

"When will you begin?" the officer asked disinterestedly. "Immediately after we get him," said Edwards swallowing some more of the wine. "I will do it through Amlah and by mail. I can hang around the Colonel and governor and see my own letters come in."

He smiled at what he considered a joke, and relapsed into silence.

"How much you going to make them hand over?" went on Hopeford.

"Fifty thousand dollars—ten thousand pounds."

Edwards went into a drowsy state again, and only occasionally a muttered word was heard by the officer.

"Ah!" exclaimed the colonel at the head of the table. "I see. You remember four years ago, it was rumored that Prince Alar Juth had escaped and the report denied. This is the way of it. Colonel Benson was at the fort guarding the Prince at that time. One hot night in the midst of a terrible thunder storm, the guard came running in shouting that Alar Juth was gone; and sure enough when they looked, he was gone."

"Well, they searched the town and villages, of course, but discovered nothing and had grown hopeless, when one day Colonel Benson got a letter offering to return the prisoner for ten thousand pounds as this gentlemen says. This brought about a renewed search after the Prince, after the man making the offer, and after the messenger even, but not a clue to any one of the three was discovered."

"So it finally resulted that the prisoner was returned according to the conditions, and soon the matter was forgotten. One day, however, the colonel received a note enclosing a draft for ten thousand pounds. The writer stated that he had removed the prisoner in order to force a loan of fifty thousand dollars which he needed badly. He had finished with it by that time and returned it with interest at seven per cent, exact to a penny."

"Now, gentlemen of the mess, that was the height of nerve. You see the man who'd do that at the table side by side with you. At first I was going to suggest kicking him out the door like a dog. But since I think it over I find I admire this incarceration of nerve. And then his methods were the methods of a gentleman, though coercion was used perhaps; and a little worry and inconvenience caused Colonel Benson."

"I say, let him stay. We need never refer to it, and of the wine of Dhassi, let us never speak."

"Let him stay," said the mess as one man.

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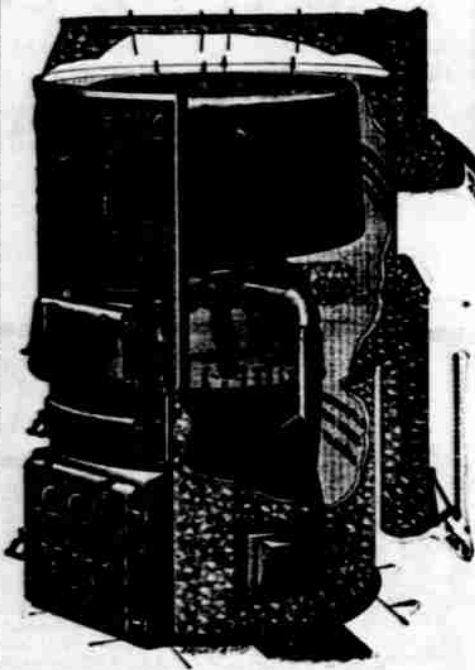
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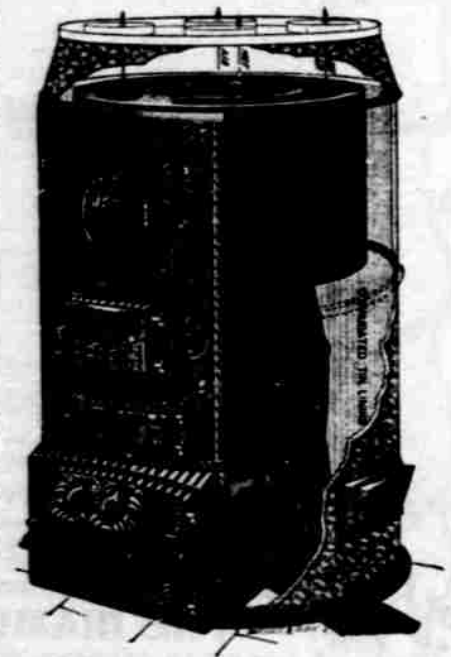


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