

SYNOPSIS.

Senator John Calhoun is offered the portfolio of secretary of state in Tyler's cabinet. He declares that if he accepts it means that Texas and Oregon must be added to the Union. He plans to learn the intentions of England with regard to Mexico, through Baroness Von Ritz, secret sny and reputed mistress of the English ambassador, Pakenham. He sends his secretary, Nicholas Trist, to bring the naroness to his apartment. While searching for the baroness' home, a carriage drives up and he is invited to enter. The occupant is the baroness, who says she is being pursued. The pursuers are shaken off. The baroness consents to see Calhoun. Nicholas notes that she has lost a slipper. She gives Nicholas the retealning slipper as a pledge that she will tell Calhou all, and, as security. Nicholas gives jer a trinket he intended for his sweetheart. Elizabeth Churchill. Nicholas is ordered to leave at once for Montreal on state business, by Calhoun, who has become secretary of state, and plans to be married that night. Tyler warns Pakenham that interference by England in the affairs of this continent will not be tolerated. The west demands that the joint occupancy of Oregon with Great Britain cease, and has raised the cry of "Fifty-four, Forty or Fight." The baroness tells Nicholas she will do her best to prevent his marriage. She return her slipper. Nicholas enlists the services of Congressman Dandridge, a rejected suitor of Elizabeth's, to assist in the arrangements for the wedding and entrusts him with the return of the slipper to the baroness. The congressman gets drunk and sends the slipper to Elizabeth's, to assist in the arrangements for the wedding and entrusts him with the return of the slipper to the baroness. The congressman sets drunk and sends the slipper to Elizabeth's, father. Nicholas is ordered to gain access to a meeting of the Hudson Bay directors in Montreal and learn England's intentions regarding Oregon. Nicholas sees the baroness leave the directors' meeting in Montreal, where he had failed to gain admis

CHAPTER XIV.—Continued.

"Now you begin to question-now you show at last curiosity! Well, then, I shall answer. For more than one year, perhaps more than two, perhaps more than three!"
"Impossible!" I shook my head. "A

woman like you could not be concealed-not if she owned a hundred hidden places such as this."

"Oh, I was known," she said. "You have heard of me, you know of me?" I still shook my head. "No," said I, "I have been far in the west for sev eral years, and have come to Washington but rarely. Bear me out, I had rot been there my third day before I found you!

We sat silent for some moments, fixedly regarding each other.

"It was rumored in diplomatic circles, of course, that you were in touch with the ministry of England," I ventured. "I myself saw that much.'

"Naturally, Of Mexico also! At least, as you saw in our little carriage race. Mexico was desirous enough to establish some sort of communication with my humble self!"

"Calhoun was right!" I exclaimed. "He was entirely right, madam, in insisting that I should bring you to him that morning, whether or not you wished to go.

She chuckled at the memory. "How did he receive you, madam?"

I asked. "I never knew." Why, took my hand in both his,

and bowed as shough I indeed were "Then you got on well?"

"Truly; for he was wiser than his agent, monsieur. He found answers by asking questions." "For instance, he asked-"

"What had been my ball gown that night-who was there-how I enjoyed myself! In a moment we were talking as though we had been friends for years. The grand vizier brought in two mugs of cider, in each a toasted apple. Monsieur, I have not seen diplomacy such as this. Naturally, I was helpless."

"You told him somewhat of yourself?" "He did not allow me to do that.

monsieur. "But he told you somewhat of this

country?" "Ah, yes, yes! So then I saw what held him up in his work, what kept

him alive. I saw something I have not often seen-a purpose, a principle, in a public man. His love for his own land touched even me, how or why I scarcely know. Yes, we spoke of the poor, the oppressed, of the weary and the heavy laden. "Did he ask you what you know of

Mexico and England?"

"Rather what I knew of the poor in Europe. I told him some things I knew of that hopeless land-my own land. Then he went on to tell me of America and its hope of a free democracy of the people. Believe me, I listened to Mr. Calhoun. Never mind what we said of Mr. Van Zandt and Sir Richard Pakenham. At least. as you know, I paid off a little score with sir Richard that next morning. fact that I forgot Mr. Calhoun's at- inces tire, forgot the strangeness of my errand thither. It was as though only our minds talked, one with the other. I was sorry when at last came Grand Vizier James to take Mr. Calhoun's order for his own carriage, that brought me home-my second and more peaceful arrival there that

night. "Then I did not fail as messenger. after all! You told Mr. Calhoun what he desired to know?

"In part at least. But come now. was I not bound in some sort of honor Dona Lucrezia?"

houn more at a later time?"

"On certain conditions I did," assented.

those?" "You would be surprised if I told skirt of my coat. you the truth? What I required of

have told you that I needed to travel, to study to observe mankind-and those governments invented or tolerated by mankind."

"Since then, madam," I concluded, stepping to assist her with her chair, as she signified her completion of our repast, "since you do not feel now inclined to be specific, I feel that I ought to make my adieux, for the time at least. It grows late. I shall remember this little evening all my life. I own my defeat. I do not know why you are here, or for whom.'

"At what hotel do you stop?" "The little place of Jacques Bertillon, a square or so beyond the Place d'Armes.

"In that case," said she, "believe me, it would be more discreet for you to remain unseen in Montreal. No matter which flag is mine, I may say that much for a friend and comrade in the service."

"But what else?" She looked about her. "Be my guest to-night!" she said suddenly.

There is danger-"For me?" I laughed. "At my hotel?

On the streets?" "No. for me."

"Where?" "Here."

"And of what, madam?"

fraid, in spite of all." I looked at her straight. "Are vou

not afraid of me?" I asked. She looked at me fairly, her color coming. "With the fear which draws woman to a man," she said.

"Whereas, mine is the fear which eauses a man to flee from himself!' "But you will remain for my pro-

might be need of these, although I think not. And in any case, if trouble can be deferred until to-morrow, why concern oneself over it? You interest me. 1 begin yet more to approve of you."

"A thousand thanks, my very good

I heard a smothered laugh beyond

the amber curtains. Presently she

spoke again, yawning, as I fancied,

CHAPTER XVI.

Dejeuner a la Fourchette.

Woman is a creature between man and he angels.—Honore de Balzac.

A government agent, it seems, may

also in part be little more than a man,

after all. In these singular surround-

ings I found myself not wholly tran-

I must have slept. It was some time

after daybreak when I felt a hand

upon my shoulder as I lay still partly

clad. Awakened suddenly, I srose

and almost overthrew old Threlka.

who stood regarding me with no ex-

pression whatever upon her brown

and wrinkled countenance. She did no

more than point the way to a door,

where presently I found a bath-room,

and so refreshed myself and made the

best toilet possible under the circum-

the central room of the apartments.

She was clad now in a girdled peig-

noir of rich rose-color, the sleeves

wide and full, falling back from her

round arms. Her dark hair was coiled

and piled high on her head this morn-

ing, regardless of current mode, and

confined in a heavy twist by a tall

golden comb; so that her white neck

The little table in the center of the

may swear, we both broke into sav

think that I do not appreciate the suf-

fering in which you were plunged by

the haste you found necessary in the

But I was on my guard. "At least, I

"Yet in time," she went on, gone

torch of life!" she mused. "See! It

was only that which you were so

eager to pass on to another genera-

tion! That was why you were so mad

to hasten to the side of that woman.

talk of what you call, I think, busi-

no minister of state, and I know you

deal with ministers direct. How.

then, shall I gain your friendship for

my country? You are dangerous to

priced to have for a friend-for a

friend to our union—a friend of the

principle of democracy? Come now,

you enjoy large questions. Tell me.

what does this council mean regard-

that showed again her small white

have for an enemy. Are you too high-

"My dear lady," I began, "my rela-

wedding of your jeune fille."

madam!" I replied.

judgment, so kind-"

well!

ness.

was left uncovered.

ing laughter.

At last toward morning,

"A la bonne heure, monsieur!"

"A la bonne heure, madam!"

friend.

quil.

stances.

rather contentedly.

"Then, as to that breakfast a la fourchette with madam: if I remain. will you agree to tell me what is your business here?"

She laughed at me gaily. might," she said, "provided that meantime I had learned whether or not you were married that night."

I do not profess that I read all that was in her face as she stepped back toward the satin curtains and swept me the most graceful courtesy I had ever seen in all my life. I felt like reaching out a hand to restrain her.

Then I recalled my mission; and I remembered what Mr. Calhoun and Dr. Ward had said. I was not a man; was a government agent. She was not a woman; she was my opponent. Yet, but then—

Slowly I turned to the opposite side of this long central room. There were curtains here also. I drew them, but as I did so I glanced back. Again, as on that earlier night, I saw her face framed in the amber folds-a face laughing, mocking. With an exclamation of discontent, I threw down my "Of a man; for the first time I am heavy pistol on the floor, cast my coat across the foot of the bed to prevent the delicate covering from being soiled by my boots, and so rested without further disrobing.

In the opposite apartment I could hear her moving about, humming to herself some air as unconcernedly as though no such being as myself existed in the world. I heard her present-



Then Married?" She Asked. "Were You

in that case I should know the an-"How do you mean?" "I should know whether or not you forward the ordinary routine of

were married!

CHAPTER XV.

With Madam the Baroness. It is not for good women that men though I heard her voice close have fought battles, given their lives and them. "Eh bien?" I answered. staked their souls .- Mrs. W. K. Clifford

"But, madam-" I began.

She answered me in her own way. Monsieur hesitates-he is lost!" she said. "But see, I am weary. I have been much engaged to-day. I have made it my plan never to fatigue myself. It is my hour now for my bath, my exercise, my bed, if you please. I fear I must bid you good night, one way or the other. You will be we!come here none the less, if you care to remain. I trust you did not find our little repast to-night unpleasing? Believe me, our breakfast shall be as good. Threlka is expert in omelets, and our coffee is such as perhaps you What was strangest to me was the may not find general in these prov-

Was there the slightest mocking sneer in her words? Did she despise me as a faint-heart? I could not tell. but did not like the thought.

"Believe me, madam," I answered hotly, "you have courage, at least, Let me match it. Nor do I deny that this asks courage on my part too. If you please, in these circumstances, I shall remain.

"You are armed?" she asked simply. I inserted a finger in each waistcoat pocket and showed her the butts to my great and good friend, Sir Rich of two derringers; and at the back of Was it not treachery enough to my neck-to her smiling amusement rebuke him for his attentions to at our heathen fashion-I displayed just the tip of the haft of a short "But you promised to tell Mr. Cal- bowie-knife, which went into a leather case under the collar of my coat. And upon a specially devised hook. He again I drew around the belt which wore so that she could see the bar-"I do not know that I may ask rel of a good pistol, which had been suspended under cover of the bell

She laughed. I saw that she was Mr. Calhoun was permission and aid not unused to weapons. I should have still further to study his extraordinary guessed her the daughter of a solcountry, its extraordinary ways, its dier or acquainted with arms in some

tection? I should fel safer. Besides, tly accost her servant, who entered through some passage not visible from the central apartments. Then without concealment there seemed to go madam's toilet for the evening. At last she called out to me: "Mon-

> but hers remained tight folded. although I heard her voice close behind

> that if monsieur feels especially grave and reverent, he will find a very comfortable prie-dieu at the foot of the bed.

"I thank you." I replied, gravely as "And there is a very excellent

rosary and crucifix on the table just and nodded her head slowly. "I may beyond!

could "And there is an English Book of Common Prayer upon the stand not information?"

far from the head of the bed, upon this side!'

ing Oregon? Is it true that England plans now to concentrate all her traders, all her troops, and force them west up the Saskatchewan and into Oregon this coming season? Come, now, madam, is it to be war?" I was at my own curtains at once Her curved lips broke into a smile

"It is nothing, except I would say

"Were you, then, married?" said. l only went on impatient. "Any moment may mean everything to us. I should not ask these questions if I did not know that you were close to

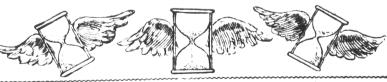
Mr. Calhoun. She looked me square in the eve

say this much, monsieur, that it has "I thank you," I replied, steadily as pleased me to gain a little further in-

teeth.

"You will give my government that "Why should I?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



Patent Lock for Coat and Hat

"Watch Your Hat and Coat" is the the coat. A turn of the key and the sign that frequently meets the eye upon entering lunch rooms and other public places, but such notices may soon be oue of date by the march of progress, as indicated by a patent recently granted Henry C. Brockman of Baltimore.

This is an improved device for locking the hat and coat as they hang who has wearing apparel to be kept safe will hang the garments upon the are guarded until he is ready to use

them again. The mechanism is extremely simple. Two jaw-like hooks with blunt ends close, one pair upon the brim of whether there's a golden calf or a hum extraordinary ignorance of itself. I way. "Of course," she said, "there the hat, the other upon the collar of gry lion waiting for 'em.

laws release. Each key is different from its neighbor, preventing "mistakes on the part of the hangers-up and takers-down. Mr. Brockman intends to incorporate a company in order to put the article upon the market with little delay.

A Primer of Life. No use to tell people not to be millionaires, for they can't help it when the money-making instinct is born in hook, give a twist of the key, putting ['em; and no use to preach to 'em the same in his pocket, and the goods about the happiness of poverty, for some are born to get all the happiness there is in it-which won't fill an old steel thimble. Folks are sure to take the road they were cut out to take





DYNAMITE EXPLOSION IN JERSEY CITY CAUSES PANIC IN My hostess I found awaiting me in NEW YORK CITY.

> MORE THAN 150 INJURED

Detonation Felt Many Miles Away-Skyscrapers Are Rocked---Men and Women Rush Into Streets Fearful of Earth Shocks.

room was already spread. Madam New York .-- At least a score of per filled my cup from the steaming urn sons were killed, 150 or more injured with not the slightest awkwardness, and property damaged to the extent as she nodded for me to be seated. of \$500,000 when an explosion of 25 We looked at each other, and, as I tons of dynamite occurred Wednesday at a pier close to the Central railroad of New Jersey's passenger ferry slip "I was saying," she remarked presat Communipaw, N. J. ently, "that I would not have you

At the same time the terrific force of the blowup reached through the underlying strata of rock not only in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Richmond and the Bronx, but far way points in Long Island and Connecticut, rockmay thank you for your sympathy, ing skyscrapers, smashing glass, tearing away window frames and sending, panic stricken, tens of thousands of reflective the next instant, "you will men and women into the streets, fearsee how very unimportant is all this ful that an earthquake or some other turmoil of love and marriage. That vast natural turmoil was upon them.

As in all uphéavais of tremendous force, persons near by escaped death; buildings close at hand were not injured; persons far away were killed; structures at great distances were al most torn apart.

Whereas," she mused still, "it were so much grander and so much nobler What happened briefly, was this: to pass on the torch of a principle as Two cars of dynamite, containing 25 tons each, from the Dupont Powder "Do not philosophize with me," 1 company works in Wilmington, Del., said. "I am already distracted by the had arrived on the tracks at the end puzzle you offer to me. You are so of pier No. 7 almost adjoining young and beautiful, so fair in your the big Central station at Communipaw, the explosive being consigned to "In turn, I ask you not to follow Palisades, on the Hudson, for use in that," she remarked coldly. "Let us blasting out rock.

Two lighters, the Katherine W. and the Whistler, had drawn up to the pier end to receive cargoes of the tion to the affairs of the American dangerous stuff. On the former was republic is a very humble one. I am Captain John Healy and eight men, on the latter four men.

On the pier end itself were twelve Polish laborers, some starting to eat their dinners from their pails; others engaged in transferring the dynamite from the freight cars to the lighters. There were at least 24 men within actual handling distance of the dyna-

Next there was an awful roar, a great cloud of haze and dust, a trem ble of earth and structures above the earth within a radius of 30 miles square, an immense wave from the river that splashed high above everything near by, and then a vision of death, maining and wreckage.

WOMEN WIN IN CALIFORNIA

Constitutional Amendment Giving Fair Sex Suffrage Passes Both Houses of State Legislature.

Sacramento, Cal. — The senate constitutional amendment providing for the submission of the question of woman's suffrage to the people was passed in the assembly by a vote of 65 to 13. The amendment already has passed the senate, having received two-thirds majority in that body. The amendment will be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for ratification or rejection.

Couple and Son Killed. Rochester, N. Y.—Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah Riggs and their three-yeartertown & Ogdensburg train struck private calendar Friday, but considerthe wagon in which they were driving.

Bank Teller Kills Himself. Easton, Pa.-William Hackett, pay ing teller of the Eastern National bank, committed suicide Friday in the same way that William Coyle, a friend, ended his life, by taking carbolic acid and shooting himself

Banker is Sent to Prison.

New Orleans.-Judge Grubb Tues day sentenced William Adler, former president of the defunct State National bank, to serve six years in the Atlanta federal penitentiary. Adler was recently convicted of the misappropriation of the bank's funds.

Woman Gets Vote for Senator Denvar Colo.-A woman received vote for United States senator in the legislature Tuesday. She was Mrs. Katherine M. Cooke, former state superintendent of public schools.

SUBSIDY BILL PASSES SENATE ADOPTS THE GALLINGER

SUBSTITUTE.

Vice-President Sherman Breaks Tle on Final Passage and Casts Deciding Vote.

Washington. — The amended ship subsidy bill, known as the Gallinger substitute for the ocean mail bill, was passed by the senate through the assistance of Vice-President Sherman, who cast the deciding vote. The vote was 39 to 39.

Senator Stone re-offered a substitute, which was defeated, 35 to 40. Vice-President Sherman again had to break a tie on the final passage of the bill. The vote was 39 to 39, and Mr. Sherman voted for the bill.

It provides for a bounty of \$4 and \$2 a mile respectively to American ships of the second and third class operating between American ports and ports of China, Japan, Australia and South American ports south of the equator. This bounty is to be paid only for the outward bound voyage. Ships operating from North Atlantic ports, in order to receive the bounty provided for, are required to touch at least one port of call on the Atlantic coast south of Cape Charles, for mail, freight and passengers. The bill limits the amount of the subsidy to be paid in any one year to \$4,000,000 and, further, that it shall not exceed the amount of money received on account of foreign mails. The bill now goes to the house.

MRS. ELKINS FIGHTS WILL

Claims Dower Rights to Reduce Legacy of Senator's First Wife's Children.

Elkins, W. Va. - Mrs. Hallie D. Elkins, widow of United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins, has rengunced the provisions made for her in her husband's will and will claim her dower rights in his \$20,000,000 estate. Under the laws of West Virginia the widow is entitled to onethird

Mrs. Elkins is believed to have taken this action for the sake of her five children, so that they may ultimately receive more than the two children by the first Mrs. Elkins. Under the senator's will the entire estate was left in trust for five years. At the expiration of that time it was to be divided equally among the seven children. Mrs. Elkins was given the Washington home, the summer home and \$25,000 a year.

Mrs. Elkins, by claiming her third. cuts the share of the two children by the first wife, Mrs. Oliphant and Mrs. Weiderseim. Her five children will each receive one-seventh of the remaining two-thirds, but when Mrs. Elkins dies she can divide among them the \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 which her third will amount to

LONG SLEEPER KILLS SELF

Pittsburg Man Drinks Carbolic Acid Because He Could Not Overcome Sleeping Habit.

Pittsburg, Pa. - Frank H. Luich committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at the Hope club because he could not break himself of the habit of long sleeping.

Mrs. Elizabeth Heyl, with whom Luich boarded, says he often slept forty hours at a stretch and several times she called in a doctor, believing him dead.

Peary Promotion May Fail. Washington.—Congress may fail to act at this session on the bill to proold son were instantly killed Friday mote Robert E. Peary to be a rear adnear Alton station when a Rome, Wa- miral. The bill was reached on the ation was postponed. It is not probable that private bills will again be taken up before adjournment.

> Felt Mills Fire Costs \$125,000. Amsterdam, N. Y .- The plant of the Consolidated woolen felt mills in this city was destroyed by fire Friday. Loss. \$125,000.

> > Identify Girl in Barrel.

Hazleton, Pa.-According to clues discovered Thursday, the victim of the barrel murder mystery here three years ago was probably Miss Bertha Garlow, who disappeared from West Hazleton. She is said to have known the secrets of a Black Hand gang in this vicinity.

Color Plant is Burned. New York.—Damage estimated at \$150,000 was done Thursday by a fire which destroyed the Joseph M. Huber Color works in Brooklyn.

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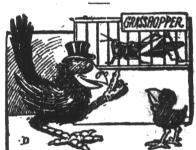
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AT THE ZOO.



Mr. Bird-This, my dear, is the insect kangaroo.

Careless and Cappy.

We have undertaken to blend in one the best of the two proberbial conditions-to be careless and happy, hairless and cappy. We are now happy and cappy, and frequently careless as well. A pretty figure may be conjured up—a figure in leaf-green satin veiled with rose and silver shot gauze.

The dark hair is covered by a sailor's cap, point and all, worn flatly over the whole head, the point falling at the back. Instead of being made of scarlet cashmere, it is of the gauze, over silver tissue, and studded with pink and vellow topaz, while it bordered with great gray pear-shaped pearls, these, of coarse, hanging around the back of the neck and over the soft hair in front.

We have taken to caps!

Where He Made It. "Hullo, Binks!" said Wobbles. "I hear you've been in the chicken business.

'Yep," said Binks. "Made anything out of it?" asked Wobbles. "Yep," said Binks. "Ten thousand

dollars. "Ten thousand dolars in the chicken business?" demanded Wobbles.
"Nope. Out of it," said Binks. Harper's Weekly.

Illness at the Zoo. An unexpected result of the Portuguese revolution was the indisposition of the animals at the Lisbon zoological gardens. They all became ill, having been so alarmed by the bombardment that they refused to eat and

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