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**He Took Its Measure.**  
Apropos of Irving's revival of "Coriolanus" and the moderate success which it met, it is related that just before the production, Sir Henry Irving, Sir Alexander McKenzie, who wrote the music, and Sir Alma Tadema, who designed the scenery, were holding a conference on the stage one afternoon. A super, who stood near, said to his chums: "Three blooming knights." "Yes," said the other, "and three blooming nights is about all the blooming piece will run."

**Tubing on a Man's Body.**  
An averaged sized man has, as some statistical crank has figured out, about 2,500 inches of skin on his body, and in each square inch there are some 2,800 sweat glands. There are over 3,500 glands in the palm of the hand, while the number on the entire surface is about 7,000,000. Each of these sweat glands is about a quarter of an inch long, therefore the average man has something like twenty-eight miles of tubing in his skin.

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**Glasgow's Tax Reducing Scheme.**  
As a means of reducing the taxes for the maintenance of the police department of Glasgow it has been proposed that 50 per cent of the extra rent charged by landlords of public houses above the sums which such houses, minus the licenses, would let for, shall be paid into the municipal treasury. There are many public houses in Glasgow, the rents of which are enormously out of proportion to the accommodations afforded, and it is argued that the landlords ought to be made to share their excessive profits with the city.

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Some day an innovation  
Will suddenly be sprung—  
Some conscientious preacher  
Will turn his silver tongue  
To words of hope and heaven,  
And grace his voice will fill,  
And we'll get more religion  
And less of vaudeville.  
—Chicago Times-Herald.



## The Clutch of Circumstances.

BY E. C. WALTZ.  
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When the wind swept the boat across the waters, tossing it to and fro in a mocking and mad glee, Carter Starr had only the one thought—to save his companion and himself. The boatride was a mad escapade on the part of both—a daring defiance of the old quarrel between her uncle and adopted father, Belden Storms and his own family. But when the fates threw them together for a fortnight's sojourn at the seaside hotel, the two saw a humor in the situation that drove them into follies and pranks undreamed of before.

He knew that she was pretty and an heiress. He knew that his own fortunes depended upon the caprice of his grandfather. She admired him with a woman's admiration, because he was forbidden to her by every tradition of the Storms family.

Introduced by accident and among strangers, the two laughed into each other's eyes and defied fortune and tradition. They met afterwards by those strange accidents that seem arranged for such cases, in the early morning dip in the sea, in the nooks of the long porticos, at night during the pauses of the dance—and, on an island party over the bay, in the dance itself because it was safe enough. But this afternoon had been utterly without precedent. He had strolled away in his flannels for a smoke and to read while the hotel people napped after luncheon. And, in the shade of a great rock, he had chanced upon Eloise Storms awake, alert, saucy and magnetic. An hour later they went out for a sail over to Idle Rock. That was the story—only they had not counted on what might happen.

What did happen made them helpless, their boat disabled in a few moments, at the mercy of a wild sea. Then was the dreadful darkness of the tossing waters and a blinding rain. Eloise's red parasol went to and fro toward the shore like a gay buoy at the first gust. And after it went her pique cap and his own soft felt, mere links in a chain of evidence in after hours.

It was hard to say which was the paler face in the first realizations of the moment. But Eloise recovered herself with the courage of her race. "We shall be carried out to sea."

He looked at her with trembling lips



"We shall be carried to sea."  
"I should have known better than to have brought you."  
She smiled bitterly.  
"And I should not have come. We are even. Can we get through the storm?"  
He looked out to the infinite, omnipotent sea. His reckless moods left from him. The wind blew the girl's brown hair about her shoulders. He could not see her face. He tried to keep a control of the rudder for a long time but gave it up as useless. Out, out into the darkness and tossing waters they went with the receding tide. Finally he crept along close to her and took her hands.  
"You have been very brave—I think

I will tell you that the boat may break up—later. It is an old one and leaking horribly. Here is a rope. I will tie it about you and myself as well as I can and to the mast and deck piece. Believe me, I will do all I can to save you."  
She put her hands on his shoulders and looked into his eyes.  
"Forgive me."  
"For what?"

"Wait," he cried, "and I'll give you something to halloo for. Miss Storms and myself have been very near Death and have come back as we were saved, together. We were married this morning at St. Stephen's across the bay."

The old man's eyes at once met those of the red-faced man in a look of intense relief. He caught his grandson's arm.

"And you did right, you scamp!" he roared out, "You are always a gentleman."

And Eloise felt her uncle's wet cheek against her own.

"The proper thing," he sobbed, "the proper thing—and, under the circumstances, the only thing."

**FIND WATER IN THE DESERT.**  
Plentiful Flow Is Struck in Mojave Desert by Prospectors.

The Mojave desert, located in the southeastern portion of the state, has long been regarded as dangerous to life and valueless for any purpose, says the San Francisco Argonaut.

True, it was known that the arid land could be rendered fruitful by means of irrigation, but there was no water there and none could be obtained without a heavy expenditure. The only plan proposed that promised relief was the construction of immense reservoirs in the mountains to retain the storm water for a long distance during the summer. This meant a heavy initial outlay and neither the state government nor the federal government has as yet expressed a willingness to incur it. Life on the desert when not positively dangerous, is crowded with hardships, but hardships have no deterrent effect upon the searchers for gold, and lately the waste places of the desert have been invaded by an army of prospectors for oil. The theory upon which they proceeded was that the Kern river oil belt extends through the Mojave desert. Whether or not there is any virtue in this theory, the facts so far developed have not justified it. No oil has been found, but water in considerable quantities has been struck and at the present time this is more valuable than the oil would have been. Artesian water, if a sufficient quantity can be found, is much better than the retained and ditched storm water would have been, since there is less expense for handling and less loss from evaporation. Three wells have been developed already. The third struck the water at a depth of 185 feet, which is much more shallow than would be required for an oil well. All of them are said to be "gushers," and the latest flows 215 miner's inches. If the water belt should prove to be permanent and extensive a rush to this region and something very like a land boom may be looked for.

He rose up suddenly.  
"Eloise, the worst is coming. Give me your hand, no, hold to me. See!"  
She looked seaward and saw that which made her shriek and cling to him.

Two hours later they lay somewhere on the sand, still in a terrible darkness and the storm raging about them. That they were alive seemed a miracle. When consciousness returned to him the sea was washing their bodies. He had dragged her higher onto the sand and discovered that she was not dead. Now her head was pillowed on his shoulder and her face hidden on his breast.

"Where are we?"  
"I do not know. We must wait for light. It may be an island—it may be the shore."

She laughed bitterly.  
"It does not make much difference. I shall never go back."  
"Why? O, I know, I know!"  
"You do not know the Storms. I am forever disgraced in their eyes. I would rather be dead. I shall never go back. Get me away somewhere and let me disappear. I will work, anything, anything, rather than face my uncle."

Her voice was scornful and dreary enough. He smoothed her wind-roughened hair.

"Do not think that I do not know. I cannot see that my own case is very different. I, too, have offended against the unwritten laws. I also must bear my punishment."

"Which will be—?"  
"My grandfather never forgives."  
"I know that well."  
After a long silence during which the wind seemed somewhat less terrible, he said, in a low tone:  
"But I will make it up to you."  
"How can you?"  
"I can at least save you from the worst."

"The worst," she shuddered.  
"I can make you my wife."  
"You? And I was to make such a great marriage?"  
"So was I. Perhaps this is one. We can call it so."  
She wrung her hands. "I cannot go back alone. I cannot. But nothing

could be worse than the return. I see no other way. Can you brave it?"  
He smoothed her hair from her forehead.

"We know the world and we see the situation. We were saved together and are known to have been out on the sea by this time. I will take you back as my wife. That will be the only thing now—as I see."

"But marriage—marriage is a solemn, a sacred tie."

"So it is. We will try to do our duty. I think death has purified our souls tonight. So be comforted and we will see what the light brings us. It may solve the problem of what to do next."

In the faint gray dawn he awoke from a troubled sleep. They were on a long sandy beach. Clear across the bay were the buildings of the great hotel. Beyond and above them was a small village and the cross of a tiny stone church showed over the trees.

"The way is found," he said, calmly, "come, we will go yonder."

The news of their rescue went by telephone to the great hotel and the whole house, excited by their disappearance and survival, waited on the piazzas and at the wharf for their return on the coast steamer.

The people at the village had given them some clothing but they presented a strange appearance as they stepped on shore. At the gang-plank stood a white-haired old man and a red-faced middle-aged man. They were both stern and choleric, their great relief finding vent in hot anger. The culprits came together. Carter Starr held his head high and his lips were as set as his grandfather's own. Eloise was wan and clung to his arm. There was a loud huzzahing of the passengers and a dash forward to shake hands.

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