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muttered to himself, "The little witch couldn't be so rotten as to be double faced."

He did not lose any time in reaching the city and drove at once to a garage, telling the man to stay with the car until his return, but the man said his master had told him to attend the Senor and carry his purchases for him. All of the talking and arguing that Dick could do had no effect on the stolid man, so to Dick's chagrin, he was forced to take him along. He at once made his way to the only European drug store in the place, and was given a little encouragement when the servant remained outside. On entering the store, to his great satisfaction, he was addressed by an American clerk.

"Give me some quinine," he said, upon being asked what he wanted. Then he continued, "Look here, my friend, there is an Indian standing outside that insists that I shall hire him, and I can't shake him, to save myself, so if there is a back entrance to this store, I would like to go out that way.

"Those Indians work the same stunt on all us foreigners. You can go right out this door, and the alley leads to the U. S. Embassy," the clerk said, showing the way.

"Good, that would have been my next stop," Dick answered.

So making his way out the door and up the alley, he arrived at the Embassy. On entering, he handed the secretary a card he always carried on his person. He was at once shown into the Consul's private office.

The Consul arose as he entered, and with a look of surprise on his face looked at Dick, then at the card.

"Is this Mr. Sutherland?" he at last inquired.

"Yes, sir, I am the owner of that card, but do not be surprised at my dress. This paper will explain all," and Dick handed him a paper given him by the Secretary of State, when he left Washington.

"I am very glad to know you, Mr. Sutherland. My name is Robert Duke. Can I be of any service to you?" the Consul said, upon reading the paper.

"That you can, sir," Dick replied, and drawing a chair up, he told him the whole story, from the time he saw Cassio and Yoko Hamo in New York, up to the present time.

"Mr. Sutherland, you have discovered a great plot, but I have no doubt that we can prevent any mischief. Your prompt action has made this possible, but we must wait for orders from headquarters first. You, I presume, will go back to the ranch?" the Consul said, when Dick was through.

"Yes, as soon as I can. I will come in again tomorrow if I can, and if I don't come by then, send a trusty messenger. I will have my man, Victor, on the lookout for him. For the present, then, I will have to say *aurevoir*," Dick answered, and passed out of the office. On gaining the street, Dick at once entered the alley leading to the drug store, passing through the back door again.

"Ah! You are back, I see," said the clerk.

"Yes. There was something I had forgotten," Dick answered, and

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made a small purchase. He then passed out of the front door, telling the clerk he was going to play a joke on a friend and pass the Indian off on him. On the outside he found the servant as he had left him, and calling to him, he made his way to the garage and was soon at the ranch again. He was met at the door by Cassio, who had a worried look on his face.

"Well, Senor," he said "did you procure the drug?"

"Yes, Senor Cassio, and how has the patient been?" Dick asked.

"Very restless, Senor, but he is sleeping now," was the answer.

With that Dick passed into the house, but just as the door was closed heard Cassio say, "Pedro, come to me at once."

"So, Senor, you would like to know where I was, would you," Dick said to himself.

Victor was alone and snoring soundly when Dick went in.

"Victor," Dick whispered in English, and Victor at once opened his eyes. "How did you get on, Victor?" he continued.

"Famously, sir; but the whole family has been in to see me. The doctor was here, and I convinced him I was very sick," Victor laughed. Then Dick told him of his success in the city. "And," he added, "you must be well tomorrow, for I don't think it would be safe for me to go to town again."

The next morning Victor was able to dress, but of course he had to look pale and weak. Dick received an invitation from Eulala to take a canter in the hills that morning, and of course could not refuse. This morning they went alone, and she took him to a new part of the mountains. After winding up the steep mountain roads, they dismounted and left their horses tied to a tree, while they continued on foot. At last they came to a shelf of rock that jutted out from the mountain side and overlooked a beautiful valley. At their feet a tiny stream had its origin, and went dancing and sparkling down the rocks to a mirror lake at the foot of the cliff.

"Oh! how beautiful," Dick murmured as the picture came before his eyes.

"Yes, Senor, it is beautiful. This is my little bower where I come when I am lonesome," she said from where she was seated on a rock.

"But why, when you are sad, Senorita? Can you ever be sad?" he asked as he sank down by her side.

"Yes, Senor, I am often sad," and her eyes wandered across the valley until they rested on a mighty condor that was circling above the mountain top. "Yes, I am lonesome, always lonesome I have no relatives now that care for me," she continued.

"But what's the matter with your father, mother and older sister, Senorita?" Dick asked with surprise.

"They are not my parents, Senor. No, my parents died when I was but a child," she answered.

"What! Not your parents? Why, they call you their daughter!" he exclaimed.

"So they do, Senor, but they do not treat me so. My mother was an American, the daughter of a big cattle owner in Texas. My father was

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Senor Cassio's brother, and on a trip to Texas he fell in love with my mother and they were married. But my mother died at my birth, and when I was three years old my father was killed in a political strife. My uncle being the only near relative I had, was forced to give me a home. He has given me education, a roof to sleep under and clothes, but as for love, no! The only thing left for me is the convent, and in the spring I will take the veil." With tears in her eyes she turned and looked into Dick's face. Then a madness seized him.

"No, my little Eulala, not as long as I have breath in my body shall you want, for love. Oh! little girl, I worship your eyes, your hair, the very ground you tread on!" and with a fierce passion of love he crushed her to his bosom. "Don't you love me, Eulala?"

"Yes, Dick," she said in English.

"What, you speak English," he almost shrieked.

"Yes, Dick, and so do you. Every night I have listened to you and Victor talk over your plans. I know who you are, why you were sent here and where you went this morning. My uncle thinks I am spying on you; so far he knows nothing. He and Yoko Hamo have 5,000 trained Japanese soldiers in the hills above the Panama, they have 3,000 around the plantation, and 5,000 more on their way from Japan. The Republic of Colombia is to furnish 15,000 men and on December 25, 1913, they are to march on the canal seize every important point and be reinforced by the navies of Japan and Russia," and panting from her excitement she came to a pause for want of breath. Only a groan came from Dick and with his eyes staring and mouth open he tried to realize the seriousness of the plot he had blindly stumbled on to.

"Oh! what an ass I have been, but you have saved us all, my little angle. We must fly from here at once or none of us will ever get away alive. Tomorrow Victor and I will pack up our things and leave, saying we must go on. Then the next night you must escape and come to the bridge north of the house. I will be there to get you, and the next morning we will be at the coast. How is that?" he asked, with a smile.

"Oh! yes, Dick, the sooner the better," and with a cry of joy she threw herself into his arms.

The next morning when Dick had an opportunity he said to his host: "Senor Cassio. I have accepted of your hospitality many months now, and you will never know the pleasure I have had here, or how grateful I am, but I have yet many, many miles to travel, so I am forced, much against my will, to depart on my journey. This afternoon then I and my man will leave your most hospitable roof."

Ah! Senor, your stay has been the greatest pleasure, and I beg of you to stay yet a while. What will we do when you have gone? You are so entertaining, but I see from your face I cannot persuade you, so I must yield then. But you may feel assured that whenever you come you will be welcome in the home of the Cassios," and with a profound bow he continued. "I will give orders to have you taken in this afternoon, Senor. Until then, Senor," and he passed into the house.

Dick could hardly wait until the time for his departure arrived, but at last it came. The car was waiting for them and the family assembled

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to bid them farewell. To each Dick was forced to make a fitting speech, but to Eulala he added a slight pressure of assurance to her hand. "At ten o'clock," she whispered, and by a raising of the eyebrows he signified he understood. Then with a whirr the car shot down the drive and onto the road. They were taken to the hotel and the car returned to the ranch. "Well, at last we are free, sir," Victor said as they entered their room. "Not yet, Victor, for we must rescue the lady tonight," Dick answered. "But the next thing is to see the Consul," and grabbing his hat Dick launched out of the room.

"Oh! my dear Sutherland, so you have gotten back? I was sending a messenger tonight with this," and the Consul held out an aero-gram to Dick.

"Washington, D. C., U. S. A., Nov. 15, 1913.

"First sqd. Atlantic fleet, 1st sqd. Pacific fleet enroute to Canal. 10,000 troops embark tomorrow.

"Secretary of State."

"Good," said Dick, when he had finished, "but we are not through yet," and he unfolded the plan of the conspirators that Eulala had given him.

"Jove, what a girl!" exclaimed the Consul, when Dick had completed. "We must save her tonight. My, what a dastardly plan. Russia and Japan, who would have ever thought they would have combined. But we must get this to Washington." That night the United States wireless operator at Bogoto worked over time, as did the operator at Washington. Never before since the Spanish war had the government been so confronted, but they answered it without a hitch. That night saw three other squadrons coaling up and by morning they were gone, leaving only a wisp of smoke to tell the curious crowds their destination. The troops in San Francisco were gone by noon, those in Texas the same; Mare Island sent her marines, as did the eastern stations. But in Bogoto that night Dick was not thinking of the troops but of the girl he loved. Accompanied only by Victor, and in a hired machine, he climbed the mountain road to the bridge. A little after ten o'clock footsteps were heard coming down the path and Eulala came into view, carrying a small valise. "Oh! Dick, I thought I would never get here," she said, as tears of joy and excitement coursed down her cheeks.

"Just on time, up you go," and Dick picked up valise and all and deposited them in the car. "Let her go, Victor," he said and the car dashed down the road. They went straight to the depot where a special train awaited them, this having been arranged by the Consul.

"Good bye, Mr. Duke," Dick called to the Consul as the train pulled out, "see you in Washington."

"If I ever get out of here, you will," came the reply and a curve in the track blotted him out. The train rattled on, rumbling over bridges, roaring through tunnels until after miles of travel they at last reached the city of Panama. They at once went to the United States Consul there, who was expecting them.

"Well, Mr. Sutherland, and Senorita Cassio, I believe, I am glad to

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see you. That man, Duke, has kept the wire busy ever since you left Bogota. If the Senorita will come this way I will take her to my wife," Mr. Brown said. On returning he said to Dick, "Here is an aero-gram from Washington for you. It was flashed to Bogota, then here by Duke."

"Washington, D. C., U. S. A., Nov. 16, 1913.

"Stay at City of Panama and see the fun.

"Secretary of State."

It was a bright, clear day in November, just seven days after Dick's arrival in Panama, when out in the harbor came the boom! boom! of guns.

"Ah! the fleet," exclaimed the Consul to Dick, who was writing a letter. "Come let's go." And grabbing their hats and jumping into an automobile they made their way to the wharf. A great crowd had gathered already and down the bay came a great line of battleships, coming full speed ahead. From the lead ship fluttered a trio of flags; then the ships began to close in until moving in twos, the most formidable of Uncle Sam's sea dogs forged up the bay.

Cheer after cheer rang from the crowd at the thrilling sight. The ships came on and dropped anchor in the bay. They had barely come to a standstill when the boats filled with men began to put off from the transports. The plan was all made out and the War Department was so familiar with Panama every battillion had its place. The unloading kept up until dark, when Panama looked down upon ten thousand United States regulars and eight of her great battleships. Over on the Atlantic coast the same thing was going on, at Colon. The next day train load after train load of soldiers embarked for the strategic points on the Canal and it was not long until every formable point echoed the tread of soldiers and the rattle of arms. Eulala was able to give explicit directions as to the location of the Japanese troops in the hills above the Canal. These were surrounded, the Japanese government asked to give an account of itself to which it replied they were a colony of workers, but when the food supply of the workers was cut off their government was satisfied to pay their passage home. The same thing happened on Cassio's ranch, both Cassio and Yoko Hamo escaping capture, but the plot had been broken and the Department was satisfied. An indemnity claim was laid against Japan and was authorized by a Hague conference, and peace restored.

The world was bright and happy under the reviving touch of spring, and it was a happy couple that watched the towers of New York grow nearer.

"In a few days, Eulala, you will be my bride," murmured Dick.

"Yes, Dick, I will," she smiled back. And it was a pretty wedding in the old Southern style. Dick made a most handsome groom and Eulala was unsurpassed in her lover's eyes. Dick had been rewarded by a fine government position and a payment in cash that meant a great deal to him, just starting out in life. His father gave him the old home-stead, and it is a happy day when Richard Baxter Sutherland, Secretary of State, can run down to old Richmond for a short stay with his wife and boys. The old father has shifted the family honor on his son's shoulders and well does the son take care of it, too.



S. H. S. BASEBALL TEAM.

Gossett (Coach), Burgess, Cruz, Giottonini, Hammond, Gianelli (Captain), Vogelsang, Ohm, Furry, Lyons.

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THE YEAR'S ATHLETICS

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The girls played six games, all of which they lost, although several were hotly contested. They played two in Lodi, one in Ione, one in Oakdale (12—14), one in Stockton vs. Lodi, one in Stockton vs. Oakdale (10—12).

Let us hope that the girls will be better supported next year, for they worked hard enough to win many games.

BASEBALL.

Stockton	W.	L.	Pct.	Opponents
7 points	3	1	.75	6 points

The Stockton High School baseball team has had a very successful year, having qualified for the semi-finals of the A. A. L. The championship of the San Joaquin Valley sub-league was won by Stockton. This was never done before except through default of some other team.

Next year Stockton will have a veteran team in baseball, as only one man graduates, and chances for championship honors are very good. A good start for a good team next year was made when Vogelsang (catcher) was elected to succeed Gianelli as captain. Vogelsang has been playing a faultless game.

Those on the team are Gianelli (captain, 3rd), Burgess (2nd), Vagelsang (c), Hammond (p), Giottonini (ss), Harper (1st), Cruz (rg), Lyons (lf), Furry (center), and Olin (sub-pitcher). Much promising material showed up and a second team was organized and helps form the "Rectangle League," with Washington Grammar, Healds and Stockton Commercial College.

Stockton 1; Fresno, 0.

The fine pitching of Hammond blanked the Purple and Gold tossers at Fresno. In the second inning Vogelsang led off with a three-bagger and scored when Giottonini singled. The weather was bad and the ground water-soaked, and Stockton deserves great credit for an errorless game.

Stockton, 2; Modesto, 1.

In a twelve inning game, Stockton won the first sub-league baseball game. Pitcher Hammond got fourteen strikeouts to the Modesto pitcher's ten, and held Modesto down to four hits. Stockton got eight hits, Vogelsang getting the only two bagger. Burgess made three star catches, while Giottonini handled ten chances.

Stockton, 4; Oakdale, 3.

In a ten inning game, Stockton defeated Oakdale and was placed for the semifinals.

San Jose, 2; Stockton, 0.

On May 18th Stockton journeyed to San Jose for the semi-finals, but received her first defeat of the season in a hard fought game.

Stockton played every league game away from home, and made a splendid record for such conditions, winning three out of four games.

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TRACK

Track began this year practically as a new branch of athletics. To be sure, Stockton had a track team last year, but they failed to make anything in any big meet. I think they got one second or third place at Berkeley last year. This year Stockton entered into track with great energy, which resulted in first place in the sub-league meet in Stockton, second place in the A. A. L. meet at Berkeley, and second place at a meet at Woodland.

The ball started to rolling when the fellows began training for the inter-class meet. Much fine material was developed that had not been expected. The Sophomores won the meet. This meet aroused the fellows to try for the A. A. L. sub-league championship. They got the meet at Stockton. In other years we had never showed up well and everyone expected to see Stockton lose out, even on her home track. Mr. Gossett had it doped out that Stockton would lose by one point. Everyone thought that was a very optimistic estimate.

However, results turned out differently. The final score was: Stockton 113, Modesto 66, Merced 26, Turlock 1. Parker, of S. H. S., won the 100-yard dash in 10 1-5 seconds, breaking the sub-league record. This also ties the State record. Parker also tied the State record for the 220, making it in 23 flat. The relay team made the mile in 3 minutes 22 seconds, only 3-5 of a second slower than the State record of Berkeley Hi in 1907. Those on the relay were Parker, Arndt, Williams, Waite, Grunsky and Ortman. In this meet they had races by weight also. Roger Hardacre of Stockton, 14 years old and weighing 101 pounds,, made the quarter mile in 59 seconds. He has never lost a race. Westbay, a Freshman, is going high in the pole vault.

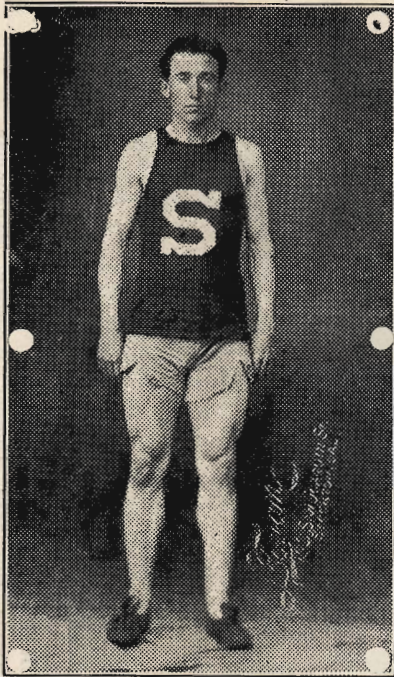
The point winners from Stockton were: Hardacre 10 1-3, Parker (captain) 15 2-3, Williams 15 1-3, Ortman 9 2-3, Grunsky 8 1-3, Hooper 8 2-3, Clark 8 2-3, Arndt 4 2-3, Westbay 3 2-3, Gaines 3, Tangeman 3, Davis 3, Morse 3, Andrews 2 2-3, Post 2 2-3, Waite 2 1-3, McQuarrie 1.

The next meet Stockton entered was the A. A. L. finals at Berkeley, and took second place out of 17 schools. She entered only seven men. Gaines, Ortman, Parker, Waite, Grunsky, Williams and Arndt. Palo Alto won the meet with 56 5-6 points, Stockton second with 25, Lick third with 16.

Parker won the 100 yards in 10 2-5 and the 220 in 23 flat. The latter time ties the A. A. L. record. Ortman and Waite finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 440. Gaines took third place in the mile. The relay team won in 3:22 2-5 in the mile. This is 4-5 of a second below the A. A. L. record made in 1907.

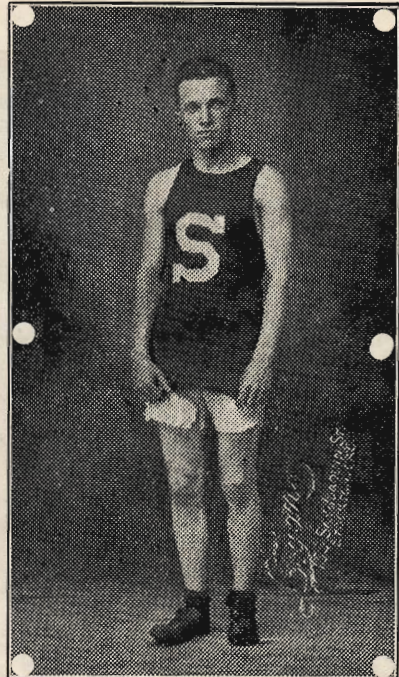
The next meet the fellows planned to enter was the meet at Stanford, attended by schools from the whole coast. But one of the relay men was sick and the relay did not run. Parker, of Stockton, however,

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GEORGE PARKER

Captain 1912, holder of A. A. L.
220-yard record.



CARL ORTMAN

Captain 1913.

took second in the 220, finishing barely a fraction "4 inches," the judges said) behind Wadswort of Sutter Union, the best on the coast.

To pull even a single point out of such a meet is very creditable, and Stockton got 3.

The next meet Stockton entered was at Woodland, between Woodland, Sacramento, Stockton and University Farm. The final score was: Woodland 63, Stockton 49, U. C. (Davis) 13, Sacramento 12.

The relay was a half mile, in 1:32 2-5, and received the finest cup of the day. Evidently Woodland expected that cup. Parker won the 220 in 23 flat, which is the A. A. L. record. He also took second in the 100 and broad jump and ran in the relay. Grunsky took first place in the high and low hurdles, second in high jump, and ran in relay. Ortman, in the 440, beat Zeinacker out, the time being 51 flat. He also ran in the relay. Waite made his best race of the year when he took second place in the one-half mile in 2 min. 2-5 sec. Morse and Kohle barely were nosed out in the pole valut and mile, respectively. Arndt got third in 100 and 50, and ran in relay. Tangeman was second in hammer (137 feet) and third in shotput (42 feet). Williams would



S. H. S. TRACK TEAM 1912.

Ames (Manager), Leighton, Waite, Post, Kohle, Davis, Hardacre, Hooper, Westbay, Macquarrie.
J. O. Gossett (Athletic Director), Morse, Williams, Grunsky, Parker, Ortman, Arndt, Tangeman, Gaines.
(Winners of Second Place in A. A. L.)

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have taken place in hurdles but for some hurdle being moved by some one, which put him off his stride. The fellows won eight medals, three individual cups, relay cup, and cup for second place.

A great deal of praise is due to our relay team, which has not been beaten this year and winning in the big meets. The fellows on the relay are Waite, Ortman, Parker, Arndt, Grunsky and Williams. Probably no relay in the State can beat it. All will return to school next year except Arndt.

Like the other teams, practically all the track men will be back again next year, and probably instead of second places this city will win some of the meets. There never has been a brighter outlook for this school. Ortman was elected to succeed Parker as track captain. He is a "booster," besides being an excellent middle distance man.

TENNIS

This year, tennis, an entirely new branch of athletics in S. H. S., was attempted with indifferent success. With but two days' practice, the team played Modesto, winning easily, but was defeated by Lodi, whose team work showed to advantage. Here's hoping that next year Stockton High will have reason to be proud of her tennis team.

The team for 1912 consisted of Blossom and Levy, with Post and Kidd as substitutes.

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