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## "THE KING OF DIAMONDS" The Oracle & OFFICE OF BY Nell Brinkley

A Thrilling Story of a Modern Monte Cristo

BY LOUIS TRACY.

#### You Can Begin This Great Story To-day by Reading This First

Philip Anson is a boy of 15 years, of fine education and good breeding, but an orphan and miserably poor. The story opens with the death of his

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Rich relatives have deserted the family in their hour of need, and when his mother's death comes Philip is in despair. He looks over his mother's letters and finds that he is related to Sir Philip Morland. A few days later a terrific thunderstorm brews over London. At the height of the storm a flash of lightning scares a team attached to a coach standing in front of a West End mansion. Philip, who has become a newsboy, rescues a girl from the carriage just before it turps over. A man with the girl trips over Philip in his excisement. He cuffs the boy and calls a policeman. The girl bleads for Philip and he is allowed to go after learning that the mah was Lord Vanstone. Philip then determines to commit suicide.

Just as he is about to hang himself a meteor flashed by the window and crashed into the flagstones in the yard. The boy takes this as a sign from heaven not to kill himself. He then goes to the yard to look at the meteor. Philip picks up several curious looking bits of the heteof and takes them to a diamond merchant named Isacsteen, who causes his arcest. At the police station he gives his night as Philip Morland. Isaacstein tells the judge that the diamonis are worth, 150,000 (2520,000). Philip refuses to answer questions and is remanded for a week. Lady Morland, dining in a restaurant, reads about "Philip Morland" and is puzzled.

In the police court he succeeds in convincing the magistrate, Mr. Abingdon, that he came into possession of the jewels hopestly, and in winning the friendship of the magistrate, who sends him back to make an arrangement with Isaactein. The broker agrees to dispose of diamonds to the amount of 250,000 pounds term of veers. For a com-

back to make an arrangement with isaac-tein. The broker agrees to dispose of diamonds to the amount of 250,000 pounds a year for a term of years, for a com-mission of 10 per cent, and to place at once 5,000 pounds to the boy's credit in a band. Fifty pounds is paid in cash. With this money Philip provides himself with a beter suit of clothes, and with bags to take care of the jewels, and re-turns to Johnson's mews; on the way he meets with an adventure, which brings him in contact with a poor woman. At the old home he gathers up the diamonds, and has just succeeded in placing the last the old home he gathers up the diamonds, and has just succeeded in placing the last of them in a portmanteau, which he discovers that he is being watched by a man outside. He succeeds in getting rid of the fellow, only to discover another pair of eyes pering at him. This time it is a policeman. Philip assists the policeman in overpowering "Jockey" Mason, a desperate criminal, and saves the policeman's life, The man curses Philip and the policeman starts with him to the station house. While the policeman is absent policement starts with him to the action house. While the policeman is absent delivering his prisoner, Philip succeeds in transferring his bags filled with diamonds to the junk store of his good friend, There where all is safe. He has barely made his last trip when the policeman returns to the house with the policeman returns to the house with the inspector. Philip is questioned closely, and returns frank answers to all the inspector's queries. He shows letters from his father to his mother, pawn tickets, and other evidences of the occupancy of the house, and tells the inspector he has found friends since the death of his mother. The inspector leaves Philip satisfied that Jocky Mason has been dreaming thout the diamonds. He promises to look about the diamonds. He promises to look up the boy in the morning. When morning came Philip had left Johnson's Mews, and loaded his bass filled with diamonds on a cab, and was away on his new life. Isaacstein accompanies Philip to the

on a can, and was away on his new his lisacestein accompanies Philip to the bank, where he opens an account, and then the broker prepares to go to Amsterdam to selt the diamonds, while Philip seeks apartments at a hotel. The clerk is somewhat astonished that a mere boy should angage rooms at a cost of \$25 a day, but the manager is quieted when he finds the check tendered by the boy is good at the bank. Philip addresses the valet in French in disimissing him. Established at the hotel. Philip arranges for the safekeeping of his treasure, and goes out to look up those who had befriended him while in prison. Having visited with the green grocer and enjoyed fils astonishment, Philip set about to purchase the property of Johnson's Mews and the site of O'Brien's shop. Now Read On

Copyright, 1904, by Edward J. Clode. It was in the glowing articles which

appeared during his imprisonment that he took the keenest interest. Oddly enough, one ingentous correspondent blundered onto a chie. Gifted with an analytical mind, he had reasoned that

#### Hooray! Baby To Rule the House

#### No Longer Do Women Fear The Great-est of All Human Blessings.

It is a joy and comfort to know that those much-talked-of pains and other distreamer that are said to precede child-bearing may easily be avoided. No woman need fear the slightest discomfort if she will fortify herself with the well-known and time-honored remedy, "Mother's Friend."

existence in the gutter. This is a most grateful, penetrating, external application that at once softens and makes plant the abdominat muscles and ligaments. They naturally expand without the slightest strain, and thus not only banish all tendency to nervous, twitching spells, but there is an entire freedom from nauses, discomfort, sleepleasness and dread bat so often leave their impress upon the

The occasion is therefore one of unbounded, joyful anticipation, and too much stress can not be laid upon the remarkable influence which a mother's happy, pre-natal disposition has upon the health and fortunes of the generation to come.

Mother's Friend is recommended only for the relief and comfort of expectant mothers, housands of whom have used and recommend it. You will find it on sale at all drug night, but you had gone. Someone is stores at \$1.00 a bottle. Write to-day to the looking after you pretty well, sh?" Bradness Regulator Co., 130 Lamur Bidg., Atlanta, Ga., for a most instructive book on this greatest of all subjects, motherhood.

the diamond-laden meteor fell during the extraordinary storm of the 19th, and the

meteorological department in Victoria street helped him by describing the cen-

ter of the disturbance as situated some-what to the east of the London hospital. This writer had actually interviewed a

member of the staff of that institution who amused himself by noting barom

etrical vagaries. His instrument recorded an extraordinary increase of pressure soon after 10 o'clock on the night of the

"Alas!" added the scribe, "it did not

indicate where the meteor fell, and not

a policeman, bus driver or railway of-

ficial can be found who observed any-

thing beyond a phenomenal electrical dis-

That was too close to be pleasant, and

Philip was glad to hear from M. Foret

that the solicitors, after telephoning to

ask some particulars concerning Mr.

Anson, were giving prompt attention to

"What did you tell them," asked Philip.

"I said that you impressed me as the

kind of young gentleman who woulid

"Perfectly, Such clients do not abound

Three hours later a letter came for

Philip Enson, Esq.," by hand. It was

"We are in receipt of your esteemed in-

structions. Although Saturday is a day on

which it is difficult to do business, we

lost no time in inspecting the premises in

the Mile End Road, accompanied by a

surveyor. We wound that the mews stand

approximately on an area of 3,200 super-

ficial feet, while the shop tenanted by

O'Brien had a frontage on the main road

of eighteen feet, with a probable depth

of thirty or thirty-five feet. The owner

of this shop is a resident in the neigh-

borhood, and he will accept 450 pounds

"We are fortunate in finding the man-

aging director of the Cardiff and Havre

Coal company, Ltd., at his office. Al-

though the company require the mews for the purpose of a depot, they are not

unwilling to sell, with a stipulation that

the premises shall not be used for any

competing company during a period of

twenty years from the date of transfer.

We stated that the site was required for

a philanthropic purpose, but that the

latter stipulation is insisted on. The

price asked is 2,200 pounds, which we con-

sider excessive, there being a very inadequate approach. Moreover, we wish

to point out that O'Brien's shop does not

adjoin the mews, and it would be neces-sary to purchase two other houses to

make to entire property a compact one.

"However, adhering to the letter of

your instructions, we have pleasure in

informing you that the two properties can

be acquired with very little delay, for

£2,600. The legal and other charges will not exceed £150. We trust, etc." Philip immediately wrote:

"I am greatly obliged by your promptitude in the matter of Johnson's Mews

and the shop. I inclose check herewith

for £2,800. The purchase of the other

houses can stand over for a few days." This he dispatched by special messen-

ger, and in a few minutes he held a for-

A telegram came for him. It was from

Then Philip enjoyed his first real

breathing space during hours of daylight. He went by train to the cemetery in

which his mother was buried, carrying

It was a remarkable fact that this was the first visit he had paid to her grave.

During the days of misery and partial madness which followed her death he never lost the delusion that her spirit abided with him in the poor dwelling they

Hence, the narrow resting place be-

neath the green turf in no way appealed

to him. But now, that a succession of

extraordinary external events had re-

stored the balance of his mind, he real-

ized that she was really dead and buried;

that what he revered as her spirit was

in truth a fragrant memory; that he

would be nearest to her mortal remains

when standing in the remote corner of

the burial ground allotted to the poor-

est of the poor-those removed by one

degree from pauperdom and a parish

It happened, by mere chance, that since

Mrs. Anson's funeral no one had been

interred on one side of the small space

purchased for her. There were three vacant plots here, and a surprised official

told Philip there would be no difficulty

in acquiring these for the purpose of

The boy filled in the necessary forms there and then. It was some consola-

tion to know that he could perpetuate

her memory in this way, though he had

formulated another project which should

On the site of Johnson's Mews should

ute Boys. He would build a place where

those who were willing to work and learn

would be given a chance, and not driven,

the work would be successful.

mtaining a chubby infant.

To Be Conflaued Tomorrow.

keep her name revered through the ages.

arise the Mary Anson Home for Desti-

recting a suitable monument.

with him a beautiful wreath.

"Can see you after 6 at my house."

mal receipt.

Mr. Abingdon.

pay well for services given unsparingly."

"Did that satisfy them?"

from the solicitors, and read:

n these hard times."

for the freehold.

his instructions.

play and a violent downpour of rain."



of Delphi, was a long, thin gash in the mountain side, and out of it Greek world to know their fate a-coming. And she-intoxicated by streamed thin shreds of vapor all day long into the sunbright world. the breath of the gods-murmured things that they faithfully believed Blowing to the nostrils of goats that fed on the hills it sent them danc- were answering their questions. If they didn't, they twisted the words ing in wildering circles; and watching them the little goat-herds stood about and tried to believe they did. And this was called the Oracle terrified and amazed. So they, too, fascinated, came close and of Delphi. This odorous, dazing vapor that drifted in old Greece from breathed of the stilfling mist. And, quick as a wink, they, too, began a strange cleft in the mountain of Parnassus. to snap their fingers and kick and dance high and whirl over the sweet green grass. And all Delphi then came out on the bills to watch with field rose from the fingers of a simple girl will bring as good an answer round eyes and superstition whispering in their ears. Out of the as the camellias and gardenias of the wealthy girl's will win. But, like mouths of the dancing goats and the twirling herd-boys came such odd the Oracle of Delphi, he doesn't always tell the truth-though I believe and inspired raving that the simple people thought of the reason of it he honestly tries to tell what love and life hold for you-for the reason all right away. "Ho," said the king-"Prophesy-that's what it is! that sometimes he doesn't know himself. And, like the worshipful The gods have whispered in their ear-and now they're trying to tel! people of Greece, who yearned to believe and know-the girls who wait it." So after a great deal of flying about and fussing and running at his feet for his answer with lips apart and eyes ashine-try to twist hither and there-over the thin veils of vapor, they set a golden tripod; his answer into the best for them-try to believe even when his answer and after that year in, year out-under the azure sky and the big, is a warning-that all's well and the world well lost for love.

High on the slopes of Parnassus, in ancient Greece, near the city bright moon—on the tripod sat a priestess. And to her came at the

So love is an oracle in more ways than one. The gift of one tiny

#### De Lesseps and the Panama Canal

starving and desperate, to pick up an 1881, the French engineer commenced lay-He was too young to devise all the deving out the course for the Panama canal. pany was forced into liquidation. talls of such a splendid institution, but and thus began the job which was to end tide-level at Colon filled in, and the \$35. he had got the idea and would possess in the most atu-

tical part of the undertaking to older pendous scandal of modern times. Ferdinand De Les-The one essential feature was that generations yet unborn should learn to jove seps, one of the and honor the name of Mary Anson. most Provided that were achieved he knew had hypnotised the International con-Soon after leaving the cemetery he came face to face with Bradley, the pogrees at Paris, inveigled individuals liceman, who was in plain clothes, and and states into walking with a lady, obviously Mrs. subscribing to the Bradley, judging by the matronly manner scheme, and the

which she wheeled a perambulator dream of centuries seemed about to "Well, I'm blowed!" cried the police-

man, "who would have thought of mee; ing you!. I looked in at the mews last set for 1885. Subscription followed sub- press had been bribed and the legislature scription, and loan followed loan, and the corrupted. interest did not forget to accumulate. The "Panama company" took its place enough to fail as rain. Dew is a forma- forces, fit only for technical journals

By REV. THOMAS B. GREGORY, The fall of 1888 came in due time, and the promised opening did not materialize. With only a fifth of the work done the Thirty-three years ago, February 19, indebtedness was \$370,000,000. Further borrowing became impossible, and the com-600,000 plant began rusting away. The Colombian government graciously voted the company an extension of ten years' time in which to finish the contract, when all of a sudden the bubble burst with consequences that astounded the world.

In the autumn of 1892 M. Delahaye declared that no fewer than 100 members of the French legislature had been bribed by the company, and that the vast project was nothing less than a gigantic fraud. The revelations that came out in the trial which followed very nearly wrecked the government. The worst that Delehaye had charged was shown to be true, and

the flerce reproaches of the people knew be realized, at a money cost of \$155,000,000, no bounds. Three hundred and seventy From time to time delegates met De millions of dollars of hard-carned money Leaseps at the isthmus to prepare for had been sunk, and to cover up the vilthe opening of the big ditch, which was lallous business, it appeared that the

greatest swindles of history.

to whom Uncle Sam entrusted the task ashamed of.

along with the "South sea bubble" and that is now practically finished. The the "Mississippi scheme" as one of the great waterway across the isthmus-pronounced by James Bryce to be the But, as Shakespeare says, "We may "largest liberty that man has ever taken make a moral even out of the devil him- with nature"-is now a reality, and the self," and the great scandal was not with- story of the great achievement is one that cut its influence for good upon the men our people will never have to be

#### Why a Needle Will Float on Water

By EDGAR LUCIEN LARKIN.

Q.-Explain the philisophy of the surface tension of liquids in connection with the flotation of the needle? A .- A steel needle laid carefully on a stillwater surface will float, although the weight of steel or iron is greater than shot-towers.

that of an equal volume of water. Molecules of liquids cohere, but with a force less than in solids or viscid substances. But the thin needle of metal gently placed horizontally in water has syrup, glycerine and other viscous liquids. not quite weight enough to break the sur-

of the water below it.

tion of minute particles of water into drops at rest on surfaces.

The molecular attraction of the heavy liquid-mercury-is intense, else this heavy liquid could not be drawn by it into apheres or drops. Melted lead forms into minute globes when let fall in high

There is a great difference in the intensity of molecular attraction as may be observed in alcohol, gasoline, suiphuric ether and similar limpid liquids, and oil, Soap bubbles could not be blown in face tension, that is molecular attraction. alcohol or benzine, but they form readily in water. And the molecules in the thin Attraction of molecules is a force that films really attract with some force, else exerts great influence in nature. Thus the bubbles would burst before they bethis force draws particles of water in came so large. The most elaborate mathefogs into drops of water which are heavy matics is required to handle molecular



### Madame Isebell's -Beauty Lesson

I thoroughly believe in the efficacy of a good face powder; a pure, fine powder will not harm the skin, but, on the contrary, will improve it and protect-it from dust, wind and the acid found in excessive perspiration. Before applying powder rub a little cream into the skin; this will cause the powder to adhere and prevent it entering into the pores. Be sure the powder puff is clean; if a chamols or famb's wool puff is used it should be washed, frequently. Never use a puff or cloth of any sort that has been used by another person. Powder can very well be applied by means of a clean pocket handkerchief or bits of absorbent cotton. Powder, or "make-up" of any form, should not be left on the face over night; one reason for the necessity of the evening face bath.

Face vells have rather gone out of fashion recently. This is to be deplored, for most women look better under a becoming veil than with the face entirely exposed, and a vell is considerable protection from dust and the direct rays of the sun. A face vell will irritate the skin if it is not clean, and to keep them clean they need to be washed or changed frequently. The white silk washable velis are both becoming useful.

To have and preserve a good complexion good health, good digestion and cleanly bodily habits are necessary. Don't eat food that disagrees with you even if it may cause only a momentary discomfort. Sugar taken with food is a necessary part of the normal diet, but candy eaten alone is very bad for the complexion, and pastry, fried food, pork and veal are also on the forbidden list. The girl or woman who is striving for a perfect complexion will drink largely of pure water, but take nothing more stimulating than an casional cup of hot tes.

A correspondent asks me what she can do for a large nose? Nothing can be done to reduce the structure of the nose. A fleshy nose, however, can be reduced by washing out the interior with sait and water every morning and bathing with witch hazel at night. A soft arrangement of the hair about the cars will make the nose appear less prominent. I imagine from my correspondent's leter that she is a young girl, and I will add for her consolation that both mouth and nose have a tendency to grow smaller as one

#### Note-Madame Is'bell's second lesson

will deal with the subject, "Beauty Hy-

#### Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

A Man's Way. Dear Miss Fairfax: I am 15 and have been keeping company for a year with a young man who is only 21. He has always seemed to be a perfect fool over me, and I think a great deal f him. He doesn't seem to think as much of

me right here lately, and fusses a great deal about whom I keep company with, and doesn't want me to go with other boys. While out of my sight he seems to enjoy being with other girls.

LOUISA.

His jealousy is one proof that he cares for you, and he may be going with other girls to incite your jealousy.

Don't let him succeed. Be the same friendly companion you have always been, and if he becomes too exacting and fault finding, give him up. Youth is too short to let any of it be spent in trying to placate a disagrecable man.



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