

# Desperate Desmond

You Can Do a Lot With a Carpet Sweeper; That Is, if You're an Athlete

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Claude, unlucky here, after his unsuccessful attempt to scale the wall in the basket of snakes, is again forced to look up and see Desmond gliding over his discomfiture, while the beautiful Rosamond remains in the power of the villain. Enough to discourage even the most heroic heart, but you can rely on Claude's tenacity of purpose.

Soon the quick eye of Desmond sees that Claude's plan is to run rapidly around the wall of the city in the hope of coming to a breach in it. Mounting a bicycle, the villain takes the helpless Rosamond along as he pedals around the top of the wall. As Desmond cannot make the turn early, there is a chance for Claude to keep up with him.

Gaily Claude keeps up his sprint around the wall, even getting a bit ahead of the villain on his bicycle. He is now abreast of a Chinese who is clearing a large Oriental rug with a carpet sweeper. The city wall furnishes an excellent place for this kind of thing, but in this case we fear that there is a surprise in store for the Chinese.

Desmond, with his well-known disregard for the feelings of others, runs stambling into the Chinese and knocks the carpet sweeper out of his hands. The poor Chinese is sent spinning, but Desmond cares not a whit for his course has not been interrupted. Claude, however, rejoices, in the carpet sweeper he sees a means of foiling the villain.

Famed at school at a pole vaulter, Claude now has a means at hand of running along with a chance of jumping to the top of the wall and thus baffling the bicycling villain. Desmond, however, keeps up his speed, although the sharp turn on the narrow wall top hampers him considerably, especially since he is handicapped with Rosamond.

"I'm a woman," cries Desmond, "but I cannot turn." Claude has vaulted to the top of the wall, and now bars the villain's way on the narrow path. The beautiful Rosamond again sees her hero ready to rescue her from the clutches of the cruel scoundrel who is now apparently trapped. Tomorrow's pictures show the duel on the wall.

"I am on the wall at last," cries Desmond.

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