The IRON CLAW by ARTHUR STRINGER

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NOVELIZED FROM THE PATHE PHOTO PLAY OF THE SAME NAME

SYNOPSIS.

On Windward Island Palidori intrigues Mrs. Golden into an appearance of evil which causes Golden to capture and torture the Italian by branding his face and crushing his hand. Palidori floods the island and kidnaps Golden's little daughter Margery. Twelve years later in New York a Masked One rescues Margery from Legar and takes her to her father's home, whence she is recaptured. Margery's mother fruitlessly implores Golden to find their daughter. The Laughing Mask again takes Margery away from Legar. Legar sends to Golden a warning and a demand for a portion of the chart of Windward Island. Margery meets her mother. The chart is lost in a fight between Manley and one of Legar's henchmen, but is recovered by the Laughing Mask. Count Da Esparez figures in a dubious attempt to entrap Legar and claims to have killed him. Golden's house is dynamited during a masked ball. Legar escapes but Da Esparez is crushed in the ruins. Margery rescues the Laughing Mask from the police. Manley finds Margery not indifferent to his love. He saves her from Mauki's poisoned arrows. Manley plans a mock funeral which fails to accomplish the desired purpose, the capture of the Iron Claw and his gang. Margery is saved from death at the hands of the Iron Claw by the Laughing Mask. An attempt by the Iron Claw to blow up the O'Mara cottage is frustrated in the nick of time. The Laughing Mask discloses his identity to Margery.

FOURTEENTH EPISODE

The Plunge for Life.

A strange mood of happiness, as unreasoning as it was inexplicable, seemed to have taken possession of Margery Golden. A less timorous light shone from the depths of her pool- …

… goes to the police for protection. When a crook has made a haul, and is shaky about losing his swag, he beats it to his Malina, to his fence, the same as your friend the Laughing Mask has done! And the sooner we get the wheels moving and root that masked ground-hog out of his dugout the better!"

"I'm ready," announced Enoch Golden.

With a gasp of sudden resolution Margery rang the bell, called for her roadster, and struggled into her hat and coat, as she ran down the sandstone steps to the street.

She sped off through the city at a rate that was an open and obvious violation of all the speed laws. She laughed rebelliously as, once free of the congested ferry traffic, she swung lightly past the car in which she beheld her own astonished father decorously seated, giving him her dust as she mounted to the crest of the Jersey hills and struck the road leading northward along the wind-bosomed river.

Then as she swung past still another hurrying car the smile suddenly died from her face. For she felt sure that one of the faces in that car was the face of Jules Legar himself.

She went on, from that moment, crowding every inch of speed out of her car, exulting in the fact of its power, ignoring the shouts of onlookers as she swept up through Coleman's village, took the turn in a smother of …

An Involuntary Gasp of Consternation Burst From Them.

Crossed to the Cliff Edge.

Leaped to the Sill.

THE KISS

By LOUISE OLIVER.

Kathleen had never been able to conquer her fear of the head surgeon.

But in the two years she had known Doctor Breen he had never spoken to her unkindly. Even when occasion might have warranted, for there were occasions, and mistakes due to her fluttering heart and confused brain, he had been patience itself, a fact so noticeable that the rest of the training school first wondered, then commented, and finally gossiped.

One day the head surgeon met her in the hall. …

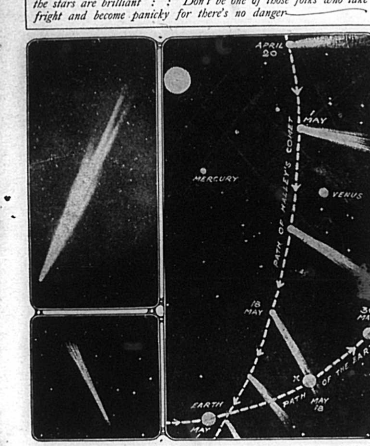
TRIED VARIOUS KIDNEY REMEDIES BUT ONLY ONE PROVED RELIABLE

It is with great pleasure that I write these lines of praise for your wonderful kidney and bladder remedy. I had kidney trouble so bad I became very much alarmed. I had tried various kidney remedies I heard of, but without relief. I was about discouraged of ever being helped, when, one day I picked up a book containing testimonials of people who had been helped of their kidney trouble by the use of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, so I decided to try it and I know I owe my present good health to the wonderful curative power of Swamp-Root. I sincerely hope my words will be the means of restoring many other sufferers of kidney and bladder troubles to good health.

Very truly yours,
B. J. FENSTERMAKER, …

Great Comet to Shine in Sky Next Spring

It should be an interesting spectacle on warm, clear evenings when the stars are brilliant : : Don't be one of those folks who take fright and become panicky for there's no danger



The upper picture on the left is from a photograph of Halley's comet taken on its appearance in 1910. To the right is a diagram showing how this comet passed the earth in the spring of that year and almost grazed the sun. The small picture on the left shows Brooks' comet of 1902.

UNLESS something unexpected occurs, the world will witness next spring a great heavenly phenomenon—a mighty comet blazing forth night after night with its tail sweeping an immense arc through the heavens, a source of terror to the superstitious and of intense interest to all. We …

… the state is called when the three bodies are in line.

From now on until May, however, conditions will become increasingly favorable for observation. In a few months the comet should be visible to the naked eye in parts of the earth suitably situated.

At present the comet is approaching the earth at a rate of more than a million miles a day—but not in a direct line. In the month of December its …

… are nearly the same for short distances.

But there are great numbers of comets known to be permanent members of the solar system. They accompany the sun and its planets in its onward journey through space. While the orbits of the planets are nearly circular, all comets fly alone in greatly drawn out ellipses.

Some planets are satellites of the larger planets and fly about the sun. If a comet happens to come close to a major planet on its journey toward the sun, it may be "captured" and from then on have its orbit permanently changed to include the planet. Jupiter is known to have quite a large family of captured comets.

The comet with the shortest known …

WOUNDS OF HORSES

Abscesses Classed as Acute and Cold or Chronic.

SORES AFTER INFLAMMATION

Ripening Process Should Be Hurried by Frequent Hot Fomentations and Poultices—Treating Gangrene and Ulcerations.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Abscesses consist of accumulations of pus within circumscribed walls, at different parts of the body, and may …

… now be encouraged by hot fomentations and poultices. The orifice must be kept open, and should it be disposed to heal, some of the agents above described must again be introduced. A favored treatment with many, and it is probably the best, is to plunge a red-hot iron to the bottom of the incision and thoroughly sear all parts of the walls of the abscess. This is to be repeated after the first slough has taken place if the walls remain thickened and indurated.

It is useless to waste time with fomentations, poultices, or blisters in the treatment of cold abscesses, since, though apparently removed by such methods, they almost invariably return when the horse is put to work. Extirpation by the knife is not practicable, as the walls of the tumor are not sufficiently defined. If treated as above directed, and properly fitted with a good collar after healing, there may not remain any track or trace of the large, unsightly mass.

Gangrene.

Gangrene, or mortification, denotes the death of the affected part, and is mostly found attacking soft tissue near the surface of the body. Gangrenous areas may occur as a result of shutting off their blood supply. Constitutional diseases, such as ergotism, anthrax, and septicemia, predispose to gangrene. …

The KITCHEN CABINET

The world would be better and brighter if people were taught the duty of being happy as well as the happiness of doing their duty. To be happy ourselves is a most effectual contribution to the happiness of others.—Sir John Lubbock.

SCOTCH WAYS WITH MUTTON.

The quality of mutton greatly depends upon the way it has been fed. For roasting, mutton can hardly be too long hung. The length of time depends upon the weather. In cold, dry weather, in an airy, well-kept larder, 21 days is not too long; in damp weather it will not keep half that long.

Mutton is seasonable all the year round, and those who know say that mutton should be five years old to be in its prime. However, two years is the limit of life for most sheep.

Boiled Mutton and Sauce.—Prepare the meat by wiping it with a damp cloth; if the skin be discolored, scrape it with a knife. Good meat should be red in color, elastic to the touch, and …

FALLING HAIR MEANS DANDRUFF IS ACTIVE

Save Your Hair! Get a 25 Cent Bottle of Danderine Right Now—Also Stops Itching Scalp.

Thin, brittle, colorless and scraggy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf.

There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its luster, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Danderine tonight—now—any time—will surely save your hair.

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store, and after the first application your hair will take on that life, luster and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy and have the appearance of abundance; an incomparable gloss and softness, but what will please you most will be after just a …

Do you know what's good for a cough, throat and lung troubles, that will allay inflammation and insure a good night's sleep with free and easy expectoration in the morning? The answer always the same year after year, is

Boschee's German Syrup

Soothing and healing to bronchial and throat irritation. 25c. and 75c. sizes all Druggists and Dealers everywhere. Your grandfather used it 51 years ago. Try it yourself and see how it stops a hacking cough like magic.

The Army of Constipation Is Growing Smaller Every Day. CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are …

Women of Middle Age

Many distressing Ailments experienced by them are Alleviated by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Before Drinking Coffee, You Should Consider Whether Or Not It Is Harmful

"There's a Reason" for POSTUM