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THE BLACK PEARL.

"The heroine of my story," said the dealer in precious stones, lighting a cigarette, "is a pearl, a beautiful full black pearl of extraordinary size and rare luster. It is difficult to express its value in figures."

It is just about 20 years ago when one morning a young woman entered a large jewelry store in Endicott. Every inch of her dress bespoke the backwardness, her bonnet was a composition of glaringly disharmonious colors.

"What is the value of this?" she asked in a melodious voice. The jeweler started visibly and took the object from her hand carefully.

"That is perhaps an irrelevant question," she answered smilingly. "But to give you some sort of satisfactory answer I will say that on a little pawnbroker business out in the country, inherited from my father, a nobleman desires to pawn his pearl with me, but demands much money."

"I cannot appraise it," said the jeweler, regarding it with an admiring eye. "Why not? Why can you not fix its value?" the girl rejoined in a vexed tone.

"Well, well," the man said apologetically. "I only desired to express there by that the pearl is beyond appraisal because of its great rarity. Its value belongs among the 'fancy prices'."

"The country beauty evidently became feverish. Perspiration showed in her face, and her youthful black eyes glittered with a fire superior to that of the costliest diamonds in the store. She asked for a glass of water. The former inattentive salesman rushed to get it."

"Twenty-four hours later the same young woman, dressed, if possible, in a more glaring suit, entered the store of the jeweler of the court. The suit of stores are situated on Den Grueken, the most fashionable street of the capital. Vienna. I (the reporter of this occurrence) received her. I was the principal business manager. She showed me the pearl. The attire of the woman was out of keeping with the value of the jewel entirely."

"You must pardon me," I said apologetically, "but this is really an extraordinary case. A jewel of such value."

"All right, but whatever you do you do at your risk." The girl appeared to me entirely above suspicion, and to be quick witted. A long acquaintance with crooks of all kinds permits me to quickly distinguish between the hypocrite and the honorable.

"Tell me again, mother, about the little sick children in the hospital," lisped the little 4-year-old girl, looking up in her mother's face.

"I wish I could give something to the little sick children," said Gwen wistfully. "But I haven't any pennies, and you do not allow me to eat candy."

"How would you like to earn some money?" asked mamma. "I have just thought of something," said mamma. "You know how at night when you are put to bed you like to talk and play instead of going to sleep?"

"Yes," added his gray haired informant, "my own child and nearly all the children have that habit, and during the long winter months I have been engaged in dealing in precious stones a good many of their ups and downs and mishaps—thief, arson, murder and all the crimes on the statute books—have come to my knowledge."

"I will tell you what I will do, dear," she said. "I will give you a chance to earn the penny. Some time today I will tell you to do something which you will not want to do, and if you do it cheerfully and without grumbling I will pay you the penny."

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not possibly accomplish. If the visitor wishes a demonstration of the desirability of the illusions that Mr. Rotenberg has on sale, the magician will quickly assume the role of the most approved conjurer and will give a bewildering performance, including tricks with cards, billiard balls, the magician's wand, and so forth, that prove him to be skilled in doing as well as in making tricks.

"Oh, yes, I was born and raised in the business," said he while showing an ingenious contrivance by which a card changed from a queen to a knave while held exposed in the hand.

"There are not over 100 really first class magicians," he continued. "But thousands of people buy these mechanical tricks and deal in parlor magic these days. One of the simplest parlor magic tricks is that of smoking empty pipes. You put a few drops of muriatic acid in a clay pipe and put a few drops of aqua ammonia in another similar pipe. In a few seconds you may place the openings of the bowls of the pipes together, puff a few times at one of the stems, and clouds of smoke will result. The trick may be enhanced by using two glasses instead of pipes, for as soon as the glasses have been placed rim to rim they will fill with smoke."

"Another easy parlor trick is called 'the spirit word.' Write the name of some animal on your arm with sweet cream. As soon as the cream has dried it will appear before your audience and tell them to suggest names of animals for you to write on slips of paper, but always write the name that is written on your arm. As soon as some one has suggested the name that is on your arm say that you have enough names, then fold up the slips of paper, put them in a hat and let one of the audience draw one. Open the one selected and read the name, which of course will be the one that is written on your arm. Then bare your arm and show that it is not marked. Light the paper and let it burn to a cinder, then rub the cinder on your arm where the name is written in cream, and the spectators will be astonished to see the name appear in black on your arm."

"The magnetic wand is one of the simplest tricks," continued the magician, "making a handful of red billiard balls disappear and reappear with bewildering ease. 'Simply make a loop of black thread that will hang to your waist when passed around your neck. This thread cannot be seen by the spectators. Make a few passes with the wand, at the same time slipping it into the thread loop, and then you can make the wand appear to bring your balls in any one or in almost any position. This is a very tricky trick. Of course all of the tricks must be done with a great deal of talk and mystery, and a black costume for the performer adds to the performance greatly.'" Chicago Record.

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A Victim of Cruelty. A shabby little lad, apparently about 70 years old, filed his claim in the Madrid pension office the other day. This was Maria Juana Yungio, the heroine of Punta Brava, who is only 38. She lived with her family on her Cuban estate when the insurgent chief, Quintan Banderas, attacked the place. Her people, including her husband and two sons, were all killed, and the insurgent leader tried to make her cry 'Cuba libre!' by their bodies. But she only shouted, 'Viva Espana!' When Banderas beat her, she attacked him, tearing out one of his eyes. She was then scalped with a machete, but she was all right when he was shot. She was left for dead, but the Spaniards, who arrived soon after, found her heart still beating, and she was revived."

UNDYING LOVE.

"It may be for years, and it may be forever," the childlike lip quivered, the sweet voice faltered and the dark eyes of the singer filled with bright tears.

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