

A toast to Brunton
by Greg D. Ruby
before a meeting of the Six Napoleons of Baltimore
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For over 20 years, visitors of the Musgraves at the manor house of Hurlstone would leave with fond memories of Brunton, the butler.

A former schoolmaster, he spoke several languages and could play nearly every musical instrument.

Obviously, an intelligent man, he understood the significance of the ritual which the Musgraves did not.

When caught rifling through the personal papers of the Musgraves, our curious butler was able to delay his dismissal by a week, to act on his hunch.

With time running short and needing an accomplice, our handsome butler turns to a scorned lover.

Together, they find the treasure chamber. By accident or by his former lover's Celtic passion, he is trapped in the chamber and dies, never knowing the significance of the find.

To Brunton, the discoverer of the ancient crown of the Kings of England.