

Phroso, even then Wheatley cannot be allowed to yield. The English fiancée must be brought to the island in company with a man whom she wishes to marry. Then Wheatley will be made to seem to give her up with reluctance and consent to be happy. It is hard lines to be one of Anthony Hope's heroes, though there is much glory in it at the last. If his conduct comes up to the mark he is dramatized, he has a dozen suits of clothes in one evening and a dozen girls in different parts of the house in love with each suit and that equals 144 hearts beating wildly, twice the usual number of times for one man. But to secure all this Hope's hero must have a supernatural sense of honor, something that nothing on the earth or in the waters, or that drops from above can tarnish. Think of the training the most spotless citizen of Lincoln must subject his honor to before it would pass one of Anthony Hope's examinations it would take months and months of severe pulling and swinging exercises before any honor I know of would walk alone. Even then it would be dangerous to take it out when the sun is shining. To be sure, an English lord's honor can be kept inviolate. He does not have to earn a living—a labor which is accomplished best by those who know how to manipulate the truth. The peer of England has time and money in which and by which to cultivate fancy stock of integrity, faith and charity. But we have no leisure class hereabouts.

The prize story in the Chicago Record, called "The Incendiary," has come to an end. About thirty thousand people have written a solution and sent it to the prize mystery story editor. The company has employed thirty people to read the solutions. Their labors can be faintly imagined as well as the threatening letters the editor will receive, after the prize has been awarded, from surprized and indignant entries.

A solution has been handed in to The Courier, which is published herewith in advance of the official solution in order that those who have written answers may compare it with the official one, which appears today and which, of course, the writer has not seen.

"The sun set fire to the black papers in the waste-paper basket. The professor's glasses were lying on the edge of the table and the late afternoon sun shone through the glasses and focussed its rays on the black paper in the basket. The professor was interested in optics and his glasses were very strong. The elderly gentleman who who sat by Emily Barlow on the last day of the trial was the optician who made the glasses for Professor Arnold and who afterwards testified in regard to the unusual strength of the glasses and the probability of their setting fire to paper if the sun should shine through them as it did on that afternoon. Bertha had raised the curtain and the basket was just in the line of ray from the sun through the glasses. This was Emily Barlow's theory of the origin of the fire and the optician's testimony established it.

The testimony showed that Harry Arnold and Robert Floyd left the house at 3:25 p. m., the former by the area door, the latter by the front door. Robert was standing by the grate in the study in which he had thrown his article on anarchy after tearing it up. He lit the paper with a match and stood there till it burned up, putting the match in his pocket, so careful was he in regard to fire and having in mind the exhibition bomb which he had made and put under the iron safe as being the safest place in the room. The smell of burned paper filled the room, but Robert thought it was anarchy that it came from and abstractedly left the room. On the threshold he met Harry, who saw the smoke and the flame rising up from the waste-paper basket, and noted the magazines and books lying about the room. He also saw that Robert was preoccupied and he at once determined to hypnotize him so that the will in the safe which deprived him of his inheritance of \$5,000,000 from his uncle might be destroyed. He hypnotized Robert so successfully that he

wandered about in a dazed condition all that afternoon. That was why Robert forgot his engagement with the lawyer and left the house with his head down. Sire, the dog, was not at first alarmed by the smell of fire. He had seen the papers burning in the grate and gone to sleep. When the door was shut the smoke grew suffocating and Sire saw the waste-paper basket on fire and his barking and scratching brought Bertha.

Ellen had told Bertha she was going out in order to be unwatched. She had gone down to the study to see if she could not get hold of the will for Mrs. Arnold, who had called, and she found Robert there. She went back to her room to wait until he went out and laid down on her bed, where she fell asleep.

The Oaf and the peddler were one. The oaf was the irresponsible brother of the Lacy girls, who killed themselves by jumping from the burning building. Mrs. Arnold had employed him on messages to Ellen, whom she had bribed to keep her informed of the movements of the household. After the fire Mrs. Arnold communicated her suspicions of Robert to the oaf, whose beloved sisters were killed because of the fire. It was their grave that Emily and Walter saw him decorating. He thought he would kill Shagarach first, because if it were not for him, justice would be done to Robert—hence his attempts on the lawyer's life.

Harry was innocent of any premeditation in the Arnold fire. He acted on impulse. Neither did he know that his mother was spying on the household with the aid of Ellen.

The Violet and Shagarach were married. The couples at the end of the story are Violet and Shagarach Tristram and Beulah, Robert and Emily, Harry and Rosalie, Senda and her German lad.

**A CONSTANT QUAKE.**

Section of Street That Experiences Actual Perpetual Motion.

A section of 26th street, New York, daily enjoys sensations similar to those caused by a constant succession of earthquake shocks, says the New York Journal. Everything in the vicinity trembles as if suffering from a mild attack of the ague. It is really perpetual motion. There is a clubhouse in this section right in the center of the trembling district. A recent visitor, one who had not been there before, noticed that objects on the mantel or elsewhere always moved slightly and that he himself felt a strange vibration. The friend with whom he was dining laughed at his uneasiness. It's always that way here," he said. "It's only a little shake, perhaps the hundredth part of an inch, but it's perpetual. Some day I fear the building will shake to pieces all at once, just like the 'wonderful one-hoss shay.' The cause? Oh, it's that electric light plant opposite. Engines and dynamos running all the time. Enough steam power is exerted to blow the block to Jericho, enough electricity generated to light a square mile brilliantly every night. All the houses around here shake. I remember when this block was a most exclusive residential neighborhood. Now at least half of it—the half that shakes most—is given over to small shops and cheap theatrical boarding houses. There's one pleasanter aspect, however, to this vibration." Then the clubman performed a pleasing experiment. He requested the caterer to bring him a glass of milk, some rum, ice and sugar. These he blended, after which he placed the glass upon the window sill. "In three minutes," said the clubman, "it will be a perfect milk shake." It was no exaggeration. The vibration, though annoying, at least supplied one want.

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