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CHAPTER I.

The "Agony" Column.

The express from Paris was more crowded than usual that J. Continue and arrival platform of Victoria station. Even the porters noticed the extra number of carriages and the density of their human freight.

"What's up, Tom?" Inquired one of his merest mate. "Is there as the plant of his merest mate." "Is there as the plant of his hearts make as a plant of his hearts make as a plant of his hearts make as a plant of his his better-informed friend.

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my traps?" came the query.

"Yes, str."

"Right-o. Grab this! I have two more bags here, and a couple of cabin trunks in the van."

"This," was a suit case, with a label. The porter glanced at the address: "Captain Arthur Pelham, Passenger from Bombay to London, per P, and O. SS Naldera."

"Well, that's rum—that's wot it is!" he communed, while seizing the remaining portmanteaux. But he knew his job, and gave the necessary directions:

"You'll find me at the customers barrier, sir. There's no hurry. It'll tike 'em quarter of an hour or more to empty them luggage vans."

In a few minutes the two come together again in the midst of a crowd of laughing, joyous people, because few trains in the world bring together relatives and friends parted so iong and so far as the weekly express which covers the last stage of the long journey from the east.

"Yes."

"the first time I sawr 'Im 'e was lyin' there alongside me. Then they put him in the c i ne't mine in a German field hospital. Fair knocked aht, 'e was, aro.e morna, an' 'e kep' sayin' 'Vaquero,' 'Matador' an' 'Soixante-neuf,' as though answerin' to nymes in a roil-call. . . . Just keep an eye for your trunks, sir, When you spots 'em I'll 'ave 'em on the bench. . . Pore gentleman! 'E died at d'ylight!"

"He what?"

"Wet west, sir. At least I thort so. They took him an' another of-ficer orf."

"You were mistaken. He is not dead but very much alive. And how on earth can you remember those foreign words?"

"That's the queer part of it, sir. That's w'y I said it was fum when I twigged you in the trine. You know the papers 'ave wot they call an 'Agony' column, sir?'

"Yes."

"Weil, I mikes a point o' gatherin'

"Yes."
"Well, I mikes a point o' gatherin' one o' them pipers every mornin' to look owver when things are a bit quiet, an' blow me if I don't see them very words in a hadvertisement every two or three d'ys quite recent, 'Va-quero,' 'Matador,' 'Soixante-neuf'—but that larst one in figures—each of 'em a-snappin' at the others quite vicious like. So, you see, sir, they was fresh in me mind when you turned up all the w'y from bloomin' old Injia. It was pretty 'ot at Colaba Point when you passed the battery, sir, that is, if you kem strite 'ome."
"Yes, I left Peshawur in the middle of May."
"My word! I was in Ali Musjid all

one 'ot weather, an' they growl 'ere if the glass touches 80! Excuse me, sir, but it's a fair treat ter meet anyone from the old show." "By the way, those are my cabin-trunks, the two with the white

The porter shouldered the smaller

"Meet me on the other side of the bench, sir. I'll 'ave you clear in a jiffy.

The customs formalities were slight. Young officers arriving from the far east may have an extra box of cheroots tucked away among their clothes but they are not the gentry for whom close watch is kept—a much closer watch than many people suspect, judging from the seemingly casual scrutiny given to strangers reaching British ports. Captain Pelham's luggage was soon stowed in a taxi, and the porter received a liberal tip. The traveler halted on the step—why, he never knew afterwards, though he often puzzled his brains to find a rea-

"What newspapers did those adver-isements appear in?" he said.

The man told him.
"And what is your name?"
"Jerikins, sir. Corporal in the Fusi Sheh was the manner of Arthur Pelham's return to the homeland

after four years of war and three of foreign service. He neither dressed for dinner nor went out, but sat in the foyer, after a light meal, and the foyer, after a light heal, and tried to sum up this new England from the samples presented by the people who loitered or passed. Appar-ently, he was bored by the result, as he was in bed by 10 o'clock.

Next morning he called at the war office. After a half hour of departmental indifference he walked out a civilian, being one of the later shoots from the tree of empire which had to be lopped off by the economical Most foiks forget that the kidneys,

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sish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headache, rheumatic twinges, orpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorlers.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean and the moment you leel an ache or pain in the kidney region begin drinking lots of water. Also get about four ounces of Jadialts from any good drug store here, ake a tablespoonful in a glass of vater before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the teid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is intended to lush clogged kidneys and help stimulate them to activity. It also helps separately at the acids in the urine so

ush clogged kidneys and help stimulate them to activity. It also helps seutralize the acids in the urine so help no longer irritate, thus helping to relieve bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; makes a telightful effervescent lithia water frink which everybody should take now and then to help keep their kidneys clean.

vation, therefore for a few years, but he disliked the notion of being at a he disliked

and then to help keep their king leaves clean.

A well-known local druggist says he tells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in trying to correct kidney brouble while it is only trouble. By believe in trying to correct kidney crouble while it is only trouble. By all means have your physician ex-timine your kidneys at least twice a three months, and entered into pos-session at once. Then, having an session at once. Then, having an hour to spare, he went to the newspaper office mentioned by the railway porter, and searched the files. Just six days earlier—the same is sue announced that "Humorist" had won the derby—he found the latest announcement of personal interest in "the Agony Column." There were others, at intervals of a few days. Apparently, the series began about the middle of May. On the 17th appeared the following:

peared the following:
69-I am here. At present I neither visit nor write. You will comprehend. Announce rendezvous, date and hour this column.—MATADOR.

On the 21st came what is known in law as an intervener:

69—Matador is a worm. Leave him
to me. I'll crush him beneath my heel. But me you must see.—VAQUERO.
To this was appended a box number for correspondence,
May 24th produced two advertisements. A foreman printer, clearly with an eye to effect arranged them

follows: VAQUERO-Neither / 69 nor I fear ou. To your desert, Jackali-MATA-

MATADOR and VAQUERO-I deemed ou dead. You soon will be .- 69.
After an interval of five days one the trio grew angryt
69—Beware! My patience is exhausted Further silence is useless. As for Mata-dor, I spit on him.—VAQUERO.

dangerous; but we unite in vengeance, unless. This is your final warning.

MATADOR. Pelham bought copies of the news paper, which were so bulky that he out out the advertisements and threw away the sheets. He was not aware

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He was somewhat taken aback when a clerk, not the one who had supplied the newspapers, demanded 10 shillings, together with his name and

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luncheon on Wednesday at the Omaha club for Mrs. Charlse F. Johannes and Mrs. E. W. Guenther.

with song review by Frank Peterson G. Collins of Omaha, was quietly sol-Dinner dance at Athletic club, Miss Beulah Sharp at home at tea formerly of the Rainbow Gardens in emnized last Thursday in Des Moines. Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fraser, dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rann Ken- his bride are residing at the Brans nedy, luncheon guests of Mrs. Arthur ford hotel.

Mrs. A. L. Reed, picnic supper for Guion and honored at dinner by

Ia., Dr. Owen of St. Pauls Episcopal church, officiating. Mr. Collins and

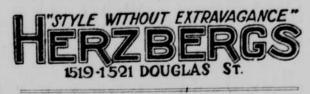
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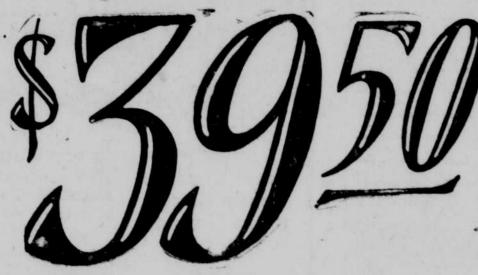
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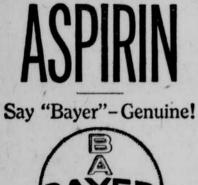
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