The CZAR'S SPY

The Mystery of a Silent Love

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SYNOPSIS.
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Gordon Gregg, dining aboard with Hornby, the yacht Lola's owner, accidentally sees a torn photograph of a young girl. That night the consul's safe is robbed. The police find that Hornby is a fraud and the Lola's name a false one. In London Gregg is trapped nearly to his death by a former servant, Olinto. Visiting in Dumfries Gregg meets Muriel Leithcourt. Hornby appears and Muriel introduces him as Martin Woodroffe, her father's friend. Gregg sees a copy of the torn photograph on the Lola and finds that the young girl is Muriel's friend. Woodroffe disappears. Gregg discovers the body of a murdered woman in Rannoch wood. The body disappears and in its place is found the body of Olinto. Muriel and Gregg search Rannoch wood together, and find the body of Armida, Olinto's wife. When the police go to the wood the body has disappeared. In London Gregg meets Olinto, alive and well. Gregg traces the young girl of the torn photograph, and finds that she is Elma Heath, niece of Baron Oberg, who has taken her to Abo, Finland, and that she holds a secret affecting Woodroffe. On his return to Rannoch Gregg finds the Leithcourts fled from Hylton Chater, who had called there. He goes to Abo, and after a tilt with the police chief, is conducted to Kajana, where he finds Elma imprisoned. A surgical operation has made her deaf and dumb. He escapes with her. Pursuers overtaking them, Elma escapes into the forest and Gregg is taken to Abo.

CHAPTER XII—Continued.

"The prisoner, your excellency, desired to be brought here to you before being taken to Helsingfors. He said you would be aware of the facts."

"And so I am," remarked Boranski, with a smile. "There is no conspiracy. ... to me are to arrest her at all hazards—alive or dead."

"Which means that the baron would not regret if she were dead," I remarked, in response to which he nodded in the affirmative.

I told him of the faithful services of Felix, the Finlander, whereupon he said simply: "I told you that you might trust him implicitly."

"But now that you have shown yourself my friend," I said, "you will assist Miss Heath to escape this man, who desires to hold her prisoner in that awful place? They are driving her mad."

"I will do my best," he answered, but shaking his head dubiously. "But you must recollect that Baron Oberg is governor general of Finland, with all the powers of the czar himself."

"And if Elma Heath again falls into his unscrupulous hands, she will die," I declared.

"Ah!" he sighed, looking me straight in the face. "I swear that what you say is only too true. She evidently holds some secret which he fears she will reveal. He wishes to rearrest her in order—well—" he added in a low tone, "in order to close her lips. It would not be the first time that persons have been silenced in secret at Kajana. Many fatal accidents take place in that fortress, you know."

... apartments of the palace, across a great hall filled with fine paintings, and then up a long, thickly carpeted passage to a small, elegant room, where a tall, baldheaded man in military uniform stood awaiting me.

"Your name is M'sieur Gregg," he exclaimed in very good French, "and I understand you desire audience of his excellency, the governor general. I regret, however, that he never gives audience to strangers."

"The matter upon which I desire to see his excellency is of a purely private and confidential nature," I said, for, used as I was to the ways of foreign officialdom, I spoke with the same firm courtesy as himself.

"If I write the nature of my business and inclose it in an envelope, will you then take it to him?" I suggested.

He hesitated for a short time, twisting his mustache, and then replied with great reluctance:

"Well, if you are so determined, you may write your business upon your card."

I therefore took out one, and on the back in French:

"To give information regarding Miss Elma Heath."

Ringing a bell, he handed it to the footman who appeared. The response came in a few minutes.

"His excellency will give audience to the English m'sieu."

The apartment of the governor general was splendidly decorated, and in the center of the parquet floor, with his back to the light, was the thin, wiry figure of an elderly man in a funereal frock coat, in the lapel of which showed the red and yellow ribbon of the Order of St. Anne. His hands were behind his back, and he stood purposely in such a position that when I entered I could not at first ...

He Turned Slightly. I Then Saw His Bony Face.

CHAPTER XIII.

"The Strangler."

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FAMOUS MAKERS OF BELLS

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PLEA FOR THE OLD HOME LIFE

[illegible]

When Tommy Swore.

[illegible]

Copper Eaves Troughs and Spouts.

[illegible]

Robbery That Hurt.

[illegible]

Deep Snow in Scotland.

[illegible]

Offered Opportunity.

[illegible]

THE KITCHEN CABINET

CANNING AND PRESERVING.

[illegible]

NEW WAYS WITH OLD FRUITS.

[illegible]

Nellie Maxwell

Sex in Flowers.

[illegible]

Almost Right.

[illegible]

Not Uncommon Error.

[illegible]

THE CHARM OF MOTHERHOOD

Enhanced By Perfect Physical Health.

[illegible]

HAD TO HAVE TIME TO EAT

[illegible]

Danger in Delay

An Ohio Case

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

The Wretchedness of Constipation

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE.

Genuine must bear Signature

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

HOW A SUBMARINE CABLE IS REPAIRED

BY OSCAR ODEE in the POPULAR MECHANICS

At a time when the public expects its war news almost before the smoke of battle has cleared away, the submarine cable and the methods used in keeping it in repair are of interest.

Each submarine telegraph company has in service a fleet of cable ships, the units of which are stationed at different ports for quick access to the different sections of the cable. Let us take, for example, the cable stretching ...

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BOWED TO BLOW OF FATE

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Rubber Cutting Tobacco.

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PRACTICAL STORAGE HOUSE FOR APPLES

Floor and Foundation of Storage Plant.

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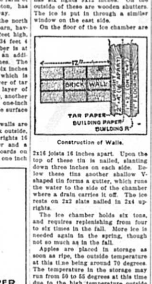
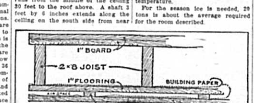
Construction of Walls.



South Wall.



Ceiling Construction for Controlling Temperature.

VALUE OF MILK AS A FEED FOR CHICKS

Tends to Prevent Mortality From All Causes—Exercise Is of Much Importance.

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PUREBRED SHEEP BEST FOR MUTTON

Animals of Medium Grade Lack Condition and Quality Necessary for Best Prices.

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Russian Soldiers Wear Paper Shirts.

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Ostriches Cheaper These Days.

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The Busy Woman.

Match Wind Shield.

Save the Babies.

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HOUSE HELP AND THE WAR

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RICHES LIE IN OURSELVES

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SOFT WHITE HANDS

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Certain-teed Roofing

DAISY FLY KILLER

$5 Pair of Curtains Free

NO IDEA

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