

Desperate Desmond

Although a Regular Old Doc Cook Explorer, the Villain Does Well Enough as a Dummy

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I.—HAND IN HAND. Once again Claude and the beautiful Rosamond are united. The efforts of Desperate Desmond to separate them have failed, and now they are together, never more, they feel certain to be parted. But there is little time for sentiment while the villain is at liberty, and together they rush after him. Claude has sworn to bring Desmond to justice if he gives up his life to the pursuit.

II.—HUNTING A DISGUISE. By running at his top speed, Desmond manages to gain the village street ahead of his pursuer, Claude. The villain, who is clad only in scanty running togs, knows that capture is inevitable if he does not get clothes to disguise himself before the chase catches up with him, and so he heads straight for a Swedish clothier's. Any garments will do, so long as he can cover the athletic rig.

III.—A BARGAIN. To Desmond's pining request for the loan of some clothes, the kindly clothier answers that he will equip the fugitive if Desmond will do a little advertising stunt in return. The store's leading line is a suit for explorers, and to show it off properly a living model is needed. Will Desmond pose in the window as an explorer? For clothes Desmond will pose as a kangaroo if necessary.

IV.—THE LIVING MODEL. Claude and Rosamond, in following the villain, come to the business street and naturally pause to look into the store window. For the moment the pursuit of Desmond is forgotten. If the lovers only knew that the beautiful glance of the scoundrel is even now fixed upon them—that only the thickness of a piece of glass separates them from their vengeance! They don't recognize Desmond in his fur.

V.—A TIGER'S SPRING. Just as the lovers are looking at the articles displayed in the store, thinking doubtless of the cozy home they will furnish back in the dear old U. S. A.—where they will return when Desmond has paid the penalty of his crimes—the heartless villain within springs with a tiger-like bound through the heavy glass. His explorers suit protects him. Soon Desmond is away with Rosamond.

VI.—ANOTHER CHASE. "Ay ban the boy!" the associate Desmond, "and ay skol beat it with you so that your Claude skol be yolly well fooled." The villain is indeed escaping with the beautiful girl he holds in his power, but Claude is a hero who never gives up. While life remains he will keep up the pursuit of Desmond and his own Rosamond. Monday we shall see the result of the chase.

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