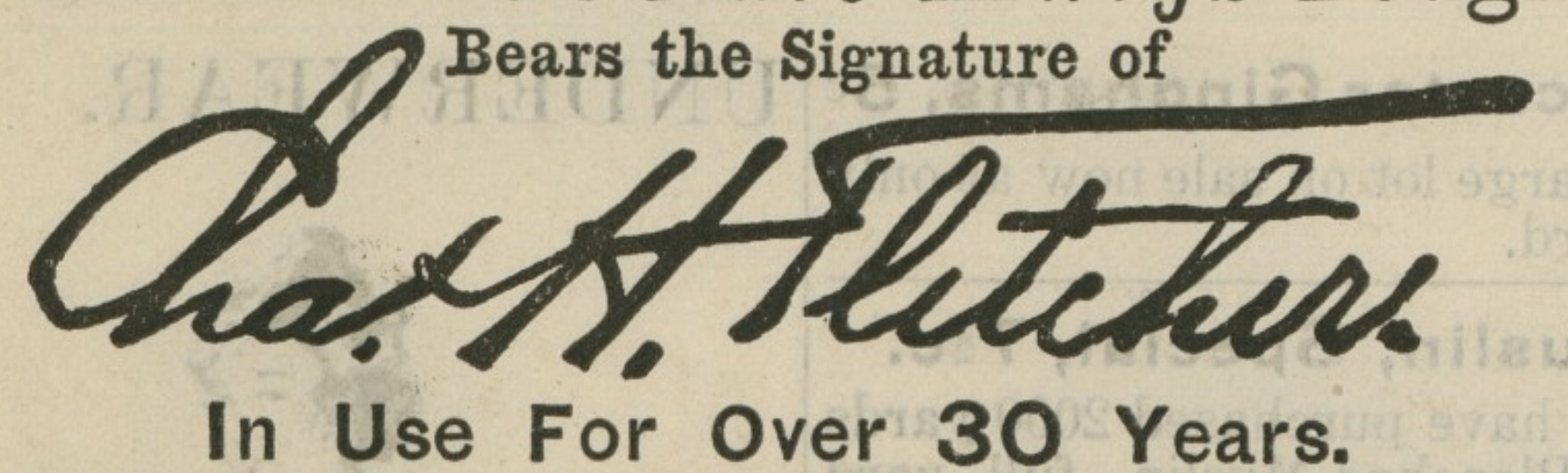


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He stood with one foot on the seat, paying out his line astern, his eyes taking in delightedly the sparkle and flash of the water and the little white clouds creeping up above the horizon.

Those clouds whispered of a smart breeze later on, and with the wind freshened a bit it would be an ideal day for fish. And the bishop turned to survey his latest catch, and each time as he did so he gave a little chuckle of satisfaction.

Suddenly there was a mighty tug at the line, astern was a flash of blue and silver as the fish leaped from the water. The bishop took a firmer hold on the line, and his eyes glistened with excitement.

"Ease her up a bit, Jim," he called to the man at the tiller. "Look at the fellow I've hooked this time. He's the father of them all!"

The skipper was the bishop with his fish that he did not hear the quick panting of a gasoline engine, nor did he see the power boat tearing toward them, sending up twin waves of white spray at its bow.

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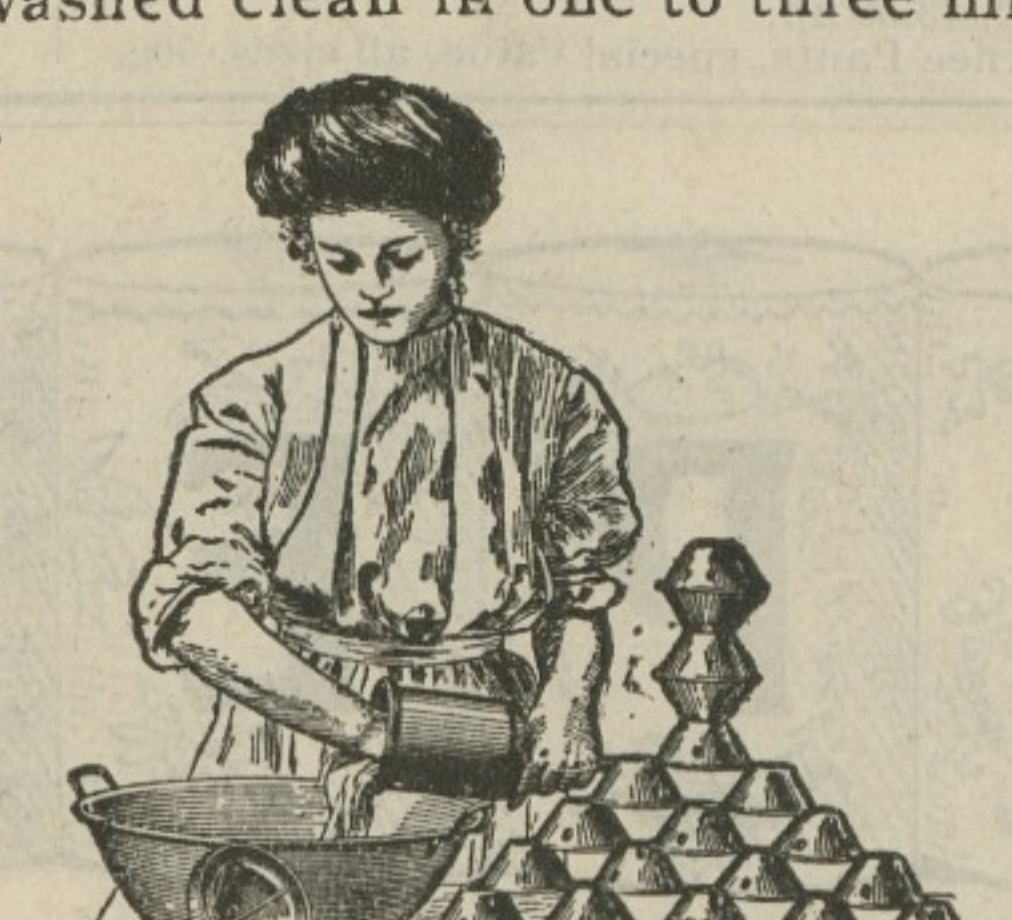
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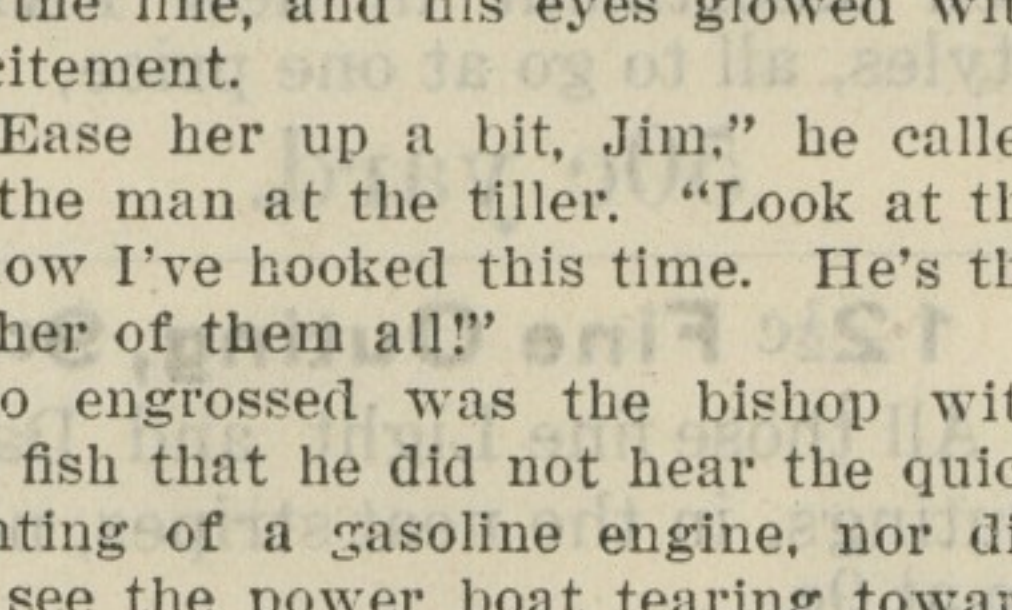
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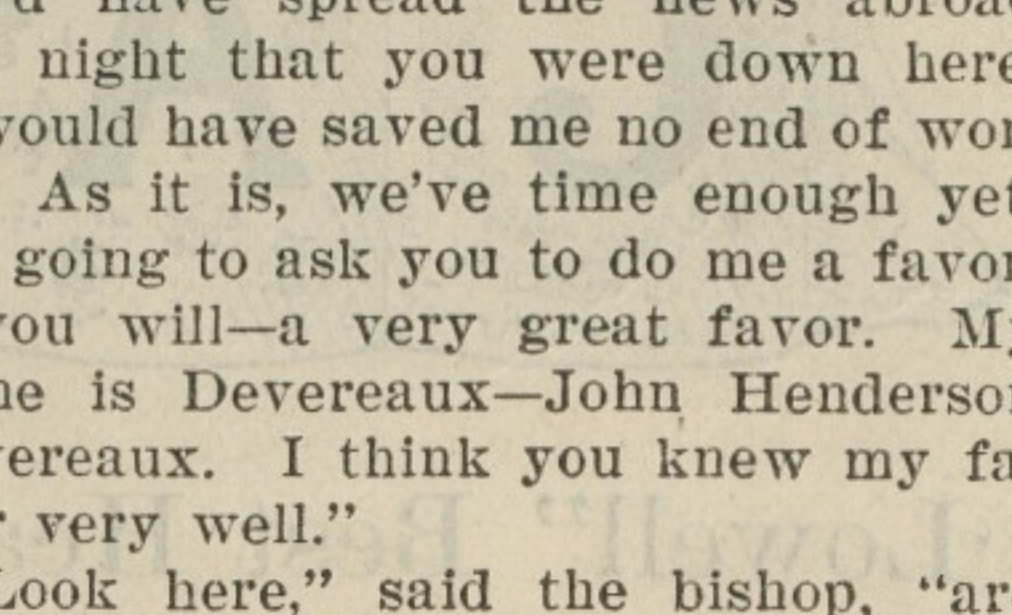
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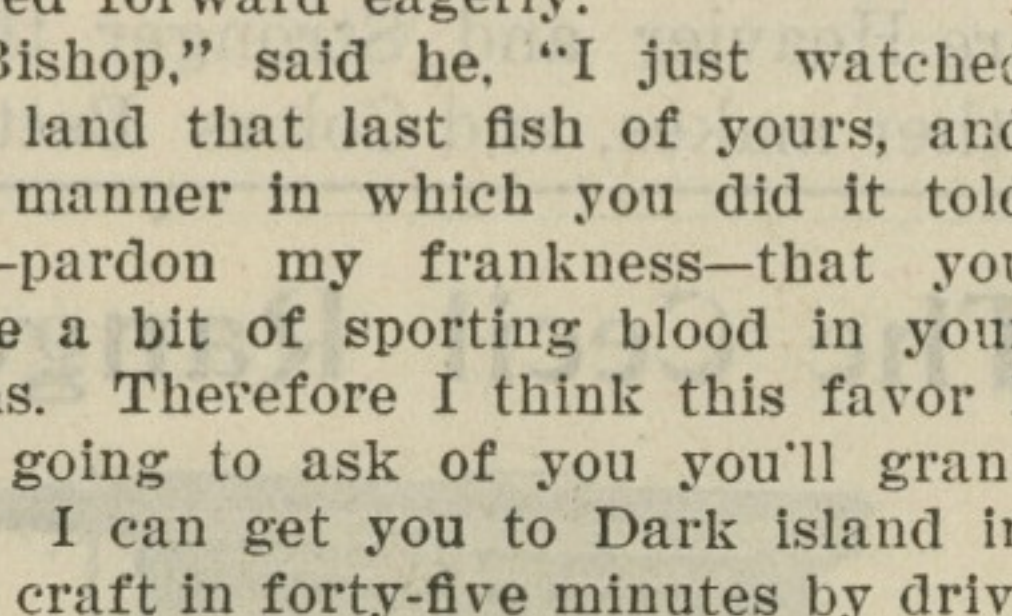
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sonent. Nothing else, I assure you, would take me from this fishing."

Reluctantly he climbed into the power boat. "I'll be back in two hours," Jim called to the boatman. He turned to the young man at the wheel. "Now, then, my fine skipper, make all speed for Dark Island, and while we are getting there—"

"A lady," said Devereaux, as the boat went tearing across the bay. "So I surmised," said the bishop dryly. "Do you mind telling me her name?"

"You probably know her," said the other. "It's Margaret Sterling."

"Now a few details, if you please."

"Of course you know her aunt, Mrs. Bradbury?" said the younger man.

"I do," said the bishop, with a certain grim emphasis.

Young Devereaux pointed to a trail of smoke just above the southern horizon.

"You see that smoke?" he asked. "Well, that's the morning boat to the island. On that boat are Margaret's aunt and Sir William Winterman, with all his titles trailing him. He arrived from England yesterday, and Mrs. Bradbury is bringing him up here to the Crags. The rest is obvious, Mrs. Bradbury's word is law with Margaret, who has lived with her aunt all her life. It's a splendid match from Mrs. Bradbury's point of view."

He paused.

"Go on," the bishop commanded.

"Well, I have different views on the subject," said Devereaux, with a sudden squaring of his broad shoulders that filled the bishop with secret admiration. "I want Mrs. John Henderson Devereaux to be the first to greet them. That is the favor I want to ask of you. You catch my meaning, I trust?"

"Well, bless me!" said the amazed bishop. "Heat silent for a time. Then 'Bless me!' he said again. 'The impudence of you—the astounding impudence!'"

"Is this boat going at her best speed?" he asked. "We've got to make Dark Island ahead of that steamer. I say we've got to."

The steamer was whistling off the island when the power boat shot up to the pier by the Crags, and the bishop and young Devereaux, scrambling out, hurried to the path to the big house among the pines. As they reached a piazza a radiant girl came forward to meet them. Devereaux, breathless, but with shining eyes, wasted no time in greetings.

"Margaret," said he, "this is my father's oldest friend, Bishop Carrington. He is here to marry us—at once, before that steamer docks."

"Oh!" said the girl, flushing beautifully. "For the moment she seemed utterly bewildered. Then she turned to the bishop with a smile of comprehension.

"Are you quite ready, Bishop?" she asked, with quiet pride, taking her place by the young man's side.

"Dearly beloved brethren, we are gathered together here," began the bishop in solemn tones, when the steamer whistle, sounding close to the pier, interrupted him.

"We had best abbreviate," he said hurriedly. "The boat will be in before we can finish the complete service."

Five minutes later the bishop was congratulating the happy pair before him.

"And now," said he, a bit uneasily, "I'll lead me your power boat and your engineer, John. I think I'll get back to the bay. The fishing is simply wonderful this morning, and—er—be- sicut can finish the complete service."

"Oh!" said the girl, "I stated that wrong. It was Brown's boat that got into my yard, and it was I who administered the poison."

"Ah, yes, I see. That puts a different color upon the transaction, and it is clear that he, in the person of his hens, was the trespasser, whereas in leaving the poison on your premises you were quite unaware that his fowls would eat it. It was purely an accident, so far as you were concerned."

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The Colliers and Amen.

I once witnessed a phase of prompt evolution of practical and of devotional religion in Scotch sheep dogs on a communion Sabbath among the mount- tains. The churchyard was crowded with shepherds, accompanied by their dogs, which lay quietly asleep at the feet of their masters. The sermon was finished, the psalm had been sung, the final prayer was being offered, and there was no sign of impatience, but the moment the benediction commenced the devotional doggies all roused themselves, and before the "amen" they were in marching order.—New- man Hall—An Autobiography.

WORLD CONDEMNS CASTRO.

Press of 24 Lands Agrees that Venezuela's President is an International Nuisance That Some Power Should Abolish.

Appropos of the trouble between Castro and the Dutch, the Pan-American in its current issue publishes comment from the newspapers of Europe and South America on Castro, his style of government and his method of dealing with foreign powers and interests. In its own account the Pan-American says:

"The result of the association of decent states with retrograde states is hurtful. One South American republic has done more to blacken the character of and destroy the world's confidence in Latin-American republics than can be wiped out of the world's memory in many decades. This alleged republic and its kind should be black- listed commercially and in all national dealings. Most of the important world powers have already ostracized this 'republic' for good and sufficient reasons. South America states would do well to follow Europe's example."

Neither La Prensa of Rio de Janeiro, the Herald of Buenos Aires nor Modern Mexico expresses any sympathy for Castro. The last named paper advises him not to look for help from the United States should the Netherlands government take radical action. Modern Mexico adds: "Castro would show sound sense by meeting the American government halfway in the matter of the American claims."

"But if he won't it is not likely, un- less indeed, Castro is fatuous enough to leave the United States government no choice, that there will be war or even that that government will furnish to Venezuela any reasonable excuse for completing of a fact, international 'correctness' on its part."

An International Nuisance.

From the London Times this quotation is given: "On all available evi- dence the rule of Cipriano Castro has been and is a system of sheer brig- andage. The messages in which he belauds himself and his sway and as- sures the world, with all the extrava- gance of Spanish-American rhetoric, that he has made Venezuela great, glorious and free are masterpieces of impudent mendacity. But the man is not only a ruthless and greedy tyrant at home. He has long been an inter- national nuisance, and sooner or later, by one power or by another, that nuisance will have to be abated."


The Hague Telegraph says: "The dis- pute is not of a private or commercial character, like previous difficulties be- tween Venezuela and the British, Ger- man and American governments, which were more or less of a private nature, the object being to obtain sat- isfaction for a claim, which is not made in the case of Holland. The question is rather one of sovereignty and national honor and is not suscep- tible of solution by means of arbitra- tion."

"Should Holland blockade La Guayra she may reckon on the support of Eu- rope and America," says the Paris Temps. "Thus to chastise the arro- gance of the dictator might afford an opportunity for opposing a settlement of all round of Venezuela's outstanding difficulties with the other powers."

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