************* THE DIAMOND DOG.

By GEORGE GRIFFITH.

dustry than the Jew of Whitechapel and the Celestial of Singapore, who were sitting back room behind a tin could store in Old De Beers road, Kimberly, late one night in the early '80s. Yet it was no very night in the early '80s. Yet it was no very shaped bairless dogs which his countrymen uncommon thing here in this vortex of affect in the form of fricasie.

prominent eyes kept wandering restlessly about the little room, his fleshy, pendant under lip trembling every now and then with the movement of his heavy jaw, his fat, invishly jeweled fingers kept alter-nately drumming on the dirty table and wandering aimiceely through his black and

The Chinaman sat with his long-nailed fingers entwined on the lap of his ample blouse, and looked at him placedly out of his bright, inward-statting little eyes. Neither had said anything for some little time. Each was pondering a very im-portant problem in his own way. A shaggy long-baired, disreputable took-

ing mongrel, which seemed to combine some half dozen varying strains in his nonde-script lineage, seemed to be doing the same the table, with his wickedly clever face between his paws, and every now and then blinked up at his heathen master as though wondering whether he had found any solution to the problem yet.
"It'll no good, Loo," half whispered the

Jew, at length beaking the pause, and bringing his fingers down from his hair to the table for something like the twentieth time, "the old plants will all be played out now that this internal new law ish passes and look at the rishk-fifteen years on tha blathted break-water, just for being four with a few little klips on you. The gamain't going to be worth the candle any more if we don't find some new way of getting them out that the tecs won't tumble to, I'd be worth a fortune to a man who could hit on a real bran new fake just now, that it would, and if we can't get one the in dustry's going to be ruined, and that's all there ish to it."

The Chinaman tooked at him stolidh while he was speaking, and then, with broad, wooden smile, which crinkled hi eyes up into two little slits, he nodded his head after the fashion of one of his own idols, and said sententiously and with the air of one who knows what he is talking

"All light, Missa Lonefelt, no need muche scratch head over dat. Kaffir boy plenty cleve yet, alice same muchee searchee, no good. Plenty new fake, too. Dodgee tecman easy all same's before. You hab no got go workee yet. Missa Lonefelt."

"If you've thought of a good new fake one that'll work, mind, and that the tecaren't likely to get on to for a bit, I'm the man to go shares with you on it, and I'l make it pay you well, Loo, I will, s'welp me tegether before now, and I ve always treated u fair and square, haven't I? likely lay it's worth twenty, no I'll make i

here in Loo Chare back sitting room he was, fustioned the state of fust what the heathen was, neither better fust what the heathen was, neither better fust while here were not better for worse, at L. B. D., a "fence," as they would have called him in his native While chapel, and like him a potential felon, and so there was no need for any overstrained etiquette between them.

Added to this he knew that his "boys" The Jew having thus paid his money, it had been with a pain which stimulated his normally keen with a pain which stimulated his normally keen with a pain which stimulated his normally here.

The Jew having thus paid his money, it have been with some moment that they regained their liberty an occurrence watch the Diamond Fields Advertiser described the next morning as "a shocking tragedy," took place just outside the bar of the Central hotel. Mr. Augustus Lowenfeldt pos-

twitching lips and eyes all a-glitter. "What's your price, Loo, give it a name,



You know I've always been fair and honor Me sell you one piecee doggie five had

died pounds."

As L.o Chai imparted this apparently inrelevant piece of information he slowly
waved one hand toward the mongrei on the
sheepskin, and smiled blandly as he added,
"and vely good chop, too, I tink."
"What! isoo for a bloomin tyke and a
precious ugly one at that; what's the good
of pulling my leg like that when we're supposed to be talking strict business, which

posed to be talking strict business, what the blathes do I want with your dog?" Mr. Lowenfeldt asked the question with an air of disgusted indignition, of which air of disgusted indignation, of which placid heathen took not the alightest ce. He simply picked the cur up on he

lap, and said in a tone of calm and almost distribled reproof: "Me no pulice leg by talkee bizness, Minea Lonefelt Die doggie no velly handsome, maybe, but he worth heap money aller same Him what you call patent I. D. B. doggie

Mr. Augustus Lowenfeldt did watch, and

********** two more queerly associated knights of in- somewhat wildly to and fro before many the Celestial of Singapore, who were sitting skin of the dog open from the base of the together over a bottle of brandy in a little neck to the root of the tail. Then, putting at the hindquarters of one of those daintily-

Lowenfeldt relieved his feelings when he heard of the barren result of their labors.

The next morning a somewhat unwonted some was enacted outside the main gate of the Deers compound. Some thrity or forty Kaffirs, whose time was up and who had gone through the final formalities preceding dismissal, were coming out laughing and singing and chattering and linging their hard-carned miney like so many children, and among them, as innocently festive as any, was young Bymebye the Pondo. He was not carrying his dog this time. He knew that the efficials had almost if not entirely, forgotten its existence, and he wisely thought that it would be more prudent to left it sneak quietly out among the legs of the crowd than to recall it to the gate keeper's memory by taking it in his arms. The animal had be one quite attached to him, and he made sure that he would be able to pick it up without any difficulty when he had got a safe distance from the gate. This he could have done quite easily if the dog had only been left to itself. But it wasn't.

No sooner had it parsed the Rubicon almost unnoticed, and shown itself in the road.

then this important was a miracle of that important in which the celestial excels all other workmen.

The delicate lacing along the back—where the hair of the original owner of the skin had been thickest, something after the fashion of an inhempt was alsonated by in the skin was lined with marvel-positive of the skin was lined with marvel-positive potentived pockers, destined for small or large stones, accordingly as the inequalities of the arimal's body or the longith of the lair bret afforded concealment. Loo Chair of the lair bret afforded concealment the lair bret afforded to concealment. Loo Chair the lair bret afforded to concealment the lair bret afforded to conceal the lair bret afforded the lair bret afforded to conceal the lair bret afforded the lair bret afforded to conceal t



Putting one hand into the opening he drew out one of those daintily-shaped hairless dogs.

kicked it onto the floor with a motion of his Ah Foo, who was waiting for it in a halfwhere, and said, quierly ruled the shart "Well, Misea Lenefelt, you no tink dat down the road,

Added to this he knew that his "boys" was for the heathen to do the rest; and, as must by this time be getting a very nice little collection of gems together for him, and he felt a very natural anxiety about them now that this detestable new law hal about doubled both the legal power of search about doubled both the legal power of search and the nemaltles for being found out. and the penalties for being found out.

Loo Chai's almond eyeo wandered slowly from the dog to the Jew and his head began to wag again, but this time the other way, grel under his arm, and this with only the strength of the party intelligible cloquence he strength on the strength of the penalties of the penalties for his less Chinese terrier at his heels. His friends saw his hands go up to his collar. His fat checks and low forehead suddenly became the penalties of the penalties for him to t and after a little pause he said slowly and partly intelligible eloquence he strenuously meditatively:

"Fifty pound tien per cent not good enough jected, but the Kaffir stuck to his point and "Fifty pound then per cent not good enough dils time. Missa Lonefelt, not by big heap. I hab got thought here"—and he tapped his dog, and eventually carried both through. I hab got thought here"—and he tapped his shaven skull gently with one of his long nails—"which make velly big chop—then, twelve, maybe twenty thousand pounds alle same time, and no chance catchee. Him worth pay for, ch, Missa Lonefelt?"

"Ten thousand at a go—maybe twenty," exclaimed the Jew, leaning forward with twitching lips and eyes all a-glitter.

The Pondo proved to be an excellent workman, and so little was seen or heard of the dog that its existence was forgotten long before the usual two-months' engagement was up. "Bymebye," as the Kaffir called himself in accordance with the common custom of taking more or less grotesque English names, found plenty of old acquaintances in the compound, as both Loo Chai and Mr. Lowenfeldt had foreseen that he would, and, by virtue of sundry invisible transactions between him and them, his dog improved rapidly in value, although his presence became even more un-

obtrusive than ever. About ten days before young Bymebye's time was up one of his most intimate friends left the compound after passing blamelessly through the then usual formaltties under the hands of the searching offi-cials, and that night contrived to convey, through Loo Chai and one Ah Fco, his serv-ant, the welcome news to Mr. Lowenfeldt that the Pondo's dog would come out with such a lining to its second skin as the ex-perienced broker felt justified in estimating at from \$10,000 to \$12,000 in value.

The Kaffir received five rovereigns in return for his news, and with them and his own earnings he proceeded, after the meaner of his kind, to blind himself to the lights of heaven and divers barrooms for three days and nights, after which he went three days and nights, after which he went back with a light pouch and a heavy head to do another two months' spell in the mine. This time he was the bearer of a message to his Fondo chum to the effect that if on his coming out he would take the dog to a certain place other than the house of Loo Chaf he would get 1200 for it in place of the ido that his master had promised him. To this the Pondo, being easy of morals, and longing greatly for the possession of wives and eattle in his own land, incontinently

The reason for this leading astray of the ntutored ravage may be quickly seen in the ct that 10 per cent on, say, f10,000 would c f1,000, and this, with the amount of the ill, would make f1 250—which, when Mr. A wenfeldt came to think quietly over the natter, seemed to be a most outrageous site to pay to a yellow-skinned heathen oven for a double-skinned dog, and, after the deliberation he decided not to pay it, if as could find any means of evading payment.

The chortest and easiest way to do this was to procure the arrest and conviction of Loo Chai as an I. D. B. before the Pondo got out, and to this end he succeeded in bribing Ah Foo with cash down and promise f more to plant four "traps," which he ook from his own safe, in a convenient lace in his master's store. But, as there a more honor of a sort among heathen than among thieves. Ah Fo gave the plot away, and in the same hour showed the trap at nes to Loo Chai, who hid been suspecting som friendly action of the sort, and, with his con-sent, took them away with him for greater safety and his own reward.

Very early the next morning the police "acting on information received," raided the store of Loo Chai, turned it mostly into the street, and found nothing, its owner meanwhile looking on in bland resignation that would have well become a martyr in a botter cause. A good deal of language was used by the executors of the law of which ng respectable printers. respectable printers' ink would convey any adequate expression, but it was nothing to the sloquent Yiddish in which Mr. Augustys

likely lay it's worth twenty, no I'll make it fifty, there fifty down to let me into it, and the usual terms afterwards. That's good enough ain't it? I can't speak no fairer than that, can I, Lou, old pai?"

The Jew spoke eagerly, almost caressingly to the yellow heathen whom he would have passeed by without a wink in Main street. There he was, Augustus Lowenfeldt, licensed diamond broker, stock and share dealer, and all the rest of it, a man with a reputation to lose, as reputations went then in Kimberley, and with a future before him, but here in Loo Chal's back sitting room he was just what the heathen was, neither better nor worse, an L. B. D., a "fence," as they

The Jew flaving thus paid his money, it was for the heathen to do the rest; and, as a first consequence of what he did, a Pondo Kaffir whom he long had under his eye for the working out of this particular scheme, presented hinself at the gate of the new compound of the De Beers mine for hire early on the following morning but one. He had a very disreputable looking mon-say his heads are not still the looking a few whiskies and so last with some friends, and was just bidding them goodby to go and see about some important business. a deep bruish purple and his eyes, blood-shot and staring, started half out of their sockers. Fumbling feebly with his fast tight-ening collar, he half gasped, half gurgle i: "Dog-ten thou"—done, by ——" and then he recied back and pitched sideways into the road, and before they could get 'lim

back into the bar he was dead. "Never knew poor Gussie to have 'em be-ire," one of his friends sympathicingly remarked to another when they had rein the remains safely on to the ambulance. D'you think there really was a dog there Bleihd if I did-the thing looked to me more like a rat. Come on, let's go and 'ave an other, it's given me quite a turn."

SOME POINTS OF LAW.

How the Courts Interpret Various Knotty Problems.

A specific tax levied under state statute upon every sewing machine company or its agents and all wholesale dealers in sewing machines manufactured by companies that have not paid the tax is held, in Singer Mfg. Co. v. Wright (Ga.) 35 L. R. A. 497, to be constitutional.

An insurance company which under its contract elects to repair and fails to do so is held, in Henderson v. Crescent Ins. Co., (La.) 35 L. R. A. 385, to be liable for the cost of the repairs without reference to the amount of the insurnace, if the assured completes the repairs.

A bond to indemnify a sheriff against

liability for failure to execute final process, when given by the person against whom the plocess was directed, is held in Harrington v. Crawford (Mo.) 35 L. R. A. 477, to be in-valid on grounds of public policy because it s intended to prevent the officer from doing

of trust of her legal estate is security for her husband alone as the principal debtor on a note signed by him and several other persons is held, in McCollum v. Boughton (Mo.) 35 L. R. A. 489, to be inadmissible for the purpose of making her land liable for the purpose of making her land liable for the debt before holding the other signers

of a portion of a sidewalk next to a building (Ala.) 35 L. R. A. 303, to constitute an ind. able nuisance, although it is erected on the had existed without objection for seve years and was erected under a license from

a demand on a demand note is held, in Le ard v. Olson (Iowa) 35 L. R. A. 381, to be reasonable and not to be excused by fact that the maker of the note had remo-from the state, unless notice of that fact of the fact of nonpayment was given to indorser within a teasonable time.

The reasonableness of a tender of a \$5 n payment of fare on a street car is held Barker v. Central Park, N. & E. R. R. (N. Y.) 35 L. R. A. 489, to be a question law for the court, and it is decided that su a tender is not ressonable and the conducts cannot be required to furnish change for the amount where there is a rule of the compa requiring change to be furnished only to the amount of \$2.

A contract by an employee of a railroad company to the effect that his employer might deduct from his wages a certain sum per month for a relief fund, and that in case

affect in the form of ficasse, composition villainy into which the magnetic point of the diamond, more fatal in its fascination even than the glint of gold. Its fascination even than the glint of gold had gathered together men of all colors and cort Lop Chai some weeks of patient table. Something was evidently exercising the mind of the Jew very considerably, for his mind of the Jew very considerably in the form of ficassie.

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ist from which appointments and prome them from examination is held unconst

A by-law that withdrawing members shall A by-law that withdrawing members shall be paid in the order of the presentation of their applications is held, in Engelhardt v. Fifth Ward Permanent D. S. & L. Asso. (N. Y.) 25 L. R. A. 289, to be a reasonable regulation which is binding on existing members, and it is also held that a withdrawing member earnot sue the association until there are funds in the treasury out of which his claim can be paid, at least in the absence of bad faith or the involvence f the association where the articles provi or the refunding when the necessary funds A settlement consisting of fourteen fain

lies averaging about five persons cach eside along a stream for a distance of about ods to a mile or more, occupied chiefly farming but having a school district, dist school and postoffice, while the new settlement in any direction is about miles, is held, in People vs. McCune (Ut 35 L. R. A. 396, to be a village within the meaning of a statute prohibiting the keep ing of cattle within seven miles of any village where the refure of the coral, camp or bodding place will find its way late a stream of water used by the inhabitants.

MR. NUSOM AND VALET.

A 14-Year-Old Boy Steals Money, Buys a Ynebt and Comes to Grief. A week ago Leon Nusom of Port Gibson Miss., reached New Orleans with \$305 I his inner pocket, a valet tagging on behind. launch, which he didn't know how to run, a skiff, and an empty purse. His valet was still with him. Leon is 14 years of age His valet is 10, and as black as the proverbial ace of spader. It is rumored that they ha chance to break around Port Gibson before neighborhood.

Leon brought his penchant for steam Orleans, and for several days he and his fol lower looked around for what he wanted. Finally he located the proper article in Algiers. He purchased it from paying \$225 in cash therefor. before yeartrday. He also bought a skiff,
Yesterday Special Com. He purchased it from one Mr. Cuny. g steam launch off Gretna. Officer Taylor thought it was funny, and questioned Less as to the place he hailed from and the man-

To Sheriff Marrero's questions Leon turned a deaf ear for some time. The little negro finally weakened and gave the whole story away. He said that Leon had stolen som-money from his mother, Mrs. E. N. Nusom

and started for New Orleans. He had be induced to come along. Leon finally unbent sufficiently to admit the truth of the darky's story, and to say that he had spent every cent he had stolen. Then the sheriff telegraphed the authorities at Port Gibson, putting them in possession the facts about Leon's arrest. He received

he following reply: "Leon Nurom wanted here. Left with \$305 and colored boy. Hold him. Will send officer down tonight. Secure what money he may have. Answer. Nusom's mother is Mis. E. N. Nusom of this place."

to Port Gibson Leon will return morning, and his faithful follower will go with him. It is thought that most of the money spent by him during his stay in New Orleans can be recovered on the return of the purchases made by him. "I was arrested just after I got to town," said Leon yesterday. "But I had my money

in my back pants pocket and the police couldn't find it, so they turned me loose."

Woman's New Field of Labor. A new line of work recently taken up by Brooklyn woman who lectures upon the picycle, how to ride, how not to ride, what to wear, and what not to wear, etc., is that of teaching bicycle mechanics. One of the first things she did herself in taking up cycling was to have all parts of the machine explained to her, the different accidents that might happen to them, and how they could be best repaired at short a tice and with such implements and materials as might be at hand. Also how to regulate the machine in order to ride with health and comfort. She has ridden all sorts and kinds of wheels in the course of her work, and has come to understand them thoroughly. Now she has decided that just such a knowledge of a wheel is what the greater number of women riders need to know and do not for a consideration she will gladly im-

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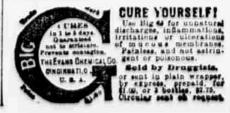
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