonderful
state of preservation.

The material is that known as "Kentish rag,"
supported by heavy Roman bricks and showing
clearly the characteristic layers or bands of red
tiles, such as may be seen at Burgh castle, Pe-
vensey and Richborough. The interesting relic is
to be built around, so that it will lie in a cave
which may be entered by stairs and inspected by
artificial light. The line of the great Roman wall
is well known and much of it undoubtedly re-
mains below the houses today, which are largely
built upon it as upon the securest of foundations.

POLE FAKER OF LONG AGO

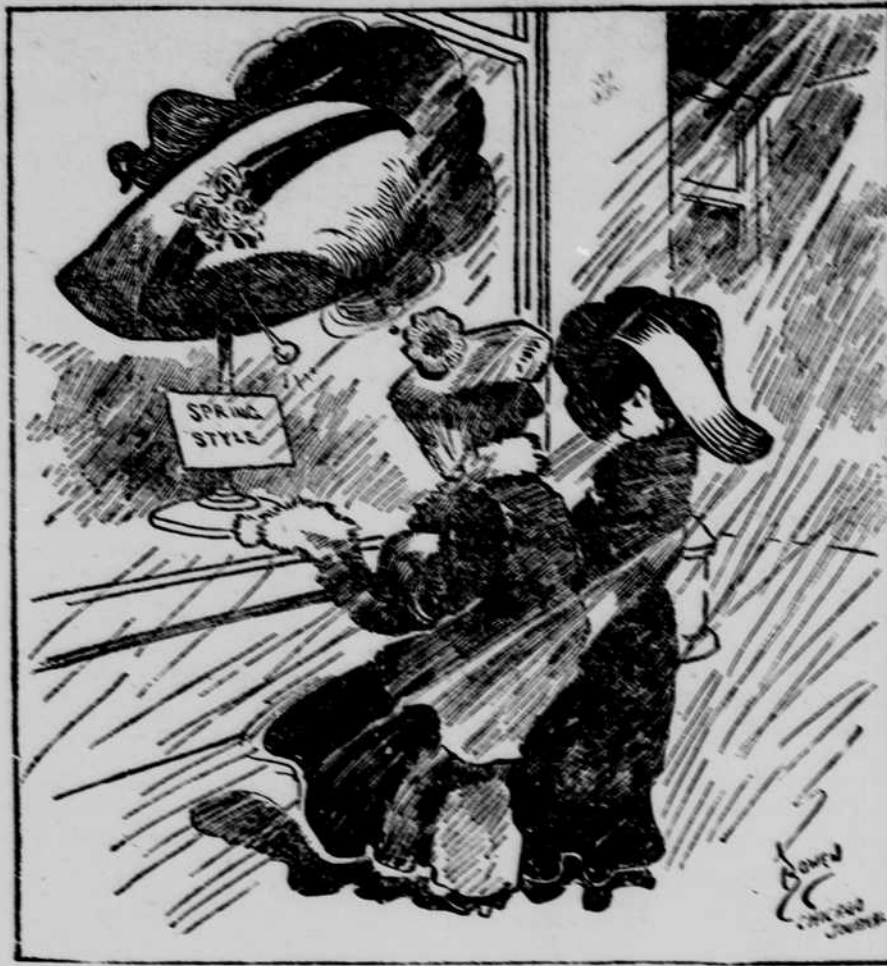
It is told of a titled Englishman that when his
son explained his folly in going down a coal mine
by saying that he spoiled his clothes so as to be
able to say that he had performed the feat, re-
plied: "Why did you say that you had been down
the mine and did not go?" This method appears
to have been followed by one James Knox de
Bolder, a monk, who, according to a Paris con-
temporary, says the Army and Navy Journal,
made his polar voyage in 1665. This is the pole
as described by this Bolder:

"At the pole one finds the place where all the
waves of the sea concentrate to disappear in the
same whirlpool. Four great islands surround this
precipice, separated by four great canals, suc-
ceeding which are the divided seas. An enormous
rock, quite black, and 23 miles in circum-
ference, marks the pole itself.

The unfortunate ships which venture into
these latitudes are immediately lost, if they are
not assisted by favorable winds."

The Civil and Military Gazette of Lahore, In-
dia, suggests that the account of Bolder may be
found in the "Teutsche Acta Eruditorum" (1712).

SPRING IS COMING.



PINCHOT AND WILSON CLASH

**MAKE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS
TO BALLINGER INQUISTORS.**

Washington.—There was a dramatic
clash between Secretary Wilson and
Gifford Pinchot before the Ballinger
investigation committee Tuesday.

Mr. Pinchot asserted he secured
Secretary Wilson's permission to
write to Senator Dooliver. Secretary
Wilson, taking the stand, declared
with great emphasis he never did and
never would have consented to the
writing of such a letter. He never
saw the letter or heard of it until
read in the senate.

Resuming his testimony before the
investigating committee, Mr. Pinchot
read a letter from President Taft,
dated November 24, 1909, replying to
the witness' letter of November 4.
Mr. Taft said he could not coincide
with Mr. Pinchot's views as to Mr.
Ballinger and declared that the fact
that Mr. Ballinger differed with some
of the things Mr. Garfield had done,
did not argue a lack of friendliness
on the part of Mr. Ballinger toward
the cause of conservation. The pre-
sident also declared that Mr. Pinchot's
statement had not shaken his confi-
dence in the good faith of Secretary
Ballinger and his hearty interest in
the cause of conservation.

Asked as to what impression the
letters of the president had upon him,
Mr. Pinchot said the impression was
deep.

"Glavin had been dismissed on the
ground that his charges against Mr.
Ballinger were baseless," he said,
"when we now know they were far
from baseless."

The witness proceeded to describe
his thoughts following these events
and it became evident that he was
leading up to the circumstances of
the writing of the letter to Senator
Dooliver, after which President Taft
demanded Mr. Pinchot's resignation.

CANNON DINES WITH TAFT

**Speaker Is Entertained at White
House for First Time in Many
Years.**

Washington.—President Taft gave
a dinner last night at the White
House in honor of Speaker Cannon.
Socially and politically the affair
marked something of an epoch, for not
before in many years had a president
entertained in honor of the speaker of
the house of representatives.

Speaker Cannon was never enter-
tained at the White House with an ex-
clusive official function during all of
the seven years of President Roose-
velt's occupancy, and no previous af-
fair has been given in his honor by
President Taft.

INDICTED BEEF MAN PLEADS

**Frederick W. Cooper Answers Not
Guilty to New Jersey In-
dictment.**

New York.—The first personal ap-
pearance of one of the indicted pack-
ing company officials occurred when
Frederick W. Cooper, a director and
eastern agent of Swift & Co. of Chi-
cago, came into Judge Blair's court,
accompanied by his attorneys, and
pleaded not guilty. The plea was ac-
companied by reservation of the privi-
lege of withdrawal for the purpose of
demurring. Mr. Cooper's attorney
said that his client appeared as an
individual and not for Swift & Co.
Judge Blair fixed bail at \$2,500.

Hogs Highest in Forty Years.
Chicago.—Following the wild close
of the hog market on Saturday, when
the price was advanced to \$9.77 1/2 a
hundred weight, on the closing hour
of the session, holders of hogs were
so imbued with bullishness that a
price of \$9.92 1/2 was reached Monday.
Gains of 10 to 15 cents were regis-
tered and a new figure for the year
was reached almost with the first
sale. So high was the opening price
level that most of the representatives
of the eastern shippers refused to
come into the market.

Three Die in Y. M. C. A. Fire.
Schenectady, N. Y.—The Rotterdam
Y. M. C. A. building at Rotterdam
Junction, belonging to the Boston &
Maine railroad, was destroyed by fire
Tuesday and three employees of the
road perished in the flames. The
bodies have not been recovered.

Smoked 96 Years; Died at 110.
Milford, N. H.—Ten years past the
century mark, Michael Leavitt died at
his home in this city Tuesday. He had
been an inveterate smoker for 96
years.

100 DEAD IN SLIDE HORROR

**Death List Increases in Wellington
Avalanche Disaster—70 Persons
Are Still Missing.**

Seattle, Wash.—Horror is added to
horror as the details of the Well-
ington avalanche disaster unfold with the
disclosure of an increasing death list.
The dead doubtless will number 100.

Thirty bodies have been recovered,
14 of which have been identified. The
Great Northern's Seattle management,
following the checking and summary
of its latest telegram reports from
Scene Hot Springs with which point
it has been continuously in communi-
cation, gave out the number of identi-
fied dead as 14, the number of injured
19, and with 70 missing.

The last message received by the
Great Northern from its official at
Scene Hot Springs in giving the num-
ber of casualties, dead, injured and
missing, significantly and sadly con-
cluded with the words: "The missing
may be regarded as dead."

In view of this significant state-
ment coming from an official of the
railway at the scene of the wreck, but
little or no hope is held out as re-
gards the missing by Great Northern
officials.

None of the injured, it is believed,
will die, though some of the em-
ployees were seriously hurt. The
known surviving passengers escaped
with but slight injuries. About half
of the missing are employees of the
road and the remainder were train
passengers.

OHIO RIVER ON RAMPAGE

**One Life Lost—Twentieth Century
Train Wrecked—Many Persons
Homeless by High Water.**

Cleveland, O.—Though Ohio's inland
rivers are receding the flooding of a
score of cities and towns Monday, has
cost at least one life, caused a serious
train wreck, damaged property to
the extent of hundreds of thou-
sands and has made homeless hun-
dreds of Ohioans.

Harry Lightbody, seven years old,
lost his life in the waters of Dry Run
in Youngstown, in an effort to save
his pet dog.

Seven coaches of the Lake Shore's
west-bound Twentieth Century Lim-
ited were ditched at Olmsted Falls, 14
miles west of Cleveland, because of a
washout. Two persons were injured
but not seriously.

IN TRANCE FOR 56 HOURS

**Youth at Saginaw, Placed Under Hyp-
notic Spell by Telephone, Can-
not Be Aroused.**

Saginaw, Mich.—A sensation was
caused here when the police re-
moved from the show window of a lo-
cal music house David Anderson, a
young man who had lain in trance for
56 hours under the hypnotic influence
of a man styling himself Prof. Powers.
The authorities are trying to arouse
Anderson, but he is insensible to every
device employed, and lies like one
dead in a room in the Wesley hotel.

Anderson was put under the hypno-
tic spell Saturday evening by long dis-
tance telephone from Lansing.

Brazil Has New President.
Rio de Janeiro.—Marshal Hermes
Fonseca, the former minister of war,
has been elected president of Brazil
over the opposition candidate, Dr.
Ruy Barbosa.

Czarina's Condition Unsatisfactory.
St. Petersburg.—The empress suf-
fered from a severe nervous attack
and her condition is considered ex-
ceedingly unsatisfactory.

Ship Subsidy Bill Is Advanced.
Washington.—The Gallinger ship
subsidy bill to provide for the estab-
lishment of mail steamship lines be-
tween the United States and South
America, the Philippines, Japan, China
and Australia, was Thursday ordered
favorably reported to the senate.

Typhoid Fever Kills Family.
Kittanning, Pa.—His wife and five
children taken by typhoid fever with-
in ten days, Lee Cogley, the only sur-
vivor of the family, is dying of the
same disease.

Nebraska Firemen Vote to Strike.
Omaha, Neb.—Locomotive firemen
on all Nebraska railroads have voted
to strike unless their demands are
compelled with by March 7. The vote
has just been finished and the ballots
were taken to Chicago Tuesday where
they will be officially counted.

Killed by a Train.
Chicago.—An unidentified man,
about 40 years old, was struck and in-
stantly killed Tuesday by a North-
western switch engine at South Rock-
well and West Twenty-second streets.

Former German Court Marshal Dies.
Berlin, Germany.—Count von Seck-
endorff, former court marshal, died
Wednesday at the age of 68 years. He
was officiated as grand master of the
court to the late Dowager Empress
Frederick and for many years occupied a
leading position in society.

Editor of Civil War Fame Dies.
Marietta, O.—J. Henton Carter, aged
87, one of the most widely known
newspaper men of the middle west
in civil war times, died here Wednes-
day after a long illness.

GIVES AWAY WEALTH

**ROCKEFELLER SEEKS FEDERAL
INCORPORATION ACT FOR
HIS RICHES.**

MANKIND TO BE BENEFITTED

Oil King's Object Is to Provide Gen-
eral Organization to Conduct Phil-
anthropic Work Along All Lines—
Has Given Away \$52,000,000.

Washington.—For the benefit of his
fellow men John D. Rockefeller is
seeking a method of disposing of his
vast fortune.

Under the provision of a bill intro-
duced in the Senate Wednesday by
Senator Jacob H. Gallinger of New
Hampshire the oil king seeks a fed-
eral incorporation act for his wealth,
with a view to distributing it under
proper supervision for the good of
mankind. The object of the founda-
tion is to provide for a general or-
ganization to conduct philanthropic
work along all lines.

According to the bill the Rockefeller
foundation is organized for these pur-
poses: To promote the well-being and
advance the civilization of the people
of the United States and its posses-
sions in foreign lands; for the ac-
quisition and dissemination of knowl-
edge; for the prevention of any and
all of the elements of human knowl-
edge.

The incorporators named in the bill
are: John D. Rockefeller, John D.
Rockefeller, Jr.; Fred T. Gates, Starr
J. Murphy, Charles A. Heydt.

These men are authorized to select
associates not to exceed 25, and it
is provided that there shall not be at
any time fewer than five.

Headquarters of the foundation are
to be in Washington.

"It is the evident intention of Mr.
Rockefeller to provide a means of ex-
panding his wealth to the best advan-
tage of the largest number of people,"
said Senator Gallinger.

It was stated by the senator that
Mr. Rockefeller already had given
away \$52,000,000.

The proposed foundation is to be
organized along lines similar to the
Carnegie Foundation for the Advance-
ment of Teaching.

ORIENTAL LIMITED WRECKED

**Great Northern Train Plunges Down
50-Foot Embankment—Fireman
Killed—Several Persons Hurt.**

Spokane, Wash.—Crashing into two
ton of rock bowlders, the Oriental
Limited No. 2, the crack east-bound
train of the Great Northern railroad,
plunged down a 50-foot embankment
22 miles east of Spokane, carrying
with it five burning cars, killing fire-
man Ed Miller of Hillyard, seriously
injured the engineer and several pas-
sengers and precipitating the entire
train except three coaches in a burn-
ing mass 50 feet below.

The accident occurred just two and
a half miles west of Milan, a station
on the main line, as the train was
turning a treacherous curve. Rock
bowlders were part of the landslide
which, it is believed, was started by
the rumble of the approaching train.

A special relief train laden with
medical emergency supplies, nurses,
arrived on the scene within an hour
and attended the wounded.

ROOSEVELT PARTY END HUNT

**Colonel Is Now on His Way to Civi-
lization—Meets Wife at
Khartoum.**

Gondokoro, Sudan.—Theodore
Roosevelt started Monday on his ad-
vance toward Khartoum, where shortly
he will meet Mrs. Roosevelt. The
Roosevelt party set off on the Dal, the
Sudan government boat being at his
disposal.

Gondokoro was en fete to bid fare-
well to its distinguished guest and his
companions, and every man in the set-
tlement, white, brown or black, turned
out to cheer.

The immediate destination is Mon-
galia, a river station, where an enthu-
siastic reception has been prepared.
Col. Roosevelt there will be the guest
of the governor.

At the other halts in the trip down
the tributary Bar-el-Jebel and the
Nile, similar welcomes will be given
the former president.

TRAIN PLUNGES INTO RIVER

**One Man Killed, Another Missing and
Score Others Have Narrow
Escape from Death.**

Newcastle, Pa.—One man was in-
stantly killed, one died, another is
unaccounted for and believed to be
dead, and nearly a score of others had
narrow escapes from instant death
when the Linesville accommodation,
a passenger train on the Erie and Pitts-
burg division of the Pennsylvania rail-
road jumped the track at Rock Point
park and plunged down a 15-foot em-
bankment into the ice-filled Beaver
river.

Devoured by Wolves in Woods.
Springfield, Mo.—James Smith, a
woodsman, was Thursday devoured by
wolves in the woods near Alty after
fighting a desperate battle for his
life. The wolves attacked him while
he was alone awaiting the return of a
brother.

5,000 Lynch Child's Foo.
Dallas, Tex.—Holland Brooks (ne-
gro), who attacked a three-year-old
white girl, was lynched Thursday by
a mob of 5,000 people. The whole
town turned out to see the man slain.

ONLY IRON MINE IN STATE

That at Richmond, Mass., is the Last
of Many That Once Were
Flourishing.

During the days when tidewater
transformation and the nearness of fur-
naces to natural gas and coal mines
caused into the profitable production
of pig iron there was a string of iron
mines along the Hoosac and Housa-
tonic River valleys and across the

brown ore is taken from the earth to
smelt about 200 tons of pig iron
weekly.

There is a reason for the operation
of this Richmond mine, the only iron
mine now being worked in Massa-
chusetts, where only 42 per cent of
the ore is metallic iron, while the
ores taken from the great mines op-
erated along Lake Superior average
from 60 to 65 per cent. Of course like
Berkshire papers and other wares
made in the westernmost part of Mas-
sachusetts, it is the superior quality

of output which makes Richmond
mining profitable.—Boston Globe.

Hint to Amateur Carpenters.
A nail driven into oak or other im-
ber oftentimes bends or breaks. To
avoid this all is needed is a little wax
or soap. The nail, if greased with
either of these will go straight into
the board. Carpenters who do finish
work bore a small hole in the
handle of their hammers and then
fill it with either wax or soap, running
the nails into it as they use them.