

**The Man From Brodney's**  
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The road had become so steep and laborious by this time that Bowles was very glad to forego the pleasure of talking. He fell back with Mr. Saunders and proceeded to give the inquisitive lawyer's clerk all the late news of the island.

The inhabitants of Japat had been prompt to protect themselves in a legal sense. They had engaged the services of eminent solicitors in London, who were to represent them in the final settlement of the estate. London was to be the battleground in the coming conflict. A committee of three had journeyed to England to put the matter in the hands of these lawyers and were now returning to the island with a representative of the firm, who was coming out to stand guard, so to speak. Von Blitz, the German superintendent, was the master mind in the native contingent. The absent committee was composed of Ben Adl, Abdallah Ben Sabbat and Rasula, the Ararat lawyer. They were truly wise men from the east—old, shrewd, crafty and begotten of Mohammed.

The mines continued to be operated as usual pending the arrival of the executors' representative, who, as we know, was now on the ground in the person of Thomas Saunders. The fact that he also served as legal adviser to Lady Deppingham was not of sufficient moment to disturb the arrangements on either side.

As for the American heir, Robert Browne, he had not yet arrived. He was coming by steamer from the west, according to report, and was probably on the Boswell, Sumatra to Madagascar, due off Ararat in two or three days.

"The islanders," said Mr. Bowles, lighting a cigarette, "it looks to me, have all the best of the situation. They get the property whether they marry or not, while the original beneficiaries have to marry each other or get off the island at the end of the year. Most of the islanders have got three or four wives already."

"You mean to say that they can have as many wives as they choose?" demanded Saunders, wrinkling his brow.

"Yes, just so long as they don't choose anybody else's."

"My word!"

"Eh?" queried Bowles, arousing himself.

"I didn't say anything," retorted Saunders, looking up into the treetops.

Standing out against the sky fully a mile ahead was the home to which they were going. The chateau, beautiful as a picture, lifted itself like a dream castle above all that was earthly and sordid. It smiled down from its lofty terrace and glistened in the sunset glow like the jewel that had been its godmother.

According to its own records, the chateau, fashioned quite closely after a famous structure in France, was designed and built by La Marche, the ill-fated French architect who was lost at sea in the wreck of the Vendome. Three years and more than £700,000—to make it seem more prodigious, nearly 18,000,000 francs—were consumed in its building.

Apartments fit for a king abounded. Suits which took one back to the luxuries of Marie Antoinette were common. Banquet halls, ballrooms, reception halls, a chapel and even a crypt were to be found if one undertook a voyage of discovery.

Lord and Lady Deppingham, being first in the field, at once proceeded to settle themselves in the choicest rooms—a Henry VI suit, which looked out on the sea and the town as well. It is said that Wyckholme slept there twice, while Skaggs looked in perhaps half a dozen times—when he was lost in the building and trying to find his way back to familiar haunts.

There was not a sign of a servant about the house or grounds. The men whom Bowles had engaged carried the luggage to the rooms which Lady Deppingham selected and then vanished as if into space.

"They say these Americans are a wonderful people, my lord," ventured Mr. Bowles. "I dare say when Mr. and Mrs. Browne arrive they'll have some way of—"

"Browne!" cried her ladyship. "This very evening I shall give orders concerning the rooms they are to occupy. I suppose, however, that the rooms we have taken are the best?"

"The choicest, my lady," said Bowles, bowing.

"See here, Mr.—er—old chap, don't you think you can induce the servants to come back to us? By Jove, I'll make it worth your while."

"What are we to do?" wailed Lady Agnes, sitting down suddenly upon the edge of a fountain.

"You see, my lady, they take the position that you have no right here," volunteered Bowles. "They've got the ridiculous idea into their noddles that you can't be the heiress unless Lord Deppingham passes away inside of a year, and—"

"I'm—if I do!" roared the perspiring obstacle. "I'm not so obliging as that, let me tell you. If it comes to that, what sort of ass do they think I'd be to come away out here to pass away? London's good enough for any man to die in."

"You are not going to die, Deppy," said his wife consolingly, "unless you starve to death," she supplemented, with an expressive moue.

(Continued Saturday)

**CARROLL'S WORK IN KENTUCKY**  
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(Owensboro, Ky., Messenger.)

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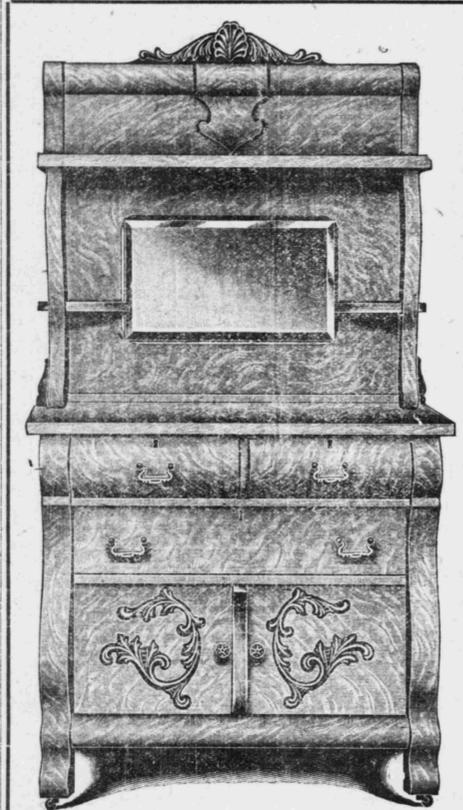
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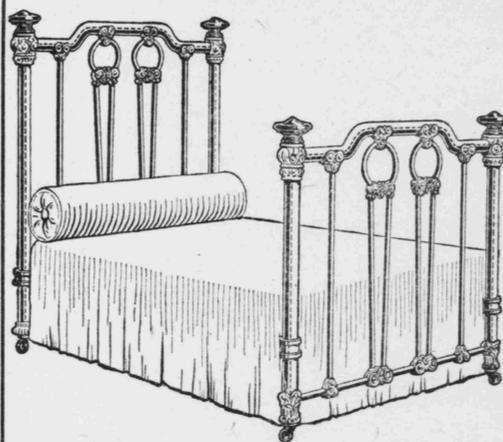
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