

The Heart of the Serpent.

ABOUT 8:30 p. m. you may see on the meridian, below Leo and Cancer, the star called by the ancient Arabs "The Solitary One in the Serpent." We retain only the first part of the name. Alphard, meaning Solitary. It is also known as Cor Hydrae, because it is situated in the heart of the imaginary serpent Hydra.

Beginning of Self-Deception Is So Slight It Is Likely to Be Unnoticed



This Day in Our History.

THIS is the anniversary of the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution in 1870, guaranteeing to all citizens of the United States the right of suffrage without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude. By this amendment the negro secured the right to vote.

The Wolves of New York

A STORY OF LOVE AND MYSTERY
Senator Epstone Astounded When His Son Asks to Marry Lillian Brands Him a Fool

Here's What has Already Happened.

Walter Vassell is induced to marry for a large sum of money. Ceremoniously, which is attended by a strange woman, takes place in a ruined church. Returning from the marriage she finds her uncle and his wife murdered. She is left with her uncle's large fortune, who ditches her brother. Guy Hooking is attracted to Lillian. Lillian discovers that Guy, her cousin, is married to the strange woman who attended her marriage.

Read Right on in Today's Installment.

Part One—(Continued)

"And what do you want?" Senator Epstone refused the proffered hand, leaning back in his chair, and gazed at his son critically from under his bushy brows. "Come to ask for money? If so, you are wasting your time."

"Why Are You My Son?" He Asked.

"Glad to hear it. Been doing anything to earn a living? You don't look like it. I never saw such a fool in my life. How on earth did you ever come to be my son? Old Epstone gazed at the boy as if he were some sort of natural curiosity. Charlie shrilled his feet nervously. He thought that he had better broach the real object of his visit. He knew that his father was particularly disgusted at the idea that the line seemed likely to die out, and had made up his mind that nothing would assist a reconciliation better than a hint at his prospective marriage.

To Marry and Settle Down.

"Would you be pleased if I got married?" Old Epstone granted. Certainly he would be pleased to know his son was married. His tone was a little mollified when he again spoke, though it was still brusque. "That all depends. Who is the lady? You're the sort of fellow to marry a waitress or a variety actress."

Met Lillian at a French Ball.

"This question was difficult to answer. Charlie did not care to admit that it was at a French ball. "At a party somewhere or other," he said lamely. "Oh, what is her name?" "She is a widow."

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Unusual Dances from the Land of the Rising Sun

Japan's Most Famous Artist Will Show Americans How to Trip the Light Fantastic in the Unique Style of Her Native Land



HERE is Madame Kimura in two Japanese dances. In the one to the left, as a famed hero, note the bent fingers and the upward-turned big toe positions, which are considered fine points in the technique of the Japanese dancer. Below the exponent of Oriental dancing is shown in the costume of a holiday maker. The fabrics are of the finest silks, and though the wearer would seem to be hampered by them, the skilled dancer is lithe, supple and graceful.



By Margery Rex.

THERE are some people who imagine that when America discarded the minut for the one-step the climax of athletic dancing had been reached. But the man and woman with the growing waistline and the decreasing wind have something yet more terrible in prospect than the quarter-mile dash of the one-step.

A Fondness for Fools.

"Rigams? Is her husband alive?" "Yes. She seems to have a partiality for fools, for she is married to an old one as you call it."

A Surprise for Charlie.

"It is impossible!" In his surprise Charlie dropped his hat, which fell by the desk, and lay where it had fallen. "It is true, and half New York knows it. She never made any particular secret of the fact. They separated to some years ago, and she resumed the name she bore before he made a fool of himself to marry her."

By Margery Rex.

Mikado's realm and weaving them into our own dances. The funny part of it is that the dances that are being robbed of certain features were never indulged by Japanese society at all, for good-natured folks who do not go to a court or full dress costume.

To My Sweetheart Soldier

My Beloved: I have found out about the little creature with the camp stool. The general knows all about her. Her name is Miss J. She and her sister came of a good family and are well educated. They were left orphans quite young, and after that taught school and sold subscriptions to magazines and did other odd and odd things for a living.

Every Girl Should Read These Wonderful Letters

There is none of the languid Honolulu lady business about them. If one has any doubts on the subject, look at the lady in the picture, Madame Kimura, and then try in the privacy of the boudoir to bend the great toe as this dancer is doing.

By David Cory.

ONE day as Puss was travelling over an island that belonged to a king named Mimos he came across a man and his son who were busily making wings for themselves. You see, this man had made King Mimos angry and had been shut up in a tower, from which he had escaped.

Puss in Boots Jr.

A PLEASING GOOD-NIGHT SERIES

little feathers dropped off, and down came the boy into the deep blue sea and the feathers strewn the water. But there was nothing to do, for the deep blue sea had taken away the little boy because he had disobeyed his father. So the unhappy man came back to where Puss stood near the shore and made a pair of wings for him.

WARDING OFF DEAFNESS

A Medical Authority Gives Some Excellent Advice

By Brice Belden, M. D.

ABOUT one-third of the population is notably deaf in one or both ears. The enormous popularity of the movies is undoubtedly due in part to the fact that this form of entertainment imposes no strain upon the organs of hearing.

The whole middle ear is lined with mucous membrane which is absolutely continuous with that in the nose and throat, hence it can readily be seen that infections of the latter are apt to invade the ear. So great is the influence of nasal and throat disease on the ear that one can practically say that the prevention of ear disease depends upon the hygiene of the nose and throat.

If the mouth of the Eustachian tube is closed by the pressure of adenoid growth, or if the tube becomes obstructed by reason of inflammation due to bacterial invasion, air will cease to reach the middle ear and more or less deafness results.

Blowing and yawning open the tubes and thus help in the equalization of air pressure, but if the nose is stopped up the process is reversed and swallowing or yawning draws air out of the ear, thus permitting the air pressure external to the drum to force the drum-head in and make it so tense or out of shape that hearing is interfered with. The inward pressure of the drum also jams together the small bones of the middle ear which transmit sound vibrations from the drum to the delicate structures of the internal ear.

Abcesses of the middle ear and mastoid portion of the temporal bone behind the ear is vastly increased in frequency by the common method of blowing the nose which we have just described. During a cold in the head this method is particularly dangerous.

Speaking generally, deafness may be prevented or cured by the removal of diseased tonsils and adenoid growths, by breaking up of adhesion bands near the mouth of the Eustachian tubes, by the cure of sinus disease in the nose (the sinuses are cavities communicating with the nasal cavity proper), by the straightening or removal of a crooked nasal septum, and by a rational method of blowing the nose.

Canadian Indians and War.

Canadian Indians have forwarded petitions to the Dominion Government asking that they be relieved from the Compulsory Military Service Act on the ground that they have been willing to go to war voluntarily. "According to the population of Indians in Canada, we did more than any other nation," the treaty made by the British in 1764, pledging the Indians protection "as long as rivers flow, the grass grows and sun shines, because the Indians have done a great deal for the British Crown," is quoted, and in conclusion the document sets forth, "All the Indian nations of Canada defended the British Crown; that shows we fulfil our agreements; we remain as a loyal body of Indians."