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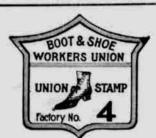
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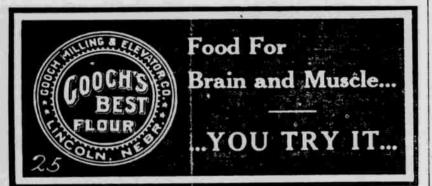
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#### AN ERROR OF JUSTICE

By BERTHA D. ALSOP

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along over a road flanked on each side by a wood. Among the inside passengers was a gentleman notable for a white wig. He chatted freely with the others, making himself generally agreeable, so that when he alighted at a village midway between Paris and Lyons he was greatly missed.

Not half an hour after be left the coach a man riding a black horse left a thicket beside the road, shot the courier of the mail, robbed him and made away with the booty in the direction from which he came.

Several of the passengers, hearing the shot, put their heads out of the window and saw the robber.

"Great heavens!" cried one. "It is the gentleman who was riding with us awhile ago. I would know him anywhere, especially by his white wig." "And I would know him without the

wig," said another. The courier was dead, having been shot through the heart. His body was left at the house of a peasant, and the coach proceeded. Arriving at Lyons, the murder and robbery were reported and mounted police sent back to scour the country for the man in the white He was found in the town at which he had alighted. A couple of gendarmes ran up to him and seized him while drinking a glass of wine in

"What does this mean?" he cried. "You think to throw the police off the track by assurance," said one of the gendarmes. "You got off the Lyons mail yesterday at this village, rode ahead by a circuitous path, stopped the coach, shot the courier, robbed him and dashed away. What have you done with the plunder?"

"This is a mistake!" cried the man. "You can prove the mistake before the magistrate. Come along."

The magistrate asked the prisoner a number of questions as to his business, what he was doing on the mail and his name. He said that he was a wine merchant of Paris and traveling for the purpose of buying wine. His name was Jean Lesaurques. The mag-Istrate upon a statement of the facts attending the crime concluded to send the suspected man to Lyons for trial.

Lesaurques was thrown into prison to await trial for murder and robbery. The driver of the coach identified him as one who had traveled inside for some distance and as the man who had committed the crime. Several of the passengers who had caught sight of the murderer testified to the same thing. Lesaurques claimed that on reaching the village where he had left the coach he had mounted a horse-blackand ridden out among the vineyards. Unfortunately he had not stopped to speak except with one vine grower, the coach and talk with this man afterward an alibi was not proved.

The prisoner was convicted and was about to receive sentence when a woman rushed into the court and said

"Your worship is about to send an innocent man to be guillotined. This first thing that I knew I was dead set man is not the murderer.'

ned the robbery, and he told me all in the world. Emily Robinson was one

"Where is this Dubosq to be found?" asked the judge.

murder is one Dubosq. The prisoner

very much resembles him."

"That question is not easily answered. He is a professional criminal and but married. the worst of the gang that conspired to commit this robbery

"The testimony of this woman is not admissible. She admits that she has the confidence of the gang that did the murder. It is a very natural device for them to send her in here to few days before the steamer sailed, tell this story in order to save the mur- and I bought about the same time derer. This case must rest on the tes- \$10,000 worth of diamonds, which my timony of those who rode with the prisoner in the coach and those who saw him shoot the courier. Jean Lesaurques, have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be dispelled at once. She was very pracpassed upon you?"

"This woman's story is doubtless saw her before in my life. In rejecting her testimony you are condemning before sailing with her uncle and aunt an innocent man. This Dubosq will in and had a very jolly time. When we time be captured, and it will then come out that he committed this crime."

Lesaurques died protesting his inno-

Four years passed, during which were implicated in the murder were captured, and it became known that there was such a man as Dubosq among them and the prime mover and executor of their crimes. Finally Dubosq was captured, but he escaped He was captured a second time, but time he fell into the hands of the police, and this time they held him.

Dubosq was tried for the murder for which Lesaurques had been executed. must ask me to unpack my trunk. I Some of the witnesses who testified on the former trial were present, and the judge ordered a white wig to be was astonished to see the diamonds brought and placed upon the prisoner. The likeness between the two men was remarkable. Then those who had sworn that Lesaurques and the robber were the same person knew that they had sent an innocent man to death.

Dubosq was executed, and thus two men died for the commission of a single crime.

#### DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND

By LEONARD MALLOY

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"I saw Jenkins the other day," said Brown to the old customs inspector who bad exposed more smugglers than any other man in the department. "and he told me to ask you the next time I saw you to tell me the romance of your marriage."

"Oh, he did, did he?" replied the inspector, scowling, but in spite of himself puckering up the corners of his mouth in a smile.

"Yes. He said there was quite a story connected with your courtship." "Courtship be hanged!"

"Oh, go on!" Brown offered the inspector a cigar, telling him to light up. The bribe was accepted and the story given.

"You know that tradesmen abroad are interested in learning ways by which their customers may evade paying duties on goods, because if the goods can be got in free of duty it's very much easier for the tradesmen to sell them. Some of these people know more ingenious tricks for evading duties than the regular smugglers.

"Well, one day the boss called me into his private office and, taking up a letter a friend of his had received. read it to me. It was an offer of a jeweler in London to deliver goods in America free of duty.

"'How do you suppose it's done?" he asked me.

"'I don't know,' I replied. "'I tell you what you do. Go over there, get in with the jeweler and find out. I'll get you a letter of introduction from his correspondent so that he'll feel obliged to show you some attention-perhaps invite you to his house. You can't find out anything in his shop, but you may run across something at home that will give away

"The result was that I took the next outgoing liner and within a week was in London. We had a good many trunks in storage held for some reason or other that had been all over Europe and were covered with hotel labels. I had taken off a dozen of these labels and pasted them on my own trunk. I did this because I intended to appear as having been traveling on the continent. I delivered my letter to the jeweler, an elderly man named Hicks. He received me very kindly and, as it was stated in the letter that I wished to bring home with me some jewels for my sister, offered to show me his stock at once. To this I replied that I was in no hurry and I would like to see something of London before my re-turn. As I expected, he offered to

show me around. "He took me to theaters, the Tower, the abbey and all that, but I didn't see the inside of his home. Then I began to ask him about his family-we had got pretty thick by this time-and he but as he would have had time to rob asked me to dine with him and his family. 1 met in this way his niece, who lived with him, and it wasn't long after that when I dispensed with the services of the jeweler for a guide and took the niece. I was getting to that age when a man feels flattered by a young woman's attentions, and the on taking her back with me to Amervery pleasant accent, and many of them can show the finest complexions about it. The man who committed the of that kind, and her kittenish ways were just the thing to catch an old bachelor like myself. She was glad enough to get a husband who would make her independent, and before I left London we were not only engaged,

"Of course I felt guilty at trying to find out how her uncle got goods free The judge thought for a time and of duty into America, but anyway I could only stop his doing it. I could not punish him, he being an Englishman and in London. So I added matrimony with his niece to a detective ruse with him. We were married a uncle-in-law agreed to deliver in New York free of duty.

"I took my wife with me to my ho-tel, and the loneliness of the place was tical and insisted on packing my trunk. I always hated that part of traveling true," replied the prisoner. "I never and was glad enough to turn the matter over to her. We dined the day reached home my wife put my good clothes on the top of the other things already packed in my trunk and locked it. Then she began to look at the labels and said how she wished we several members of the gang who had met before my tour instead of after it, as she would like to visit those places herself. I kissed her and promised her a trip just as soon as I could arrange to be again absent from business

"When we reached home I told the boss that some diamonds were to the slippery eel escaped again. A third come to us and we would have no trouble tracing how they reached us. My wife said the day after we got home that she didn't feel well and dld so 1 at the bottom found a box I didn't recognize. I opened it and

> sold by my British uncle-in-law. They had been put there by my wife. "I looked at her.

"She burst out laughing. "'You wouldn't wish me to go back on uncle, would you? she said. "It was five minutes before I replied, Then I put my arms around her, with the remark, 'You're a jim dandy.'"



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