

BLIND-FOLDED

By EARLE ASHLEY and WALKER

Copyright, 1925, by Robert M. Bell. All Rights Reserved.

SYNOPSIS.

Giles Dudley arrived in San Francisco to join his friend and distant relative Henry Wilton, whom he was to assist in an important and mysterious task and who accompanied Dudley on the ferry boat trip into the city. The two men are noted and commented on by passengers on the ferry. They see a man with a cane, who is followed by a woman. The man is noted and commented on by passengers on the ferry. They see a man with a cane, who is followed by a woman. The man is noted and commented on by passengers on the ferry. They see a man with a cane, who is followed by a woman. The man is noted and commented on by passengers on the ferry.

CHAPTER XIX.—Continued.

At this Epner gave a blast like a cornet, and waving his arms frantically plunged into a small-sized riot. I had entrusted him with 5,000 shares of Crown and Diamond to be sold for the best price possible, and he was feeling the opposition judiciously. The price wavered for a moment, but rallied and reached 66.

At this I signaled to Wallbridge, and with another fellow he started an opposition riot on the other side of the room from Epner, and fed Crown Diamond buyers into the howling forces of the Decker combination. The battle was raging furiously.

There was a final rally of the Decker forces, and the call closed with Crown Diamond at 62. I had sold 12,609 shares.

I was pleased at the result. Doddridge Knapp had entrusted me with the shares with the remark: "I paid 50 for 'em and they're not worth a tinker's dam. I got an inside look at the mine when I was in Virginia City. Feed Decker all he'll take at 60. He's been fooled on the thing, and I reckon he'll buy a good lot of them at that."

I had sold Doddridge Knapp's entire lot of the stock at an average of over 65, had netted him a profit of \$15 a share, and had, for a second purpose, served the plan of campaign by drawing the enemy's resources to the defense of Crown Diamond and weakening, by so much, his power of operating elsewhere.

By the time Omega was reached I had the plans full in hand.

The assault on Crown diamond had caused a nervous feeling all along the line, and under rumors of a bear raid there had been a drop of several points.

Omega felt the result of the nervousness and depression, and opened at 75.

There was a moment's buzz—the quiet of a crowd expecting a great event. The Wallbridge started into the throng with a roar. I could not distinguish his words, but I knew that he was carrying out my order to drop 5,000 shares on the market.

At his cry there was an answering roar, and the scene upon the floor turned to a riot. How the market was going I could only guess. At Wallbridge's onset I saw Lattimer and Epner make a dive for him and then separate, following other shouting, screaming madmen who prousted about the floor and tried to save themselves from a mobbing. I heard 70 shouted from one direction, but could not make out whether it set the price of the stock or not. The din was too confusing for me to follow the course of events.

At last Wallbridge staggered up to the rail, flushed, collarless, and panting for breath, with his hat a hopeless wreck.

"I sold down to 71—averaging 73. I guess—and she's piling in fit to break the floor," he gasped.

"Did Lattimer and Epner get your stock?" I could not help asking.

"They got about 3,000 of it. Rosenheim got the rest."

I remembered Rosenheim as the agent of Decker, and sighed. But Lattimer and Epner were busy, and I had hopes.

"Where is it now?" I asked.

"Sixty-nine and a half."

I meditated an instant whether to use my authority to throw another 5,000 shares on the market. But I caught sight of Decker opposite, pale, hawk-like, just seizing an envelope from a messenger. He tore it open, and though his face changed not a line, I felt by a mysterious instinct that it brought assurance of the aid he sought.

"Buy every share you can get," I said promptly. "Don't get in the way of Epner or Knapp. Put on steam, Doc."

continued. And he gave directions for the buying at the afternoon session.

"Now, not over 125," was his parting injunction. "You may not get much—I don't think you will—though I have a scheme that may bring a reaction."

Doddridge Knapp's scheme for a reaction must have been one of the kind that goes off backward, for Omega jumped skyward on the afternoon call, and closed at 130. And I had been able to get a scant 1,500 shares when the call was over.

"I did better than you," said Doddridge Knapp, when I explained to him the course of the session. "I found a nest of 2,500 and gathered them in at 120. But that's all right. You've done well enough—as well as I expected."

"And still \$8,000 to get," I said.

"Nearly."

"Well, we'll get them in due time, I suppose," I said cheerfully.

"We'll have 'em by Monday noon, or we won't have 'em at all," growled Doddridge Knapp.

"How's that?"

"You seem to have forgotten, young man, that the stock transfer books of the Omega Company close on Monday at 2 o'clock," he said as the door closed behind him.

As I had never heard this interesting piece of information before, I could not in strictness be said to have forgotten it.

CHAPTER XX. Making Progress.

"You really don't mean it," said Luella severely, "and it's very wrong to say what you don't mean."

"In society?" I asked blandly. "I'm afraid you're a heretic, Miss Knapp."

"But we're not in society,—not just now, that is to say. We're just friends

"Oh, it was nothing," I answered lightly. "Any one would have done the same."

"Perhaps—but none the less we are all very grateful. If I had only suspected that anything of the kind could have happened, I should never have allowed them to go."

I felt rebelliously glad that she had not suspected.

"I blame myself for it all," I bowed. "It was very careless of me."

"I'm afraid so, after all the warning you have had," said Mrs. Knapp.

"But as it turned out, no harm was done," I said cheerfully.

"I suppose so," said Mrs. Knapp absently. Then she spoke with sudden attention. "Do you think your enemies followed you there?"

I was taken aback with the vision of the Wolf figure in the grimy passage, a fiend in the intoxication of opium, and stammered for a reply.

"My snake-eyed friend made himself a little familiar, I'm afraid," I admitted.

"It is dreadful that these dangers should follow you everywhere," said Mrs. Knapp with feeling. "You must be careful."

"I have developed eyes in the back of my head," I said, smiling at her concern.

"I fear you need more than that. Now tell me how it all happened, just as you saw it. I'm afraid Luella was a little too hysterical to give a true account of it."

I gave her the story of the scene in the passage, with a few judicious omissions. I thought it hardly worth while to mention Doddridge Knapp's appearance, or a few other details that were more precious to me than to anybody else.

When I had done Mrs. Knapp sighed.

"There must be an end of this some day," she said.

"I hope the day isn't far off," I confessed, "unless it should happen to be the day the coroner is called on to take a particular interest in my person."

Mrs. Knapp shuddered.

"Oh, no, no—not that way."

Then after a pause, she continued: "Would you not rather attack your dangers at once, and have them over, than to wait for them to seek you?"

I felt a trifle uneasy at this speech. There seemed to be a suggestion in it that I could end the whole matter by marching on my enemies and coming to a decisive battle. I wished I knew what she was hinting at and how it was to be done before I answered.

"I haven't felt any particular disposition to hunt them up," I confessed, "but if I could cut off all the heads of the hydra at once it would be worth while. Anything for peace and quiet, you know."

Mrs. Knapp smiled.

"Well, there is no use challenging your fate. There is no need for you to act, unless the boy is in danger."

"Oh, no, none at all," I replied unblushingly.

"And we'll hope that he will be kept safe until the danger has passed."

I hoped so devoutly, and said as much. After a few more words I took advantage of the lull to excuse myself and make a dive into the next room where I espied Luella.

"Yes, you may sit down here," she said carelessly. "I want to be amused."

I was not at all certain that I was flattered to be considered amusing; but I was willing to stay on any terms, so we fell into an animated conversation on nothing and everything. In the midst of this entertaining situation I discovered that Mrs. Knapp was watching us, and her face showed no easy state of mind. As I caught her eye she moved away, and a minute later Mr. Carter appeared with—

"Excuse me, Miss Knapp, but your mother would like to see you. She and my wife have some conspiracy on hand."

I was pleased to see that Luella did not take the interruption gratefully, but she surrendered her place to Mr. Carter, who talked about the weather with a fertility of common-places that excited my admiration. But as even the weather has its limits as a subject of interest and the hour grew late I suppressed a yawn and sought the ladies to take my leave.

"Oh, must you go?" said Luella, rising. And, leaving Mrs. Carter to her mother, she walked with me to the hall as though she would speak with me.

But once more alone, with only the hum of voices from the reception-room as company, she fell silent, and I could think of nothing to say.

"It's very good of you to come," she said hesitatingly.

My mind went back to that other evening when I had left the door in humiliation and bitterness of spirit. Perhaps she, too, was thinking of the time.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



"UP—THE PRICE WENT UP PRETTY FAST."



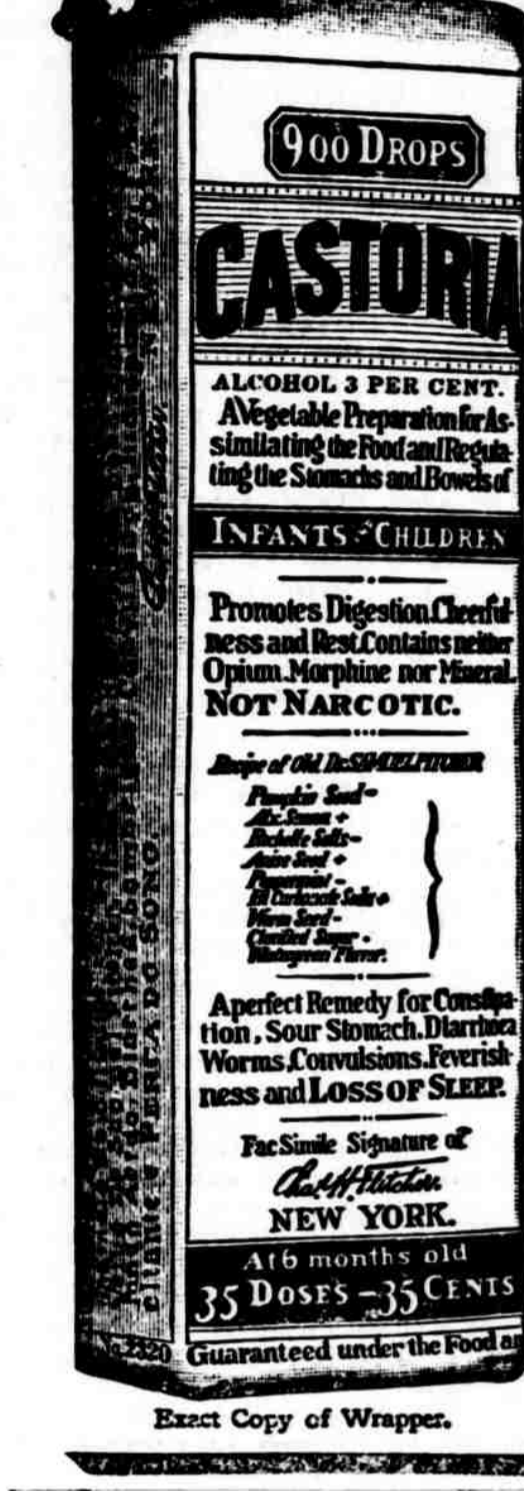
A Word for the Dandies.

Fine Clothes and Brave Hearts: A Most Effective Combination.

One is sorry for the dandies of our day, because, though their clothes fit ever so well, and are ever so fresh, custom prescribes a dark or subfusc hue, and no lace, no velvet (above all, not on coat collars); no slashes, puffs and vandyngs; no pearls and gold; no gules and azure. The common trousers are shapeless things, and, for perfection, you need two pairs every day. Genus is stunted, display is checked, and though you may wear brilliant hose with knickerbockers in the country, glorious waistcoats are rarely seen except in the windows of tailors' shops at Oxford and Cambridge. The dandy can only cultivate immaculate neatness and perfection of fit. Our officers at Ladysmith, when the place was relieved, looked like skeletons, but were as spruce and neat, I have been told, as ever they showed in the park. They cultivated self-respect, like Stendhal, the celebrated novelist, who was said to have been the only man that chafed every day in the dreadful winter retreat

Physicians Recommend Castoria

CASTORIA has met with pronounced favor on the part of physicians, pharmaceutical societies and medical authorities. It is used by physicians with results most gratifying. The extended use of Castoria is unquestionably the result of three facts: First—The indisputable evidence that it is harmless; Second—That it not only allays stomach pains and quiets the nerves, but assimilates the food; Third—It is an agreeable and perfect substitute for Castor Oil. It is absolutely safe. It does not contain any Opium, Morphine, or other narcotic and does not stupefy. It is unlike Soothing Syrup, Bateman's Drops, Godfrey's Cordial, etc. This is a good deal for a Medical Journal to say. Our duty, however, is to expose danger and record the means of advancing health. The day for poisoning innocent children through greed or ignorance ought to end. To our knowledge, Castoria is a remedy which produces composure and health, by regulating the system—not by stupefying it—and our readers are entitled to the information.—Hall's Journal of Health.



Letters from Prominent Physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. R. Halstead Scott, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have prescribed your Castoria often for infants during my practice, and find it very satisfactory."

Dr. William Belmont, of Cleveland, Ohio, says: "Your Castoria stands first in its class. In my thirty years of practice I can say I never have found anything that so filled the place."

Dr. J. H. Taft, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I have used your Castoria and found it an excellent remedy in my household and private practice for many years. The formula is excellent."

Dr. R. J. Hamlen, of Detroit, Mich., says: "I prescribe your Castoria extensively, as I have never found anything to equal it for children's troubles. I am aware that there are imitations in the field, but I always see that my patients get Fletcher's."

Dr. Wm. J. McCrann, of Omaha, Neb., says: "As the father of thirteen children I certainly know something about your great medicine, and aside from my own family experience I have in my years of practice found Castoria a popular and efficient remedy in almost every home."

Dr. J. R. Clausen, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "The name that your Castoria has made for itself in the tens of thousands of homes blessed by the presence of children, scarcely needs to be supplemented by the endorsement of the medical profession, but I, for one, most heartily endorse it and believe it an excellent remedy."

Dr. R. M. Ward, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Physicians generally do not prescribe proprietary preparations, but in the case of Castoria my experience, like that of many other physicians, has taught me to make an exception. I prescribe your Castoria in my practice because I have found it to be a thoroughly reliable remedy for children's complaints. Any physician who has raised a family, as I have, will join me in heartiest recommendation of Castoria."

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS
Bears the Signature of
Chas. H. Fletcher
The Kind You Have Always Bought
In Use For Over 30 Years.

How Hammer of Death Struck James.

The old parish church of Plumstead, which has just been reopened, is probably at least 1,000 years old. The picturesque churchyard, a cherished haunt of the poet Boonfield during his visits to Shooter's Hill, contains a delightfully choice "derangement of epitaphs." One of these, on "Master James Darling, aged ten," teaches a lesson of moderation during the present cherry season to the youth of other places besides Plumstead. Speaking from his tombstone, Master Darling exclaims: "The hammer of Death was given to me for eating the cherries off the tree."

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too-Hardy Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, BILIOUSNESS, LIVER TROUBLE.

They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE.

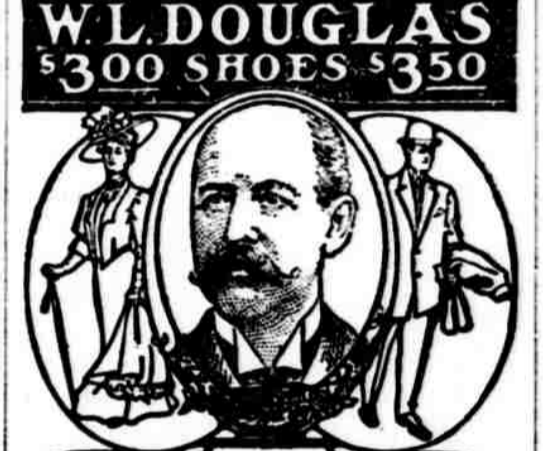
GENUINE MUST BEAR FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE

W. L. DOUGLAS

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a snuff medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients in what medicine is such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials. Free. E. J. HENNEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 50c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



No Genus.

"He is very clever, but evidently far from a real genius."
"What makes you think so?"
"Why, he is fairly punctual about keeping his appointments."

Your Druggist Will Tell You

That Murine Eye Remedy Cures Eyes, Makes Weak Eyes Strong, Doesn't Smart, Soothes Eye Pain and Sells for 50c.

Even boarding house landladies must pay out good money for the privilege of boarding street cars.

Lewis' Single Binder cigar—richest, most satisfying smoke on the market. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Labor bids us of three great evils; poverty, vice and ennui.—Voltaire.

Paxtine TOILET ANTISEPTIC

Keeps the breath, teeth, mouth and body antiseptically clean and free from unhealthy germ-life and disagreeable odors, which water, soap and tooth preparations alone cannot do. A germicidal, disinfecting toilet requisite of exceptional excellence and economy. Invaluable for inflamed eyes, throat and nasal and uterine catarrh. At drug and toilet stores, 50 cents, or by mail postpaid.

Large Trial Sample

WITH "HEALTH AND BEAUTY" BOOK SENT FREE

THE PAXTIN TOILET CO., Boston, Mass.

LIVE STOCK AND MISCELLANEOUS ELECTROTYPES
All orders filled at lowest prices by
L. E. BELMONT, 127 Spring St., Boston, Mass.

SKIN HEALTH

Promoted by Exercise and Cuticura Soap.

In the promotion of Skin Health, Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura, the great Skin Cure, is undoubtedly superior to all other skin soaps because of its influence in allaying irritation, inflammation, and clogging of the pores, the cause of disfiguring eruptions. In antiseptic cleansing, in stimulating sluggish pores, in emollient and other properties, they have no rivals.

Sold throughout the world. Deposits: London, 27, Charterhouse Lane; Paris, 5, Rue de la Paix; Australia, H. R. Towns & Co., Sydney; India, R. K. Paul, Calcutta; China, Hong Kong, Jirog Co.; Japan, Sakurada Ltd., Tokyo; Canada, Parrott, Montreal; No. Africa, Lemmon Ltd., Cape Town, etc.; U.S.A., Foster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Prop., Boston. Cuticura Soap on Care of the Skin.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
GRAVEL
RHEUMATISM
GOUT
DIABETES

75 "Guaranteed"

PILES CURED WITHOUT THE KNIFE.

All Piles Diseases treated upon a positive guarantee. No money to be paid till cured. A mild treatment. Without the use of Chloroform. Either or other general anesthetics. Examination FREE. Write TO-DAY for Free Book on Piles Diseases with Testimonials.

DR. E. R. TARRY, 224 Bee Building, Omaha, Neb.

THE DUTCH BOY PAINTER STANDS FOR PAINT QUALITY

IT IS FOUND ONLY ON PURE WHITE LEAD
MADE BY THE OLD DUTCH PROCESS

WIDOWS' PENSIONS

under NEW LAW obtained by JOHN W. MORRIS, Washington, D. C.
DEFIANCE STARCH never sticks to the iron.
W. N. U., OMAHA, NO. 37, 1908.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more bright and longer lasting than any other dye. One 1/2 packages color all blues. They do not fade under hot water better than any other dye. You can dye garments without boiling them. Write for free booklet—how to dye. Wash and Rinse Colors. PUTNAM DYE CO., Quincy, Massachusetts.